



Wm. Todd Roberson

February 15, 1963 - February 28, 2021

Wm. Todd Roberson, 58, of Indianapolis, passed away February 28, 2021. Todd was born February 15, 1963 in Indianapolis to Norman and Joyce Roberson and was a graduate of Speedway H.S., class of 1981. Todd earned his Bachelor of Science in Finance from Indiana University, his Master's in Management & Finance from Indiana Wesleyan University and a Bachelor of Applied Science in Mathematics from Metropolitan State University in Denver. He married Jane Marie Hildebrandt in 1988 in Indianapolis. For 15 years Todd was a senior lecturer for Indiana University Kelley School of Business.

Todd enjoyed time spent in nature, hiking, biking, and sailing. He also loved music and sang with the Indianapolis Men's Chorus. He loved to watch his daughter swim and often announced swim meets for the Lawrence North Swim Team.

Todd is survived by his loving wife, Jane M. Roberson; daughter, Eve E. Roberson; father, Norman L. Roberson; and brother-in-law, Scott Hildebrandt. Todd's mother, Joyce Bright Roberson; and sister, Lisa Roberson, preceded him in death.

A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made in Todd's name to NAMI, P.O. Box 49104, Baltimore MD., 21297. Final arrangements and care are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel.

Tribute Wall

NZ

“ I only just learnt of the passing of my professor today- nearly 4 years after his passing. So sorry for your loss dear family. Prof. Todd had a way of believing in people that surprised me being from a different country and studying online. I felt like I belonged in the program as he was always so warm and accommodating. Sending encouragement and comfort to the family- may the God of peace encourage you and comfort you as only He can.

Njoki Z. - February 14, 2025 at 01:22 PM

ET

“ I enjoyed working with Todd over the last year on his edX course and am so sorry to hear about his passing. I immediately thought of his family, as he had referenced them often and always spoke of them with what was clearly exceptional care and affection. I know his absence will be deeply felt and I hope his family and friends are able to find comfort and peace.

Erin Tock - April 01, 2021 at 09:30 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Wm. Todd Roberson.



March 23, 2021 at 02:52 PM

MS

“ I got the chance to meet him in 2016 during a networking event organized for young African leaders visiting Indiana University. I was a young dreamer, full of disorganized ideas. He came over, said hi, and passionately listened story. I didn't know that few weeks after I would see have him teaching me finance during one of the best session I had during my fellowship program. I remember a doer, a giver, and passionate educator. My sincere condolences to his family, friends and colleagues.

Mamadou Sy - March 12, 2021 at 06:41 AM

LB

“ I worked with Todd for four summers on the Mandela Washington Fellowship Program. He looked forward to the program each summer, challenged the Fellows, and was an integral part of their experience in Indiana. It is sad and our great loss that he'll no longer be a part of the team.

Leslie Bozeman - March 11, 2021 at 05:32 PM

MK

So sad! I got to meet him in 2017, such a great man and leader! May his soul rest perfect peace, my sincere condolences to his family, friends and colleagues! Hugs from Kenya!

Mvera Kazungu - March 12, 2021 at 02:37 AM

JB

“ I knew Todd in high school, and was impressed by his larger than life personality. He was a great guy, and I know that all of us who grew up in Speedway and knew him will miss him very much. He was an incredibly intelligent person who knew about a wide range of topics and discussion points and always gave an informed opinion about any subject of debate.

Jim Bishop

James Bishop - March 11, 2021 at 09:32 AM

RP

“ Our team supported Todd as he built a course on edX. We are all holding space for his family right now as we remember him. He was great to work with. It was clear from our meetings with him how much he cared about students and how very important his family was to him.

