



## Todd Eckel

February 10, 1982 - December 21, 2016

The funeral service for Todd Eckel of Eagle Bend, MN, will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 29 at the Prairie Event Center in Parkers Prairie, with Robb Oyster presiding. Visitation will be held at the Event Center on Thursday one hour prior to the time of service. At home and surrounded by family, Todd passed away very peacefully on December 21, 2016.

Todd Richard Eckel was born to Doyle Arthur and Doris Marie (Brateng) Eckel on February 10, 1982, in the Parkers Prairie Hospital. He graduated with the Class of 2000 from Eagle Valley High School in Eagle Bend, MN, Todd had the spirit of an entrepreneur at a young age, starting his own computer business before high school graduation.

Todd married his loving wife, Jennifer Christopherson, on June 6, 2003. Todd & Jennifer owned Hometown Foods & Meats in Eagle Bend and Parkers Prairie. On March 13, 2006, Todd & Jennifer adopted their son, Saul Richard Eckel, from Colombia, South America. Todd, Jennifer & Saul enjoyed nature hikes, visits to the zoo, caring for animals, and most importantly being together as a close-knit family.

Todd became a certified Emergency Medical Technician and worked as an EMT for the Renville Ambulance Service in Renville, MN. Later, he was the Deli Manager at Mike's Food Center in St. Charles, MN. His career came to

an abrupt end due to health limitations after being diagnosed with lupus and rheumatoid arthritis (RA). Soon after, Todd, Jennifer & Saul returned to the Eagle Bend area to be closer to family. Todd courageously fought complications of lupus, RA, and transverse myelitis. Caring for rescue birds/parrots and growing orchid plants were helpful diversions for Todd these last years.

At home and surrounded by family, Todd passed away very peacefully on December 21, 2016. Todd is survived by his devoted wife, Jennifer Robin Eckel; son, Saul Richard Eckel; parents, Doyle & Doris Eckel; brothers Jon (Kathy), Tad (Stacy), Jay (Stephanie), Ted (Amy), & Tom (Michelle); sister, JulieLynn Eckel; as well as many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and special friends.

The family extends a special thank you to Dr. Dylan Folkestad of Henning Medical Clinic, Knute Nelson Home Care & Hospice, Meridian Home Care Services, & Accurate Home Care.

Honorary pallbearers will be Ted Eckel, Tom Eckel, JulieLynn Eckel, Titus Eckel, Tyler Eckel, Jon Eckel and Robb Oyster.

Active pallbearers will be Justin Eckel, Jay Eckel, Tad Eckel, Ethan Eckel, Travis Eckel, Corey Wilson, Jasper Oyster and Adam Stoeker.

Burial will be in Eagle Bend Cemetery, Eagle Bend, MN.

# Cemetery Details

## Eagle Bend Cemetery

Main St. East  
Eagle Bend, MN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **29**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Prairie Event Center  
201 Main St.  
Parkers Prairie, MN 56361

## Service

DEC **29**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Prairie Event Center  
201 Main St.  
Parkers Prairie, MN 56361

# Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Todd Eckel*



**Schuller Family Funeral Homes** - December 27, 2016 at 05:15 PM

JS

*Omgsh!!!! This made me cry! Todd, I have only known you a few years and after seeing this I really would have loved to be part of your life long ago!!*

*You know how much I always wanted to help you heal and be well again, I am sure you are now. But not the way we wanted it. We are being selfish, you now are more free and at home than ever before.....Fly Free My Friend.....look for me when my time comes; I know I will be looking for you💕 God Bless you Jennifer and Saul🙏 You too, have been through so very much. I'm here to help with anything; please just ask💜 Your family has a perminant spit in my heart and soul🙏❤️*

**juli Sands** - December 31, 2016 at 06:12 AM

MS

“ *My deepest condolences to the family. You don't know me, I am a third cousin once removed. My grandmother was Anna Belle Robertson Eckel. So sorry for your loss.*  
*Michele Hart Stoen*



**Michele Hart Stoen** - February 21, 2017 at 09:44 PM



“ To the best neighbors I ever had, Jenny Todd and Saul. Even though I spent a lot of time at their house in Renville watching Saul, it was always fun to see what new creatures Todd would bring home. I had fish tanks of my own but Todd had a wonderful huge salt water tank that he pumped water from the purifying tanks down in the basement. If we had problems with our technology...ask Todd. What a mind he had that loved to learn new things. After the fish came the ferrets, they were so playful. Then after we moved he got into birds and making safe toys for them to play with. What a clever man, wonderful father and husband, and good friend. You will be missed.



