



Timothy Wayne Sowder

November 7, 1959 - July 15, 2013

Timothy Wayne Sowder, 53, of Rushville, passed away at Noon Monday, July 15, 2013 in Indianapolis, IN. He was born November 7, 1959 in Indianapolis to Bill & Wanda (Shelton) Sowder. Tim was a 1978 graduate of Rushville Consolidated High School & received his Bachelors' degree in Elementary Ed from Ball State University in 1982.

Tim taught elementary education in Rushville at St. Mary's & Mays School and also in Northern Indiana at Howe Military Academy. He had worked the last 20 years as a computer software consultant with Courtland Consulting. He had lived in Arkansas, Tennessee, New Jersey, North Carolina, Indianapolis and most recently, Newark, Delaware, relocating often for the consulting firm he represented. Tim was a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Rushville. He was passionate about his family, children and animals! He is survived by his mother, Wanda Sowder, of Rushville, brothers, Ron & Nancy Sowder of Tipp City, OH, Bob & Robin Sowder of Rushville, Mike Sowder of Greenfield, Terry & Tami Sowder of Richwood, OH and Brian Sowder of Rushville, sisters, Karen & Mike Spaeth of Rushville, Karla & David Kuhn of Rushville and Kathy & Kirk Shuppert of Greenfield, several nieces and nephews survive. Tim was preceded in death by his father & a niece, Holli Spaeth.

A Memorial service will be held at 1 PM Saturday, July 20, 2013 at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Rushville. Friends are welcome to visit at the church from 11AM until time of service on Saturday. Rev. Jan Dimick will

preside.

Memorial contributions may be made to Rush County Community Assistance (RCCA).

Tribute Wall



“ *Timothy Wayne Sowder*

January 28, 2023 at 12:19 PM



“ *Still missing you my friend!!!!!!*

DeShauna Hess - February 11, 2014 at 09:07 AM



“ *My sincere sympathy in the loss of your loved one. During his time at the Indiana State Child Support Office, Tim worked with us in Putnam County. Tim was so kind and helpful. He was always so much fun. I know he will be missed. We all loved Tim in Putnam County.*

*Sincerely,
Sara Lane*

sara lane - July 25, 2013 at 09:02 PM



“ *Most beautiful smile in all the world*

pat stone-smith - July 18, 2013 at 04:55 PM

KK

“ Tim, no words to express the loss I feel. In my heart..the last few weeks with you have been so hard, but even though you werent awake I always felt you knew we were there...I know you are whole again and in that I rejoice..Erin Michelle never cried when I told her of your passing, but in here ,4yr old mind was happy Jesus made you an angel so your heart wasnt hurting anymore..she already looks for you in the clouds...rest well dear brother and we will be watching for you in the clouds..love your sister Karla...

karla sowder kuhn - July 18, 2013 at 02:05 PM

CB

“ I worked with Tim when he first came to the Indiana State Child Support Office many years ago, and even though it's been a little while since I've seen him, I will never forget him. He was one of the nicest people I've ever met. His smile was infectious and he always had a funny anecdote. Whenever he would come back to the Indiana State Child Support office to work as a contractor, it always made my day to see him. I, too will miss him and the joy he radiated wherever he went. His family and friends will be in my prayers and thoughts, for I know your hearts are heavy with grief. In one of the previous tributes I read where Tim sponsored Linda Dangerfield on her Emmaus Walk. That filled my heart with happiness to know that he was involved in that "4th day renewal". I went through "The Southport Great Banquet" 4th day experience back in 2002. Des Colores my brothers and sisters in Christ! May God continue to bless His family here on earth until we meet up with HIM!