Renée Petrina - March 10, 2021 at 10:13 AM

KC

“ I’ll always remember Todd for his sense of humor and parting words of “Peace”. His smile was contagious and his love for Jane, Eve, and the outdoors is an example to be followed. At work, he was the person who saw a problem, came up with the solution, and implemented it. While he very successfully worked on many programs and projects, one of his favorites was the Mandela Fellows program. He cherished the excitement of this up-and-coming leadership from across Africa. He had a passion for education and wanted to ensure that every student could learn the material and understood their responsibility to participate in the learning process. Todd, you are greatly missed. Jane and Eve, you are in the thoughts and prayers of the Kelley faculty and staff. - Ken Carow



Ken Carow - March 09, 2021 at 10:19 PM

AS

“ Professor Roberson was one of those rare finance professors that you wanted to get a beer with after class. You never wanted to skip a class. He was so energetic and passionate about what he taught at Kelley. As someone who hated finance, he inspired myself and others to apply ourselves to our fullest potential. The success of many Kelley students can be directly traced back to Professor Roberson. Kelley will never be the same.

Abigail Shackelford - March 09, 2021 at 02:26 PM

JP

“ Professor Roberson was a much beloved faculty member at IUPUI and a friend to many staff and faculty across the campus. Todd worked with the IUPUI Admissions Office and Office of Orientation to help many new students and their families to demystify the university experience and make them feel welcomed. He always had a kind word, quick wit and smile when you would see him on campus or in the neighborhood. I am so very sorry to learn of this loss. Jennifer Pease

Jennifer Pease - March 07, 2021 at 01:16 PM

DV

“ Todd was my mentor at IUPUI for the past 14 years. He always helped and offered such great ideas about structuring a class or working with the students. I would also see Todd sing in the choir for many years at the Shadeland United Methodist Church and learned of his great voice. He was such a barrel of energy and so fun. Many times as I walked down the hallway by his office and saw the door was open, I would blurt out our joke of "food cold, bed hard, I quit,..." to which he was always respond back as "...good riddance...." What a privilege to have known someone named Todd Roberson to whom saying goodbye is so hard. I'll pray that somehow God will comfort and watch over Jane and Eve. Dave Voris

Dave Voris - March 06, 2021 at 02:53 PM

JZ

“ My work desk was around the corner from Todd’s office in the Kelley School of Business building. I had the pleasure of stopping by his office just a week ago. He was listening to music in his beautiful space surrounded by pictures of his wife and family and we spoke briefly of our mutual love of music. My heartfelt prayers offered to his family and friends during this sad time.

Jody Zeph

Jody Zeph - March 06, 2021 at 08:50 AM

PB

“ I was a year ahead of Todd in grade school, and we ended up being roommates for a year or so after college, in the mid 80s. He started dating Jane during that time, and I was honored to serve as his Best Man when they married in 1988. Despite many moves, we kept in touch. Then came Eve, and it was fun to see Todd as a father. He was so proud of his girls! Many memories..he will be missed. Our thoughts go out to Jane, Eve and Norman...Rest in Peace, Todd, you were one of a kind!

Phil Brooks - March 05, 2021 at 08:19 PM

LZ

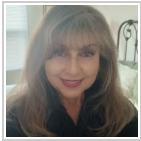
“ Todd always said "Peace" in person and in emails. RIP, Todd!

Lin Zheng - March 05, 2021 at 07:01 PM



“*Professor Roberson was an amazing teacher. Every time I had an option to have him as a professor, I took it. I had a total of 3 courses with him at IUPUI. He understood business and the real world, but more importantly he had a way of making us understand it too. It seemed like he talked about his family every class and my heart goes out to them. He told us, “If I see you again after you graduate, you will refer to me as Todd, not professor.” Those words can mean a lot to new graduates, but they hold more weight and meaning now. I will be able to call you Todd soon and I hope to see you again.*”

Heather Kafrawy - March 05, 2021 at 06:20 PM



“*What a tragic loss. I was in the same Speedway High School class of '81 with Todd. He was so kind to me. When I decided to join the golf team (having never picked up a club) he offered to take me to the driving range and give me some pointers and confidence. We had so much fun and I still remember that day!!! I will never forget that wonderful gesture. Peace, Prayers and Love to everyone. RIP my friend and my next tee shot will be for you.*”

