



Timothy Wooten

October 14, 1976 - July 29, 2020

Timothy Wooten, 43, of Grand Rapids, MI passed away peacefully in the early morning hours of July 29, 2020 surrounded by love from his family: His sons, Devin, Drake and Payton Wooten (Grand Rapids, MI & Chicago, IL), his sisters Lisa Kurtzman (Murrells Inlet, South Carolina) and his sister Mary (Craig) Ritchie (Ashton, IL), his cousins who were like his brothers, Nate (Lori) and Adam Wooten (Rochelle, IL), and his mother and step-father, Vickie & Joe Nelson (Ashton, IL). Tim was born in Rochelle, IL to Michael Wooten and Vickie Nelson on October 14, 1976. He was raised by his paternal grandparents, Gene and Doris Binger. He attended Rochelle Township High School and spent his life working as Loss Prevention Manager for a variety of industries in the Illinois-Iowa Quad Cities and Grand Rapids, MI area. Tim always enjoyed the finer things in life like five-star hotels and traveling to visit his sister to soak up the sun in South Carolina. He was a die-hard Chicago Bears, Chicago White Sox, and Notre Dame "Fighting Irish" fan and watched the games religiously. The man knew how to make a meal that would feed an army of family and friends. But the thing he was most proud of were his boys. He leaves behind his love of cooking through his son, Devin whose culinary career was inspired by his Pop's dream of becoming a chef. His sense of adventure, street smarts and lively storytelling will live on through his son, Drake. And Tim's soft heart will continue to beat on through his son, Payton (named after his favorite Chicago Bear, Walter Payton). Tim was welcomed into his next chapter in joyful reunion with his late father, Michael Wooten, Doris and Gene Binger, and friends who passed before him. He will continue to be celebrated by, his nieces Megan Whaley (great niece Haven Marie) and Lily Kurzman, and his nephew Tanner Altman ((Murrells Inlet, South Carolina), and many extended family members. Due to COVID-19 safety precautions, two celebrations of life will be held in the fall at the beach in Grand Haven, MI and in Rochelle, IL. In lieu of flowers, the family appreciates continued prayers of strength during this time and cards of condolences to be sent to his sons: Devin, Drake and Payton Wooten at 34 Luray Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504. The family would also like to publicly thank Mercy Health Saint Mary's in Grand Rapids, MI for their compassionate doctors, nurses and staff for their support during Tim's final days.

Comments



“ Devin, Drake, and Peyton

So sorry to read about your dad's passing. I will keep all of you in my prayers and thoughts.

Miss T. (Rita Totoraitis)

rita totoraitis - August 09 at 05:40 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss. Know that our entire family is sending, all of you hugs and prayers during such a difficult time.

The Sieracki Family - August 06 at 10:07 AM



“ Deepest condolences to you and your family. May God give you strength and peace during this very difficult time of loss. You will all be in our thoughts and prayers.

George & Dawn Rosinski - August 03 at 10:35 PM



“ I recall meeting Tim at Payton's high school basketball game. His love for his boys was clearly evident. And indeed, Payton possesses his father's huge heart and wisdom, Devin's passion for food & family and Drake's magnetic personality. His legacy will live on in amazing ways through his boys. He raised them well.

Kathy Ockaskis - August 03 at 07:16 PM



“ You will greatly be missed my friend. You knew how to make me laugh and were always such a sweetheart. I will forever cherish our friendship since high school. My condolences to all family and friends.

Julie Hensley - August 03 at 06:09 PM



“ Our deepest condolences and keeping all of you in our prayers

Candice Nono & Family - August 03 at 03:01 PM



“ Irish was one of my biggest supporters when our friend Aaron passed away. He was always there for me as a shoulder to cry on and someone who would talk about the good times for years after. He was always so loving and kind and made sure his friends knew he was there for them. I will miss him dearly and keep his boys and other family and friends in my thoughts.

Tori VanVelsen - August 03 at 02:49 PM



“ Tim, I thank you for the laughter you brought into our home. While we had many of our daughters friends visit, you were one we could always count on to offer a different prospective on life. I pray your sons receive your goodness which you often covered. But as you grew to adulthood you let it shine. Donna Mitchusson Eide



Donna Mitchusson Eide - August 03 at 01:28 PM