Cheryl Barney...Indiana State Child Support Bureau, Parent Locator Investigator

Cheryl Barney - July 18, 2013 at 01:34 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Timothy Wayne Sowder.*



July 18, 2013 at 12:19 PM



“ *I met Tim in the early 90's when he came to St. Joseph County, IN. He was so patient, funny and full of life. I will always remember what a great person he was. He will be missed by many.*

Michelle Balderas - July 18, 2013 at 07:59 AM

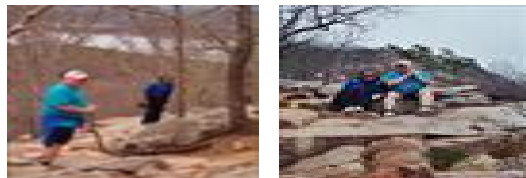


“ *I met Tim in the late 90s. We traveled to many Indiana Counties together to train IV-D Child Support Workers. He was a very gentle spirit, had the cutest laugh and touched many lives. You will be missed Tim! Debbie Day Indiana CSB.*

Debbie Day - July 17, 2013 at 09:04 PM



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tim bonnette - July 17, 2013 at 08:16 PM

JB

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Tim over 35 years ago and have called him a great friend since we met. My fondest memories were working with him in high school at the Durbin Hotel. Tim was a very kind and caring person. He loved his family and his friends and it showed every day. I will miss seeing him but there is no doubt in my mind that he is in a better place. May God be with his family during this time.

John Byrne

John Byrne - July 17, 2013 at 04:55 PM

DH

“ I have known Tim for a short amount of time but he was truly someone special. I will never forget the moments we shared here at the Delaware Office. Tim was one of the most caring persons I have ever met. I admired him for his loyalty to his family, friends and of course, Peyton & Dallas. My heart goes out to the Sowder family. Tim will be greatly missed.

Here is a quote I would like to share:

“Those we love remain with us for love itself lives on, and cherished memories never fade because a loved one's gone. Those we love can never be more than a thought apart. For as long as there is a memory, they'll live on in our hearts.” - Author Unknown



DeShauna Hess - July 17, 2013 at 01:47 PM

DH

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DeShauna Hess - July 17, 2013 at 01:09 PM

BB

“ *I first met Tim when he came to train our office when I first started in the late 90's. He was a wonderful person to get to know and work with! He always had a smile on his face and a positive attitude. I will miss his unique laugh! He will be greatly missed by this division and everyone that knew him. You are in our prayers and thoughts from Beth Becker and the Lake County Child Support Office.*



Beth Becker - July 17, 2013 at 12:04 PM

 April
Graper

“ *Tim was one of the first people I met at Indiana CSB when I started 17 years ago. He was a trainer then and quickly became someone I always looked forward to seeing. Tim was one of those people you meet and know they would do anything to help you. I always looked forward to the times when I knew I would see him. I always looked forward to getting a hug from him and enjoying how good he smelled. Prayers to the family from April Graper and the Gibson County, Indiana Child Support Office.*

April Graper - July 17, 2013 at 11:23 AM

AS

“ So many smiles and hugs over the years! Remembering building ISETS! You wore your wings on the inside :D My prayers & blessings to your family, loved ones & friends. Aileen

Aileen Steele - July 17, 2013 at 10:21 AM

CS

“ I really enjoyed the time that I worked with Tim at the State...he always had a smile and something funny to say to brighten your day...he will be greatly missed....he was such a fun person to be around....

Charay Spells - July 17, 2013 at 08:32 AM

AS

“ Just a little brownoser wants to leave one of his favorite teachers a final note---
You will be missed, Tim. Give Holli and my mom a hug while you are up in heaven. To be quite honest, the only thing that I can remember what I learned my 6th grade year was the day that Holli was born. You had found me out on the recess parking lot and told me the exciting news. :) I cant believe you are gone, Tim, but you will always be in my daily prayers and thoughts!! :)



Ann Spaeth-Robben - July 16, 2013 at 09:34 PM

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Kathy Shuppert - July 16, 2013 at 09:07 PM

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Uncle Tim

Kathy Shuppert - July 16, 2013 at 09:08 PM

KS

“ You were a great brother to me a great uncle & godfather to Taylor & Gabbi. You have always been a huge part of our lives. The kids are who they are today because of you I have no doubt. We've been through & seen many beautiful places together. There is a whole in our hearts forever. I love you & miss you more than any can imagine. I know you will take good care of Taylor during Airborne school & be with him every step, & jump!!

