



Todd Emmett Wiggins

January 26, 1949 - May 1, 2018

Todd Emmett Wiggins, was called into the loving arms of his Savior on May 1, 2018, following a courageous battle with ALS.

Todd was born on January 26, 1949, and spent his childhood in his beloved hometown of Bentleyville, PA. He was the son of the late Virgil and Zelda Wiggins.

Todd graduated from Bentleyville High School in 1967 and California State University in 1971. He moved to Maryland in 1973, where he began his career as a teacher. He energetically taught 7th grade World Geography for over 40 years at Magothy River Middle School in Arnold, MD. He joined the Army in 1971 and proudly served for over 20 years in the Maryland Army National Guard where he met his wife, Lynda. They were married in 1988.

He was called into the ministry in 1995 where he spend years serving as a Lay Leader until accepting the position of pastor at Wye Mills United Methodist Church, where he served passionately until ALS took his voice. He was an active community member, coaching his children's soccer and basketball teams. He was an avid athlete, enjoying tennis, golf, softball, biking and running. He continued to work out diligently even after ALS began to take his strength and movement. He enjoyed traveling to historic places and particularly enjoyed the nature and wildlife throughout the Eastern Shore of

Maryland, where he lived since 1984.

He is survived by his loving wife, Lynda, and children, Shane, Kevin and Kelly, sister, Lynn Dunham and her husband, Keith, in-laws, Estell Bouffard, Nancy and Gary Lines, Michael Bouffard, and William and Kim Bouffard and many loving nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 11 am on May 19th at Wye Mills UMC in Wye Mills, MD, where friends and family may visit on May 18 from 6-8 pm. Interment of ashes will held at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be to Wye Mills UMC, 402 Marvel Ct, 2nd Floor, Easton , MD 21601 or the ALS Association, 30 W. Gude Drive, Suite 150, Rockville, MD 20850.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA

Previous Events

Reception

MAY 18. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wye Mills United Methodist Church
Wye Mills, MD

Celebration of Life

MAY 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

Wye Mills United Methodist Church
Wye Mills, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Todd Emmett Wiggins*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Todd Emmett Wiggins*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Todd Emmett Wiggins*

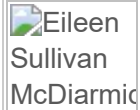
January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *I was at Magothy Middle when Todd worked there as a teacher. He was a great guy and always had a laugh for you. I worked there as an in house maintenance person. We always tried to get together when we could at the building. He will sorely be missed by everyone that knew him. Rest in Peace my friend. We both were in the National Guard but different units. MDARNG. My name is Doug Polaski retired MDARNG.*



Doug Polaski - February 11, 2019 at 07:04 AM



“ Todd taught my son, Brian, many years ago & he was always one of Brian's favorite teachers. I worked with Todd at Magothy for many years and when I think of him, I remember his sense of humor. He told such corny jokes, but he laughed so hard, I couldn't help but laugh too. I especially loved his collection of crazy & colorful ties-he seemed to have 100 of them! I was so sorry to hear of Todd's passing-the world is a less colorful place without him. My prayers are with his family. Eileen Sullivan

Eileen Sullivan McDiarmid - May 17, 2018 at 10:19 AM

RI

“ It's with great sorrow that I read about Todd's passing. We were classmates and sat next to each other in the Democracy Class taught by his father. We hung together throughout our senior year. A small group, we would have been called geeks today, but we had fun. There was Todd, Myself, Kurt Dudt, Jim Brovey, Jim Daniloff and Bruce Carouthers. My question is, did Todd ever gain any weight as he got older? He was always slim and trim. Again my deepest sympathies. He was a good lad.
Richard A. Berardinelli

Richard - May 15, 2018 at 07:19 PM

NF

“ Dear Lynda, Kevin, & Kelly,

Our deepest sympathy goes out to you during this difficult time. We remember the camping trip & all the delicious dinners we shared together. Todd always had a super smile & was willing to go the extra mile to help anyone out.

You will remain in our thoughts & prayers.

Nancy & Matt Ferrara

Nancy & Matt Ferrara - May 14, 2018 at 07:15 AM

LF

“ *Lenzi Family lit a candle in memory of Todd Emmett Wiggins*



Lenzi Family - May 09, 2018 at 07:30 PM

DT

“ *Dear Lynda, Kevin, Kelly and family, Todd always had a smile, good words and positive attitude! I am so very saddened by this loss. He was one of a kind and so very courageous in the challenge of living with ALS. My thoughts and prayers go out to you. Peace be with you Todd.*

Diana Temple - May 08, 2018 at 04:14 PM

RC

“ *Heartbroken by this news. I can't remember one time that Todd was in my presence that he didn't put a smile on my face. He kept everyone laughing. What an amazing and positive man. I'm blessed to have known him* 💔

Randal Coursey - May 08, 2018 at 03:32 PM

JC

“ *Jan Coursey purchased the Cheeseboard Complete for the family of Todd Emmett Wiggins.*



Jan Coursey - May 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM

OK

“ Dear Lynda and family - Very saddened to hear the news about Todd. I remember meeting you both several year ago when I joined the Talbot Manta Rays. Such a welcoming couple! Todd didn't swim but he was quite the cheerleader. Hard to forget his smile!