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**Sue Ann Hockman** - December 28, 2016 at 01:06 PM

TG

“ I had the distinct honor of working with Todd for a short while. He was funny, smart, and knew how to keep me on my "A" game. He was a great boss, his belief in my ability as a leader meant so much. I don't have words to process this right now, all I can say is I pray for peace for the whole family. Sending love to all of you. -Tammy

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**Tammy Gehrt** - December 27, 2016 at 10:26 PM

ES

“ Eugene Smith lit a candle in memory of Todd Eckel



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**Eugene Smith** - December 27, 2016 at 08:45 PM

LD

“ Love, Clarinda & Jeff Dodson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Todd Eckel.



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**Love, Clarinda & Jeff Dodson** - December 27, 2016 at 05:43 PM



“ 47 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Schuller Family Funeral Homes** - December 27, 2016 at 05:05 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Todd Eckel.



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December 27, 2016 at 10:52 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Todd Eckel.*



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December 26, 2016 at 04:12 PM



“ *Anna and I send our sympathies. We are thinking of all of you. Todd was a wonderful, caring man with a big heart.*

*-Andy Navratil*

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**Andy Navratil** - December 24, 2016 at 09:57 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers to the Eckel family. May God comfort you and give you peace that passes understanding now and always! Love, Darrell & Lisa Hoemberg*



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**Darrell & Lisa Hoemberg** - December 24, 2016 at 08:11 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Todd Eckel.*



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December 23, 2016 at 11:37 PM

WP

“ Wendy / Parrothelp.com lit a candle in memory of Todd Eckel



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Wendy / parrothelp.com - December 23, 2016 at 07:38 PM



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



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December 23, 2016 at 07:12 PM

BD

“ Doyle and Doris -- no words could express our feelings for you in the loss of a SON.  
Caring, and Loving you, Betty (without Roy) Droel

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Betty Droel - December 23, 2016 at 12:36 PM

JS

“ Todd, you were in our family for just a short time, but I never forgot about you. I was so sad when I heard you weren't doing well!  
Praying for comfort for your family!  
Julie (Timmersman) Schibi

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Julie Schibi - December 23, 2016 at 08:21 AM



Courtney Nuehring

“ I will always remember you Todd. You always had a way to make me laugh.



Courtney Nuehring - December 23, 2016 at 07:39 AM

HL

“ Harold And Barb Lillquist lit a candle in memory of Todd Eckel



Harold and Barb Lillquist - December 23, 2016 at 01:51 AM

RW

“ I worked for Todd and Jennifer after they bought the grocery store in Eagle Bend. I truly enjoyed working for them and getting to know them. They were so in love. I remember when they adopted Saul- their lives were complete! Todd was a great guy, and I cherish the memories I made working for him & Jennifer. My prayers are with your family. I'm glad Todd is no longer suffering.

Robin Weishair - December 22, 2016 at 11:12 PM

NB

“ Neal And Leona Bowman lit a candle in memory of Todd Eckel



Neal and Leona Bowman - December 22, 2016 at 11:05 PM

NB

*Sending prayers to all of the Eckel family.*

**Neal and Leona Bowman** - December 22, 2016 at 11:06 PM

ES

“ *Eugene Smith lit a candle in memory of Todd Eckel*



**Eugene Smith** - December 22, 2016 at 09:54 PM

LS

“ *Lea And Mike Snyder lit a candle in memory of Todd Eckel*



**Lea and Mike Snyder** - December 22, 2016 at 06:57 PM

SV

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

**Sandra and Gary Vogt** - December 22, 2016 at 08:54 PM

PS

*Jennifer, Saul and family,*

*We were so sad to hear of Todd's passing, but very happy for him as well, as he is at peace now. Todd will never be forgotten for his strength and courage he showed during the time we knew him in St. Charles, MN. We will always remember your kindness, Jennifer, as our neighbor. Your son was a joy to get to know, too. I hear he's swimming like a fish now. :) Take care....our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Love, Pauline and Mike Siebenaler and family.*

**Pauline and Mike Siebenaler** - December 24, 2016 at 07:19 AM

AL

*Todd, what a remarkable person to have touched so many people in ways that we will never know, and leaving a legacy that will go on and on creeping silently into the lives of those people. Sometimes we will know it and other times it will just do its work quietly. Thank God for the life of Todd Eckel.*

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**Allan Lynk** - December 27, 2016 at 08:31 PM

MR

*Still trying to comprehend your loss.....it is so hard to really believe that young beautiful life is gone! I have many good memories and always enjoyed Todd's gentle sweet spirit. I will never forget how he came down to my dad's in Sac City, IA and helped us fix up the cracks in the walls before we re-painted! He worked so easily and efficiently!!!! smile Dad rewarded us all with a steak dinner!!!! Our thoughts will be with you all.....Love, Mona Reece*

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**Mona Reece** - December 30, 2016 at 12:59 PM