Love- Kathy Jo

Kathy Shuppert - July 16, 2013 at 08:55 PM

DR

“ Rest in peace Tim. I know you had quite the reunion with Holli and your dad.

Deb Ripberger - July 16, 2013 at 06:32 PM

KS

“ dear brother of mine, today almost seems harder than yesterday....for today it's sinking in that you really are gone....how can this be? you had so much yet to do, and so many family and friends that love you ; I absolutely hate that you had to go to Delaware for work; but by the comments from all of your work friends from all of the places that you've been sent to for work, it seems that you touched lives wherever you went. I'm glad to have shared you with the world in that way, but hate that you weren't able to be here as often over the last year. Tim , my heart feels broken that you've gone; but it rejoices too, that you are with my Holli! I'm sure the reunion between you and Holli and dad is something to see! I love you and miss them both so much....you will never be far from my thoughts and you will remain forever in my heart! Keep your foot in the door for the rest of us ok.

karen spaeth (Tim's sister) - July 16, 2013 at 06:26 PM

AP

“Some people make the sky more beautiful to gaze upon. They stay in our lives for a while, leave footprints on our hearts, and we are never, ever the same.”

Flavia Weedn, Author

What a perfect quote for 'our' Tim, a sweet guy who extended all care, kindness and understanding toward those he met with no thought of reward. If the yardstick of a full life is measured by how one treats others, then Tim's life was surely complete. Rest in Peace, our friend until we meet again. Your friends on the Arkansas Child Support Project

Arkansas Child Support Project - July 16, 2013 at 03:12 PM

ST

“ We thank you Lord for sharing Tim with us.

Susan Taft - July 16, 2013 at 02:10 PM

SP

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Sharon Pizzuti - July 16, 2013 at 01:59 PM

SP

“ *Tim selflessly shared his gifts of warmth, patience and kindness with everyone he knew. He LOVED being an Uncle and talked passionately about his family. He also loved to work and to be a peacemaker. He was a dear colleague and well-respected amongst so many in our vast community. His memory will live on and continue to inspire me and many others. May God bless and comfort his family. I will miss this sweet and generous man.*

Sharon Pizzuti - July 16, 2013 at 01:54 PM

LE

“ *I will remember as I last saw you just a few months ago. The big smile, the hug, the laughs. Always the smile!*

Linda Ellis - July 16, 2013 at 11:55 AM

PE

“ *I don't think Tim knew any strangers because as soon as you met him it seemed that he had been your friend all along. I only got to see Tim at ERICSA meetings, but so looked forward to seeing him. There will be a large hole at our next meeting. I miss him already.*

Patterson Poulson, ERICSA - July 16, 2013 at 11:34 AM

CC

“ Dear Tim, You have become such a great friend to me in a such a short period of time. Your positive energy was infectious and your cheerful spirit, jokes and pranks always made me smile. You kept me grounded on many of days and I will never ever forget how you had the ability to instantly brighten the entire office. We've shared many laughs and tantrums just the same. Just like I told you before you left, I love you and I'm certain we will see each other again... Although I am deeply saddened to see you go, I can't blame GOD for wanting someone like you close to him in heaven. Rest assure that just like many others, I will go on and live to say honestly that I have never met another person like Tim Sowder and I don't believe I ever will.

Love you my dear friend/work husband.



Ciji Carr - July 16, 2013 at 11:24 AM

JR

“ I haven't known Tim long, and I really didn't know him very well. However, from the first time I met him I felt his warmth, grace, and kind-hearted spirit. We connected right away both being from Indiana. I called him "Mr. Indiana." I know Tim will be missed dearly by his family and friends, and I wish I had gotten the chance to known him even better.

