

September 23, 2010



I have so much trouble accepting the passing of my colleague and friend, Rod. I think of him on the train going to work and can't help but always break down. His light always would shine and never should have gone out. I remember his laugh, his smile and good nature and will always remember how he made everyone feel comfortable. What a wonderful soul. I wish his whole family peace of heart.

~ Biddy Sabusawa, *Ashland, Massachusetts*

July 12, 2010

I was deeply saddened to hear of the loss of Rod. It was clear he had a great gift for compassion and I was the grateful recipient of his healing touch where he worked at the YMCA. Along with so many others who regarded him so highly, I will miss seeing Rod at the "Y" and extend my deepest sympathies to his family.

~ Stephen Starr, *Evanston, Illinois*

July 11, 2010

I am Marilyn Overton Nesbitt's sister, who is the widow of Dr. Robert Nesbitt of Pasadena Ca. I was shocked to read of the passing of Rod. I was often at Peggy and Linder's home on Albany and remember when all of the boys were born! So glad I got a chance to see Rod and meet Julie and little David at the Nesbitt reunion in Ca. 2 years ago. My deepest sympathy to all the family and my love.

~ Sandra Overton, *Chicago, Illinois*

July 11, 2010

From the Schaefer Family to the Nesbitt Family : you have our deepest sympathy in your great loss. We remember so many pleasant events with the Nesbitts such as camping out in Fox River to celebrate the Nesbitt Family Reunion. Special Blessings are wished for you at this time of grief.

~ Hortense Schaefer, *Chicago, Illinois*

July 08, 2010

I just wanted to add my sympathies to Rod's wife, children and family. I was an early member of the Dream Theatre and I remember all the good times we had as a troupe and that Rod was a great friend and very warm and funny. As the youngest member of the troupe Rod took me under his wing without being overbearing. My fondest memory is that He and I led our 75 piece Kazoo Band at the 1st Body Politic Street Fair!

I am so sorry to hear of his passing.

Karen A. Silk

~ Karen Silk, *Skokie, Illinois* | [Contact Me](#)

July 07, 2010

Dear Julie and family,,,,my condolences to all ...what a kind and sweet person ,,hopefully time will be good to you...love to all

~ Arthur Weisberg, *key biscayne, Florida*

July 07, 2010

Julie and David,

There are no words to convey the feeling of such a loss. Rod was one of the most beautiful souls I have ever had the pleasure knowing. He will be greatly missed, and forever fondly thought of.

Diana Lane Avila

~ Diana Lane-Avila, *Milwaukee, Wisconsin* | [Contact Me](#)

July 07, 2010



To all of your family, may I express my deepest, heartfelt condolences. Words are inadequate to convey the shock of his loss. Roddy was an extraordinary man who enriched the lives of each person he met. He was an artist, humanitarian and a man of peace whose winning smile and rich baritone voice echoes still in the memories of those who knew him. From those of us who were part of his Francis W. Parker family, although saddened by his loss, we are comforted that now he is at peace. Please know that he was deeply loved by all us that knew him. May God bless you all... N.J. Fain (Chicago, Illinois)

July 07, 2010

Julie and David,

Rod will truly be missed by so many because of his warm and generous heart. Your community of friends and family will be beside you through the many years to come.

Amy, Zach, Aaron and Leah Schiffman

July 06, 2010



Ms. Julie, David & family,

Our deepest condolences during this difficult time. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Mr. Rod will be missed.

Love, Ms. Heather & family.

July 06, 2010

Julie and David, My thoughts are with you both. We met at Tuesday's Child and at the camp now with you. I am so sorry for your loss.

Amy Gudgeon-Mia's mom

July 06, 2010



To the Nesbitt family I grew up in the Lawndale neighborhood and they were my neighbors on Albany ave. My deepest sympathy to one of the nicest caring family that cared about the community and the children of Lawndale.

~ Robert Dowdell, *Chicago, Indiana* | [Contact Me](#)

July 06, 2010

Oh Julie and David: I am so so sorry that you had to lose your beautiful husband, friend, father, teacher, and buddy so suddenly, so soon. You are in my prayers and meditations as you go through this time of grief, and I love you.

