



Todd Edward Sessler

March 26, 1962 - August 24, 2014

Sessler, Todd Edward

Todd Sessler, 52, passed away at his home in Goleta, CA on August 24, 2014. Todd was born in Fort Sill, Oklahoma March 26, 1962, attending grade school through high school in Sioux Falls, SD. Following one year at Augustana College in Sioux Falls, attendance at Stanford University brought him to California in 1981. While at Stanford, Todd earned degrees in mechanical and electrical engineering. He began working at Santa Barbara Research Center (now Raytheon) in 1985. On September 16, 1989 Todd married Linda Gammons of Pacific Grove, CA.

Todd won several engineering awards, and became an Engineering Fellow in 2004. Todd was highly respected for his engineering expertise and held title to many patents developed for the company.

Loving the water, Todd was an avid lifetime swimmer. He enjoyed swimming competitively, including at the FINA Nationals. He also enjoyed surfing.

Todd is survived by his children, Sara and Matthew Sessler, Goleta; his parents Edward and Pamela Sessler, Sioux Falls, SD; his sister Michele Banowetz (Steve), Fort Collins, CO; his aunt Jill Stoefen-Fisher, Sioux Falls, SD; his former spouse, Linda Sessler, Goleta; and several nieces, nephews,

cousins and loving friends.

A Celebration of Life gathering will be held on Friday September 5, 3:00 at Tucker's Grove, Area 5.

A service of committal will be held in South Dakota at a later date.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP 5. 3:00 PM (PT)

Tucker's Grove County Park
4800 Cathedral Oaks Rd.
Santa Barbara, CA 93111

Tribute Wall

GF

“ I was fortunate to meet Todd at Stanford and later became roommates during our graduate year. Todd was a great guy. Easy-going, calm, smart. We had a lot of fun and I regret we didn't spend more time together after Stanford. Best wishes to his family.

Gregg Freebury

Gregg Freebury - September 04, 2014 at 05:29 PM

MU

“ We had the pleasure of swimming with Todd for many years. We remember Todd as both an exceptional professional and athlete, yet the most modest and humble person. It has been a privilege to know Todd and will miss him very much.

Mark Urish & Alethea Butler-Nalin

Mark Urish - September 04, 2014 at 09:24 AM

CE

“ Todd, you will surely be missed!! I really enjoyed working with you, your sense of humor always made my day. You always had some funny quick comment to make during our boring endless meetings that we had together. You were absolutely one of the best guys that I've ever worked with, I have to consider myself blessed to have known you. Thanks for the memories!!!

Carl Endo

Carl Endo - September 03, 2014 at 12:22 PM

EK

“ Todd: We had the pleasure of swimming with you over years of Saturday mornings. You were so humble, always trying to hang out at the back of the lane. But you were so fast! That is why you would anchor the team trying to beat the time set by Vic. Mostly we talked about our kids. You really loved to talk about your kids....you really loved your kids. You had that quiet sense of humor with a smile. We really will miss seeing you...miss running into you at Campus Point and at the pool....with love to your family.

Eve and Bruce Kuesis

Eve Kuesis - September 01, 2014 at 12:31 AM

SJ

“ I had the pleasure of working with Todd for many years and I will really miss him. He was an Engineering Fellow extraordinaire! I send my deepest condolences to all of his family.

Scott Johnson

Scott Johnson - August 31, 2014 at 02:35 PM

DA

“ Linda, Sara and Matt I am so sorry for your loss. Those of us who swam with Todd feel a loss too. The loss of a friend we looked forward to seeing at practice, the loss of a great sense of humor, the loss of an amazing swimming talent. None of these losses compare to the family's, but know that he was cared about by his swimming community. He will be greatly missed.

Dawn - August 31, 2014 at 01:24 PM

BL

“ Todd: Bruce Lockwood here...A name from the way past. Horace Mann Elementary in Sioux Falls SD..We played on the same grade school Basketball team...Corbra's We were not that good but had lots of fun.I remember hunting and having fun just hanging out..I will miss you.
Bruce Lockwood..

Bruce Lockwood - August 30, 2014 at 11:39 PM

 Natalie
Hida

“ Todd, I will always remember you as the brilliant, handsome engineer with the wry sense humor that I met so long ago when I was working at Hughes Aircraft. Condolences to your family. May your memory live on in their hearts.

Natalie Hida - August 30, 2014 at 11:19 AM

MA

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Matt - August 30, 2014 at 01:01 AM

SB

“ Todd:
So sorry to hear about this. I always appreciated you candor and sense of humor, even when it seemed like the proverbial wheels were coming off. You were a great person and an outstanding engineer and I shall always remember our time together.

Steve Black

Steve Black - August 29, 2014 at 09:25 PM

HE

“ Todd. *It was a pleasure working with you, intelligent , witty, funny, professional all wrapped in one package! You will be missed my friend, my prayers go out to you and your family.*

Heidi

Heidi - August 29, 2014 at 07:09 PM

GP

“ *So sad to hear about this! I have the best memories and appreciation for your talents, friendliness and professionalism. I will pray for your soul and healing of your family!*

George P. - August 29, 2014 at 06:13 PM

CT

“ *It was a privilege to be his colleague - wry, smart and always so competent and approachable. I will never forget him. May he rest in peace, and may his family be comforted by the affection and respect that Todd commanded from all of us who knew him.*

Cherie Topper - August 29, 2014 at 04:37 PM

SG

“ *Todd, you will be greatly missed. Thanks for all the smiles and funny stories. My prayers are with you and your loved ones.*



Silvia Gomez - August 29, 2014 at 03:50 PM

GH

“ *Linda.....I am shocked and heartsick for your loss.*

George Hudak

George Hudak - August 29, 2014 at 01:19 PM

SB

“ *Todd you were an amazing person and a great engineering. I will miss you!*

Stefan Baur - August 28, 2014 at 09:21 PM

JG

“ *Todd, you were an amazing mentor. I could never repay all the hours you sat with me, teaching me. I never felt that I had a question I couldn't ask you because it was too dumb or basic. Your patience for explaining things was so great. Most importantly, you NEVER turned me away because you were too busy. You always made time to help me. I am a better engineer and person for knowing you. I only hope that I can repay your gifts to me by doing in kind what you did for me to another someday. My prayers are with you and your family.*

Joshua Gallup - August 28, 2014 at 08:24 PM

BD

“ *I am so sorry for the loss of your loved one. Todd was so kind and so smart. He once helped me with encouraging words at a difficult time. I will never forget that. I know your pain is great. I am really so very sorry.*



Barbara Domingos - August 28, 2014 at 04:54 PM