Jennifer Matthews - March 05, 2021 at 03:28 PM



“*I am so saddened to learn of Todd's passing. What a fantastic colleague, and just such an original personality. My prayers go out to his family and friends, and I'm thinking of all of you at Kelley-IUPUI.*”

Mark Mayer - March 05, 2021 at 02:02 PM

JW

“ Todd's office was across from mine for more than 10 years. He had an open-door policy and I witnessed innumerable encounters between Todd and our students. Todd never gave a student the answer, rather he showed them how to find the answer. He held himself to high standards and I learned so much from him. Todd always had an eclectic variety of music playing in his office and I will miss his challenges to identify the artist or to name the song in just a few notes. Todd always had new pictures of Eve to share, and those were his brightest moments. Jane and Eve, we are heartbroken with you. Peace out my friend.

Judy Wright - March 05, 2021 at 01:54 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I really enjoyed working with Todd and he introduced us to the Indianapolis Men's choir. He was always there to help and encourage all of us. He will be deeply missed. My prayers are with you.

Kevin Yancey - March 05, 2021 at 11:10 AM

EM

“ Todd's office is directly across the hall from mine. Over the years, we spoke frequently about classes, students, the school, and music. But mostly, we talked about our lives and our families. His pride in and love for Jane and Eve were incredible. He was an amazing professor, colleague, and friend, but I remember him most as proud father and husband. I am so sorry for your loss.

Emily Murphy - March 05, 2021 at 10:36 AM

LM

“ Todd was my “office neighbor” for many years. He was always a pleasure to be around - he had such a quick mind, and his humorous takes on situations large and small never failed to elicit laughter. He was an outstanding educator, but it was always clear that the great love of his life was his family. Jane and Eve, you have my deepest sympathy as well as that of everyone at Kelley. He was one of a kind, and he will be greatly missed.

Liz Malatestinic

Liz Malatestinic - March 05, 2021 at 10:35 AM

JA

“ Jane and Eve, our hearts reach out to you for your loss. You were great neighbors and it was always interesting to see what Tod was going to do next to his yard. He was such a vivacious person and will be missed by many!

Judy & Elliott Arbogast

Judy Arbogast - March 05, 2021 at 10:07 AM

MK

“ Professor Roberson's finance class was one of the most challenging courses I took in college. He had high standards but was an empathetic teacher who helped me tap into my best self. I am glad to have awesome memories from his energetic classroom!

Monica Kinsey - March 05, 2021 at 08:09 AM

VP

“ Professor Roberson was an amazing professor in the Finance department at IUPUI Kelley. I had him last semester and I will cherish the moments we had together in class. He was the professor that makes a difference in students lives, not just oriented around teaching the syllabus. My deepest condolences to his close family and friends during these tough moments.

Viraj Patel - March 05, 2021 at 08:04 AM

KD

“ Jane and Eve, to say that I'm sorry for your loss does not even begin to scratch the surface. Having known and worked closely with Todd for the better part of two decades, I got to know him. He was a complicated man. He was passionate. He was creative. He was encouraging and supporting. He could be brutally honest. From the time I first met him as he came into the I-Core class to teach wearing his sandals, Hawaiian-style shirt and that pony tail, I knew he would keep me challenged and smiling. His 'Todd-isms', dry sense of humor and side smile will stay with me forever. But most of all, his love for you both was on display for all to see. He couldn't refer to Jane without putting 'my beautiful wife' in front of your name. He mentioned to anyone who would listen how he 'married up'. And Eve. I think many of us feel like we know you better than we do. He was so proud of you! We heard many stories and saw many pictures. He loved you so. I will miss Todd. He was 'all that and a bag of chips'. I offer my sincere and heartfelt condolences to you.