~ Ellen Smith, *Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania*

July 06, 2010

From Maine - We met Rod only a few times, but were impressed with his sincerity and concern for Samora. The Nesbitt family is an outstanding example in many ways. Blessings to Julie and David. Nancy and Garvey MacLean

July 06, 2010

Julie, David and the whole Nesbitt Family, Please accept my deepest condolences at this sad time. Roddy and all the Nesbitt's are very dear to me, and I know that I speak for my brothers Jim and Peter, when I tell you how much we are thinking of all of you. Much love, Ellen Lewis

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~ Ellen Lewis, *New York, New York*

July 06, 2010

I knew Rod from his work at the YMCA, where his knowing hands and caring heart brought both physical and spiritual relief. He will be greatly missed. My deepest sympathy to all of his family and friends

~ Louis Hammack, *Evanston, Illinois*

July 06, 2010

to the nesbitt family : we are so sorry for your loss of rod he was a wonderful person inside and out he always made me and nick feel very welcomed i love him and julie and lil david as if their my family... we know hes with god he was a very warm loving understanding kind of guy. he will truly be missed love always the simpson family...
nick and lisa and dana and millie lynn he will always be in are hearts and souls forever
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~ nicolas and lisa simpson, *chicago, Illinois*

July 06, 2010

My heart goes out to the family. I have my most fond memories of Parker with Rod always happy, singing in our folk group and being a great friend!

Sincerely,
Vicki Merel Rathunde

~ Vicki Merel-Rathunde, *Kansasville, Wisconsin*

July 06, 2010

The Parker family remains at the core of so many of us. Rod will always be apart of that family and he will be deeply missed, but remembered always.

My condolences to his family. I am so sorry for your loss.

~ Andrea (Levine) de Caires, *Montclair, New Jersey*

July 06, 2010

Our prayers are with you Julie and your family. This is on behalf of the Reason Family - Chester and Reese are very close friends and Chester knew Rod as well. May God bless you and keep you and your son.

~ Irene Reason, *Richton Park, Illinois* | [Contact Me](#)

July 06, 2010



Robin, Reese and The Beautiful Nesbitt Family... I thank you so much for having been a part of my life and send my deepest condolences in this difficult time. Rod was an inspiration to so many of us, and I was blessed to have known him. Much, much love...

~ Bill Idol, *Waitsfield, Vermont* | [Contact Me](#)

July 06, 2010

Dear Julie,
The world has lost a truly wonderful man. Always a kind word, ever a brilliant smile and a giving heart. I know you have many wonderful memories to keep his spirit alive in your heart. Those memories will help you transition to the loss of his presence.
I will keep him in my prayers.
Lillian Anguiano

~ Lillian Anguiano, *Chicago, Illinois* | [Contact Me](#)

July 06, 2010

I am deeply saddened by Rod's passing. He was always a great friend. I spent my childhood playing with him and in High School, sang in a small group with him. We even performed in a morning ex. I adored him. His warmth and laughter was ever present at Parker. I will miss him and think of him always.

~ Pamela Brueckner, *Normal, Illinois* | [Contact Me](#)

July 06, 2010



From a friend from the past. You will be missed.

~ Paula Merel Lang, *Oak Park, Illinois*

July 06, 2010

Dear Julie and Family,

My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of deep sorrow.

~ Vicki Fichter, *Chicago, Illinois*

July 06, 2010



Rod always had a ready smile and kind word even before I actually partook of the massage services at the Y. What an amazing person he was. What a tremendous loss. He will be greatly missed.

My condolences to his wife and son of whom he always spoke of with such gentle and abiding love.

~ Jan MacDermid, *Evanston, Illinois*

July 06, 2010

Dear Julie, David and family -

I'm so deeply sorry for the loss of Rod -- a sweet and gentle soul. I will be thinking about you during this profound time of grief in the days and months ahead.

All my love,

~ Freddie Weisberg, *Minneapolis, Minnesota*

July 06, 2010

I worked with Rod at the YMCA. A simple "hey" always turned into a wonderful conversation talking about anything and everything. He always showed you he was excited to see you. He was one of the most kindest and genuine people I have ever had the privilege of meeting. He will be deeply missed at the YMCA

~ Dennis Keane, *Arlington, Massachusetts*

July 05, 2010



Our dearest Julie and David, Our hearts are heavy in grief at the devastating news of Rod's passing! Although we only had the privilege of knowing him for so short a time, his love for his family, his warm and caring spirit and acceptance of Stine and I as part of your lives is truly a gift we shall remember and cherish forever. If there is anything, anything at all we can do please don't hesitate to call! Sending our love, thoughts and prayers, Liz and Stine.

~ Elizabeth Venson-Hardin, *Chicago, Illinois*