



## Todd L. Nechkash

December 6, 1963 - February 11, 2026

Ridgeway – Todd L. Nechkash Sr., age 62, of Ridgeway, Wisconsin, passed away unexpectedly at his home on February 11, 2026.

Todd was born on December 6, 1963, in Madison, Wisconsin, to LaVern “Toby” Nechkash and Gertrude “Trudy” (Dickey) Nechkash. He graduated from Verona High School with the Class of 1982 and went on to earn a diploma in Machine Tooling Technics from Madison Area Technical College (MATC).

Todd served his country in the US Navy and was stationed in San Diego. Following his military service, he built a diverse and hardworking career. He worked as a headline cook at Quivey’s Grove learning culinary skills, and later at WISCO Industries, Quantum Devices, and most recently at Milwaukee Valve where he took extreme pride in his machining skills.

When he wasn’t working, Todd could be found doing what he loved most—camping, fishing, bow hunting, bird watching, cooking, challenging himself to grow the hottest peppers in his garden, canning his famous salsa which won competitions with co-workers, putting his handyman skills to use, watching NASCAR, going to live music events and was looking forward to the upcoming AC/DC concert at Camp Randall, but most of all spending time with his pride and joy, his son, Todd Nechkash II. His secret ham recipe and delicious

cheesecakes were a staple at every family get-together, and he could always be counted on to put together a salad bar that would make any Wisconsin supper club proud.

Todd didn't take life too seriously. He lived in the moment, kept his family close, and made it a point to check in regularly. He took great pride in caring for those he loved and sharing his talents with everyone around him. He also kept everyone on their toes with his spirited text messages in the family group chat.

Todd will thoughtfully be remembered by his son, Todd Nechkash II; his father, LaVern "Toby" Nechkash; his siblings, Karla (Rod) Hellenbrand, Toby Nechkash (Zoe Kooistra), Brenda (Kevin) Bohan, and Beth (Mike) Beutler; and many beloved nieces and nephews, including Zachary Hellenbrand; Austin (Anna) Hellenbrand; Ciarah (Ryan) Weiss; Stephanie Yost; Colin Bohan; Casey Bohan; Emily (Shelby) Riley; Tyler Beutler; Ashley (Marty) Schumacher; and Travis (Rachel) Beutler. He is also remembered by his great-nieces and great-nephews, Jordy and Mia Schumacher; Brantley and Cheyanne Weiss; Alina Yost; and Ella Riley; as well as his maternal aunts, Lynda (Stan) Cutler and Dody Dickey and many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Gertrude "Trudy" Nechkash, along with several aunts, uncles, his maternal and paternal grandparents, and his beloved cats—Taz, Tigger and Taffy.

A private visitation for family and close friends was held on Monday, February 16, 2026 at the Gorgen-McGinley & Ayers Funeral Home in Dodgeville, Wisconsin.

A public Celebration of Todd's Life will be held on Sunday, May 17, 2026 from 12:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at CROSS PLAINS COMMUNITY CENTER /

KALSCHEUR PARK, 3734 County Road P, Cross Plains, WI 53528.

Todd will be remembered for his work ethic, his many talents, his love of the outdoors, his humor, and most of all, his deep love for his family.

# Upcoming Events

## Celebration of Life

MAY 17. 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Cross Plains Community Center / Kalscheur Park  
3734 County Road P  
Cross Plains, WI 53528

# Tribute Wall

PF

“ Our most heartfelt condolences to Todd's family. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. The Gillitzer girls from Wendellwood (Kathleen, Marcia, Margaret and Pat)

Pat Fargen - February 27 at 08:58 AM

KP

“ I remember Todd from 4-H and hanging with friends from hillside heights .Im so sorry Toby,Karla and the rest of the family and Todd's friends .sending healing energy to you all.Kathy (Johnson) Paton .



kathy Johnson paton - February 19 at 12:24 AM

KP

Maple grove lads and lassies. Todd is sitting facing forward with a nice profile. Mr.Nechkash is driving the tractor and pulling our float.

kathy Johnson paton - February 19 at 05:28 AM

JS

My sincere condolences to Toby & family. I have many memories of Todd from high school days in my group of buddies that included Todd. He was always a gentle soul and always had a fabulous smile and a mischievous sense of humor making me laugh too loud in study hall. You'll be missed by many. RIP dear old friend.

Judy Shackelford-Alberts - March 28 at 04:36 PM

DB

“ Karla, Toby, Brenda, Beth & family, So sorry for your loss. The obituary really shares what a special individual Todd was to his family and others that were fortunate enough to know him. Keep your memories close to help you deal with this very difficult time. Sending hugs to all!!  
Donna Wipperfurth Burkeland & the rest of the Wipperfurth family from growing up in Hillside Heights.



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**Donna Wipperfurth Burkeland** - February 17 at 06:02 PM

MB

“ From Mike bentz family. Mike has many fun and fond memories growing up with Todd and the whole Nechkash family. One that comes to mind is laying on the midland oil tanks watching shooting stars fly across the sky. We had many good times. Sorry to loss such a good friend.

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**Mike bentz** - February 17 at 02:31 PM

CG

“ "Big Toby" and the entire Neshkash Family - we are so sorry to hear of Todd's passing. I can still hear Truday yelling up to the boys room Todd and Toby's full name with middle names! And the laughter from Todd. It seemed like Todd was always giggling.

*There is no doubt Todd had a great youth with the farm and love of family.*

*I pray you all find peace eventually.*

*My best to you all Carren Corcoran Gummin*

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**Carren Corcoran Gummin** - February 17 at 12:33 PM

MM

“ Toby & Family sending hugs and remembering all of you in this sad time..

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**Mary Melvin** - February 17 at 12:14 PM

SH

*Toby and family so sorry for your loss. Skip and I are thinking of you*

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**Sue Ripley and Skip Howard** - February 18 at 04:20 PM