Julie Rhoades - July 16, 2013 at 10:46 AM

SC

“ Tim was one of the good guys!! He would go out of his way to help anyone out and always did that without any fanfare. Tim was the co-worker that always got the job done and kept the entire team on their toes with his humor and little quirks. Tim will be greatly missed on the Delaware Child Support project and all those “next projects”. God bless you Tim and my thoughts and prayers are with the entire Sowder family.

Steven Trudell, Courtland Consulting - July 16, 2013 at 10:07 AM

LD

“ Tim, the perfect gentleman, lived his life with his light shining all the time. He was grounded in his faith and shared this with everyone. Tim sponsored my Emmaus Walk and for that I am most grateful. I have so many fond, funny memories spanning our nearly 20 year friendship. Tim was one of the most genuine people I know; he always had a smile and a kind word for everyone. Tim, you are truly missed! My prayers are with the Sowder family.

Linda Dangerfield - July 16, 2013 at 08:52 AM

MP

“ Tim and I worked together on the OV&V Project in Indianapolis. It was an honor to call him my friend. He was a wonderful, kind hearted person and a true God sent Angel. God Bless the Sowder Family.

Monique Prezzy

Monique Prezzy - July 16, 2013 at 08:48 AM

RI

“ Rishi lit a candle in memory of Timothy Wayne Sowder



Rishi - July 16, 2013 at 08:38 AM

RI

Tim was with us in Delaware Project. I got to know him better during the course of last few months. Tim was very kind hearted and a cheerful person. Tim will be missed. My prayers are with all of his family.

Rishi - July 16, 2013 at 08:46 AM

CY

“ *I had the pleasure of working with Tim in Indianapolis. His love of life and laughter always filled our office with joy. Tim will be missed. My heart hurts for his family. The world lost a shining star and now we can enjoy that star from here on earth. Love you, my friend!*

Carmen Young - July 16, 2013 at 07:28 AM

AS

“ *I have not known Tim for long; he came to work and share an apartment with me on the Delaware project in October 2012. Since then we have become very good friends. I am honored to have gotten to know him. Tim is the most gracious and caring man I have had the pleasure of knowing. I will miss his funny qwerks, his mischievous hijinks, and his love of friends and family. My heart goes out to all those touched by him and feeling this loss. God bless the Sowder family.*

Anthony Sessions - July 16, 2013 at 07:03 AM

JP

“ Tim truly was one of the kindest people I've ever had the pleasure of knowing and he made us all laugh! I admired his loyalty to his family, friends, and his beloved Doodles (Peyton and Dallas). Tim was probably the most selfless person I've known. I'll miss him. I pray your memories bring you comfort and joy.

Jody Pearce (First Data co-worker in Indianapolis)

Jody Pearce - July 15, 2013 at 09:02 PM

CW

“ Tim was one of the nicest men I knew, I loved his smile and his ability to make everyone he met feel like they were the most important person in the room. He will be missed more than you will ever know. My thoughts and prayers are with all of his friends and family.

Carla West

Carla West - July 15, 2013 at 07:46 PM

JS

“ Tim was one of my best friends. His smile was so genuine. I have many great memories of our days at St. Mary. Rest in peace my friend until we meet again.

Jean Stanley

Jean Stanley - July 15, 2013 at 06:45 PM

LP

“ On behalf of myself and the Eastern Regional Interstate Child Support Association (ERICSA), I want to express our sorrow to Tim's family for their loss. Tim will always be remembered as such a loving and generous man who worked very hard for the people and purposes he valued. He was always smiling, and he always smelled so good! He will be greatly missed by his ERICSA family.

Lara Fors, ERICSA President - July 15, 2013 at 06:04 PM

MH

“ Tim, your ERICSA family will miss your smile and gentle spirit. Thank you for your friendship. Rest in peace.
Meg Haynes

Meg Haynes - July 15, 2013 at 06:00 PM

TM

“ Rest in Peace Friend



Tim and Mary - July 15, 2013 at 05:04 PM