

Todd O'Connor Memorial Endowment



Todd O'Connor was born at Noble Hospital on July 27, 1963, and he arrived at 1:29 p.m. weighing 6 lbs. 8 oz. From the time he was born until his death, he was the most loving, caring, and happy young man God put on the face of this earth.

Todd began his schooling at St. Mary's and lasted there until second grade. At that point his teacher felt that Todd wasn't ready for that class, so he transferred to Highland School. He remained at Highland until it was time to enter South Middle School. Todd liked junior high very much because it meant he was old enough to play football, his favorite sport. He played youth football for the Westfield Patriots and Colonials. At this time in his life, Todd also began skiing with his family and all his friends. He enjoyed this very much, and most of the time he went to the Blandford Ski

Area. Todd and his friends always saved their money to go to the larger ski resorts for more of a challenge. However, during his sophomore year, he broke his leg while skiing. Todd had many of his friends sign his cast (especially the girls), which he thought was pretty cool!

During his four years at Westfield High School, Todd enjoyed his life with his friends who were very important to him. He became more serious about his studies during his junior year, and he decided to go on to college. Todd graduated from WHS in 1981. That fall, he began his criminal justice courses at Norwich University. Todd was very excited about this and a little proud of himself as he always wanted to be a police officer. At the end of his sophomore year, Todd returned home to transfer to Westfield State College. During that summer vacation, Todd was accepted into the Agawam Police Academy and he graduated from that program. He was very fortunate to receive a job working with the Westfield Police Department while he continued to finish his junior year of college.

On August, 30, 1986, at 4:52 a.m., Todd died in a car accident in Southwick. It was unbelievable to his family and friends who loved him, and he is missed every minute of every day.

Todd's friends started an annual golf tournament in his memory, and this year was the 19th year of the "Friends of Todd O'Connor Golf Tournament." A scholarship was given each year to a WHS student to help continue his/her education. Eventually, Todd's friends felt it was important to join the Citizens' Scholarship Foundation of Westfield in order to continue to help finance college students. We all felt Todd would definitely agree this was the right thing to do.

Todd left us with many wonderful memories of him, and always will be remembered as a kind, generous, compassionate, loving person who enjoyed the life God gave him.

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