Kim Donahue - March 05, 2021 at 07:49 AM

TS

“ *The Kelley School of Business Faculty and Staff purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Wm. Todd Roberson.*



The Kelley School of Business Faculty and Staff - March 05, 2021 at 07:46 AM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear about Todd's passing. We were in the same high school class, and I really got to know him via our time in choir and swing choir. He was such fun, and such a good guy. I last saw him at a reunion in about 2016, and it was wonderful to reconnect. My condolences to the family.*

Julie Fuller

Julie Fuller - March 05, 2021 at 05:58 AM

NO

“ *Prof. Roberson was the very first finance professor I ever had at Kelley and his enthusiasm for the subject was the main reason I chose it as my major instead of accounting. I have him to thank for the career I have today. He will be missed and my thoughts and prayers are with his family.*

Nicholas Oberholtzer - March 04, 2021 at 09:33 PM

MK

“ I worked with Todd in Kelley for many years and am so sad to hear about his passing. He cared so much about his students, Kelley, the Indy community and his family. He worked so hard for the school but also had a lot of fun. I loved hearing about his trips out to Wyoming each year as we shared a passion for the outdoors. He will be so missed by everyone. Prayers to his family during this difficult time.

Maureen Kinney - March 04, 2021 at 08:15 PM

SL

Jane and Eve, I'm sorry for your loss. Please know that your Lesky cousins send our love.

Susan Lesky Long - March 05, 2021 at 07:34 AM

CW

I am so sorry for your loss and send love and prayers for both you and Eve

cathy wingate - March 05, 2021 at 09:21 AM

JA

“ Todd and I did hundreds of videos for the Kelley School of Business together. He was so easy to work with and so professional. Yet, the most enjoyment came when we were prepping to produce these videos and during breaks between productions in the studio classroom when we would just talk. It was so much fun to listen to his past experiences, his musical knowledge and his observations of current events. I was very proud of our video productions. He never used notes when we recorded all these videos. His presentations were all extemporaneous and complete. He was always totally focused, never ran too short or too long and made the subject matter easy for the viewer (student) to understand. After every session I would hand him a few Fireballs which both he and I loved. My production assistant and I will miss him dearly. He was a wonderful friend too.

James Adoba - March 04, 2021 at 07:27 PM

KW

“ Todd has had such a broad positive impact on so many students and his Kelley and IUPUI colleagues. Thank you for your commitment and excellence, you will be missed. Our prayers for your family.

Ken Wendeln - March 04, 2021 at 07:07 PM

DA

“ I have rarely met anyone so committed to excellence and willing to share his expertise for the good of all. Todd will be missed.



Demetra Andrews - March 04, 2021 at 04:38 PM

LW

“ Todd was such an important part of the Kelley School of Business. I had the pleasure of working with him the whole time he worked here. He will be greatly missed. Before we had a recruiter, Todd did our recruiting and would spend half a day with each family, take them to lunch, invite them to his class etc. Since his passing I have heard countless stories of how much he meant to current and former students. He was also so proud of Eve and would happily talk about her to anyone who would listen. He never said goodbye, always "peace" while holding up the peace sign. Sending all my love and support to the family. Todd will be missed by so many.

Laura Watson - March 04, 2021 at 03:29 PM

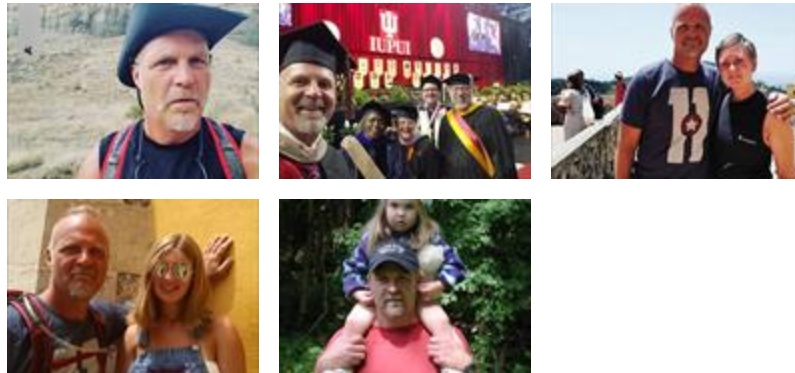


“ You will be missed! Praying for your family. <3

Loren Bumbalough - March 04, 2021 at 02:33 PM



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Shirley Brothers Mortuaries & Crematory - March 04, 2021 at 10:32 AM