



## Rev. Todd J. MacDonell

July 18, 1962 - October 13, 2010

Pastor Todd J. MacDonell, 48 year old resident of Pierz, MN passed away Wednesday, October 13, 2010 at the Pierz Villa in Pierz, MN. A Memorial Celebration will be held at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, October 19, at the Pierz-Healy High school with Rev. Louis O. Inks officiating. Visitation will be from 4-5 PM on Tuesday at the Pierz-Healy High School.

Todd was born July 18, 1962 in Duluth, Minnesota to Ronald J. and Betty Lou C. MacDonell. He graduated from Douglas County High School in Castle Rock, Colorado in 1980. He was united in marriage to Linda J. Kopesky in Richfield, Minnesota on August 13, 1983. After moving to California he graduated in 1986 from San Diego State University with honors, earning a degree in journalism. Todd worked in full time ministry with Reign Ministries from 1987-1996, taking students on summer missions trips to Europe. He developed a deep desire to impact the lives of students for eternity. He spent the next ten years working as a Bible teacher at Redlands Christian School and a Youth Pastor in Redlands, CA and Kingsburg, CA. During those years he continued to expose students to the mission field in Mexico and inner city Los Angeles. In 2006, Todd was called to be the Senior Pastor of Fellowship Bible Church of Pierz. While living in Pierz Todd was involved in the Pierz Area Coalition, encouraging teenagers to live substance-free. He was also involved in many leadership training projects through the High School. His love for teenagers and his belief in their potential was a driving factor in his

years of work with them. As a senior pastor he committed to boldly teach the truth of the Bible to his congregation, and take every opportunity to show the love of Jesus to his community.

Todd is survived by his wife of 27 years, Linda of Pierz; daughters, Kelsie (Jack) Becker of Little Falls, and Katie of Pierz; mother, Betty Lou MacDonell of Murrieta, CA; sister, Tami (Tom) Lavey of Hubert, NC; brother, Timm (Jan) MacDonell of Murrieta, CA; father and mother-in-law, LaMond and Marilyn Kopesky of Eden Prairie; sisters-in-law, Diane (Michael) McCann of Woodbury, Sue (Jay) Scott of Brooklyn Park, Patti (Jerry) Meras of Woodbury; 11 nieces and nephews; and many uncles, aunts and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father, Ronald.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 19. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Pierz Healy High School  
112 Kamnic Street  
Pierz, MN

## Service

OCT 19. 5:00 PM (CT)

Pierz Healy High School  
112 Kamnic Street  
Pierz, MN

# Tribute Wall



“ Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Rev. Todd J. MacDonell



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Lemieur Funeral Homes - October 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Rev. Todd J. MacDonell

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January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ I knew Todd when I was a member of the wooddale jr high youth group...Todds VW was really cool... Todd and Linda were dating..Blessings to all of you!##imported-begin##John Lundin##imported-end##

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October 26, 2010 at 10:52 PM



“ It was truly an honor and a gift to know Todd. You will be missed. Thank you for making a difference in my life.##imported-begin##Colleen Seelen##imported-end##

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October 18, 2010 at 11:54 AM



“ *Todd impacted my life for eternity. He will never be forgotten, he was deeply loved and he is sorely missed.##imported-begin##Michelle Zelaya##imported-end##*

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October 16, 2010 at 08:21 PM



“ *We join in your sorrow in the loss of Todd but rejoice with you in knowing the separation is only temporary, we will see him again. For those of us who know the One, Todd just finished the race home before the rest of us.*

*We can not attend the service but we join you in celebrating Todd's life...*

*In His grace,*

*Todd and Brenda Strohschein##imported-begin##Todd##imported-end##*

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October 16, 2010 at 03:10 PM



“ Dear Linda,  
Thoughts and prayers are with you as you and the girls and other family members go through this difficult time. What a blessing Todd was to our Ukraine team and to all of the people he touched in his life. He will be sorely missed.  
I was so surprised to see who would be officiating Todd's service. Pastor Louie was my youth pastor in High School at First Baptist Church of San Jose. I haven't heard anything about him for more than 30 years. If you could send me his email address sometime that would be wonderful. I was Terri Rhodes when I knew him. How wonderful God is to bring together his brothers and sisters in the Lord in very interesting ways. May God continue to comfort you as you celebrate Todd's life. Wish I could be there Tuesday, will be with you in thoughts and prayers.  
Love to you Terri Short###imported-begin##Terri Short###imported-end##

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October 16, 2010 at 02:40 PM



“ My heart hurts at the passing of Pastor Todd yet at the same time I rejoice for he has gone home to live with our Lord and Saviour. This is the most precious thing that can happen to us when we are done here on this earthly world. Pastor Todd this is not "Goodbye", just see you later.###imported-begin##Janey Gerwing###imported-end##

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October 16, 2010 at 02:26 PM



“ Todd, we miss you already . . .###imported-begin##Becky Olson###imported-end##

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October 16, 2010 at 11:31 AM



“ Linda~ We're praying for you and your family...I imagine that heaven is a sweeter place today with Todd there.##imported-begin##Connie Thompson ##imported-end##

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October 16, 2010 at 08:00 AM



“ Dear Linda, Kesie, & Katie,

*I've been truly sadden by the lost of Todd. Todd's discipleship of me was a big part of making me you I am today. I thank God for his life & his impact on my own life. Todd will be greatly missed by all who he impacted for Christ over the years. My prayers & those of my family & church fellowship are with you at this time.*

*Yours in Christ*

*Dan Starling##imported-begin##Dan Starling##imported-end##*

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October 16, 2010 at 06:05 AM



“ Dear family of Pastor Todd and congregation, my son and I met briefly because of one of your members of your congregation and i cannot say enough good things about him, know that the community of pierz and little falls are praying and thinking of you all. May God bless you all and comfort you in this most difficult time. thank you for sharing Todd with this community he will never be forgotten. In Christ Love, Mary Bowman, and Aaron Marshik##imported-begin##Mary Bowman##imported-end##

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October 16, 2010 at 03:11 AM



“ Linda, Kelsie, and Katie,

*Thank you for sharing Todd with us in Kingsburg. He has been an inspiration to us and has greatly shaped our ministry. We have such fond memories and many fun stories of youth adventures. His boldness to share the word and great wisdom and insight has helped us long after you moved from California. We love you guys and are praying for God's peace.*

*Jason and Tanja  
Kingsburg, CA##imported-begin##Jason and Tanja  
Fridolfs##imported-end##*

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October 16, 2010 at 12:14 AM



“ Todd,

*You will always be in my heart and mind! Give hugs to Gramma and Grandpa for me!*

*Till I see you again,*

*Karianne##imported-begin##Karianne Kopesky-Kalina##imported-end##*

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October 15, 2010 at 10:31 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May God grant you peace and strength in these difficult times.*

*Your brothers and sisters in Christ.##imported-begin##Cornerstone  
Community Church Family##imported-end##*

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October 15, 2010 at 09:32 PM