You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

Deepest sympathy,
Ona

Ona Kareiva - May 07, 2018 at 07:59 AM


Chelsea
Brown

“ Mr. Wiggins was a great teacher! I had him for Social Studies in 7th grade, back in 2005-2006. He was an engaging and dedicated teacher--and always stayed after school to answer our questions. My thoughts and condolences are with you <3

Chelsea Brown - May 07, 2018 at 01:19 AM

PL

“ I remember Todd from my childhood days growing up in Bentleyville, Pa. Todd and his family lived a block from my home. We also attended the same church. I remember Todd as always being full of laughter. We shared some fun times. He was raised by wonderful parents; Zelda and Virgil were the best. I can see Todd and his sister, Lynn, like it was yesterday. Todd's father was my teacher; he was also filled with laughter on many occasions. I know Todd's parents would be so proud of him seeing all he has accomplished. Love and deepest sympathy to Lynn and Todd's family..Patty Ryland Lincoski, Winter Haven, Florida. email: larrypatt y@lincoski.com

Patty Ryland Lincoski - May 06, 2018 at 09:06 PM

FB

“ *Saddened deeply to hear news of Todd. Remembering a kind heart, an easy smile and ready willingness to pitch in and help out; no matter what or when. Miss you, Todd. Thoughts and prayers to you, Lynda.*

*The Brennans up in Vermont,
Frank, Carolyn, Isabel and Joseph*

Frank Brennan - May 06, 2018 at 07:10 PM

CW

“ *Centreville Methodist Women sent a virtual gift in memory of Todd Emmett Wiggins*



Centreville Methodist Women - May 05, 2018 at 11:02 AM

CW

Our prayers and thoughts are with the family of Pastor Wiggins. May God give you the strength and love to get through this difficult time. God Bless, Centreville Methodist Women

Centreville Methodist Women - May 05, 2018 at 11:02 AM

NF

Dear Lynda & Family, So sorry for your loss. Sending heartfelt thoughts & memories of our time camping & the great dinner get together's we all shared. Todd was a great guy, who was always smiling, and would always go the extra mile to help out. You will remain in our prayers during this very difficult time.

Nancy & Matt Ferrara

Nancy & Matt Ferrara - May 07, 2018 at 06:51 PM

MO

“ Dear Lynda, Kevin and Kelly,

We are so sorry for your loss. While we knew of Todd's illness, you are never prepared for this. We loved Todd! What a great man and special person. You and he were some of our first friends after arriving in Easton. He had a great sense of humor and we could always count on him for a laugh and for interesting conversation. In the early days, we'd always see him spinning at Cross Court. And in fact recently there he was - still working out -- regularly -- and doing his best while battling this terrible disease. What an inspiration. What a role model for us all. He had the everlasting "can do" attitude.

We are so sorry that we will be unable to attend the reception and celebration of his life. Please know that we are thinking of you. And how fitting and deserved that he'll lay to rest at Arlington National Cemetery.

Thinking of you all in these most difficult times. With love,

*The Oliphants
Mark, Kate, John Henry and Max*

Mark Oliphant - May 04, 2018 at 05:33 PM

JE

“ *What a simply wonderful man. I was lucky to work with him for nine years and my son was lucky enough to have been taught by him. So truly sorry for your loss. Jeanne Klingler*

Jeanne - May 04, 2018 at 03:13 PM

EF

“ Lynda, Kevin, and Kelly~

You have our deepest sympathies. Words could never express how much Todd meant to our family. He has been a wonderful friend. He was a true Disciple! Watching the strength, faith, and love Todd and each of you has shown has been so moving and inspirational. His legacy as a teacher and pastor will live on forever in the lives he touched.

*Prayers, Love, and Hugs,
Ed and Penny*

Ed and Penny Finkner - May 02, 2018 at 06:17 PM

BM

So very sorry to hear about Todd. We went to school together in Bentleyville. Todd, always was so much fun to be with. May he rest in peace. My prayers are with you all.

Bernadette Wasil McManis - May 04, 2018 at 11:29 PM