



## Anthony "Tony" Woltkamp

October 31, 1977 - July 31, 2009

Anthony Michael "Tony" Woltkamp, 31, Topeka died Wed., July 29, 2009.

Tony was born Oct. 31, 1977 to Thomas Woltkamp and Michele Berry Woltkamp in Topeka. He attended Assumption Grade School and Hayden High School and graduated from La Cueva High School in Albuquerque. He attended the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque and later graduated from the University of Kansas School of Pharmacy. He was employed as a pharmacist by St. Francis Health Center in Topeka.

Survivors include his Dad and Mom, Tom and Darchelle Woltkamp, Topeka; mother, Michele Berry, Kansas City; sisters, Amanda and Melissa Woltkamp, CO; significant other, Stacey Sheon, Topeka; grandparents, Fred Woltkamp, Bob and Geri Shockley, Topeka, and Richard and Mary Doris Rounds, AZ; aunt, Linda Woltkamp, CO; uncle, Craig Shockley, Topeka; aunts and uncles, Derek & Val Shockley, CO, Barb Berry, Robert & Jan Berry, Paul & Cindy Berry, Jim & Cindy Berry, Helen & John Mavec, Cathy & Tim Girrens, Rita & Stu Lungwitz, of Wichita; Mary & Bill Toepfer, Tom & Sherry Berry of Kansas City; Mary & Dave Snyder, Ken Buck of Illinois, Margie Berry, FL; and numerous cousins. He was preceded in death by grandparents, Robert and Rosie Berry.

Family will greet friends from 1 to 2:30 p.m. today at Christ the King Catholic

Church where Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated at 2:30 p.m. Inurnment will be private at Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Marian Clinic in Topeka and Craig Hospital Foundation in Denver CO, sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd, Topeka KS 66614.

# Tribute Wall



“ Anthony "Tony" Woltkamp

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *It has been many years since we last spoke Tom. When Diana and I received the news about your son we felt a need to reach out to you and let you know that you and your family are in our prayers. May God bless you Tom.*

**Tim & Diana (Haake) Morrisey** - August 09, 2009 at 02:25 PM



“ *To Tony's Family:*

*I had the privilege of being one of Tony's professors while he was in pharmacy school. When I decided to return to pharmacy school as a student instead of a teacher, I sat in the seat where his wheelchair had been just a few years earlier. The last time that I saw Tony was at my wedding reception just a few weeks ago. I'm almost certain that his smile was equal in size to my own as he was busting at the seams with joy for us. Last Sunday, I went to a tiny little foot bridge behind our church and I just stood there on that bridge looking out over the great expanse of land and thought of Tony. As the breeze blew over me, I thanked God for allowing Tony to have been a part of my life and as I closed my eyes to pray I felt the warm sun on my shoulders that I was certain was Tony's smile. There are just not any words adequate or eloquent enough to express the depth of my sorrow for your loss but perhaps you may find comfort in knowing how much he was loved.*

**Sandy Vigil-Cruz Bartlett** - August 08, 2009 at 09:25 PM

VW

“ To the Woltkamp Family- Although I did not know Tony, I know his grandma, Mary Doris. I am a nurse and have several bipolar clients I see working in public health nursing. I also have a friend who is bipolar. Through her I have a better understanding of this condition. Getting the message out to others like you did, Tom, took great courage. I hope and trust it will make us all more alert and aware. My sincere thoughts and prayers are extended to all of you.

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**Vera Webster** - August 07, 2009 at 04:07 PM

DJ

“ Tom & family: we just returned from vacation and were saddened to hear the news about Tony. Although we have lost touch over the years you and your family are still dear in our hearts. We will always remember Tony as the little guy with the huge smile on his face. Please let us know if there's anything we can do for you or your family. We would love to visit with you.

*Daryl & Joy*

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**Daryl Jepson** - August 04, 2009 at 08:03 AM

SW

“ To the family of Tony,

*I was a friend of Tony's from New Mexico, and was deeply saddened by news of his passing. I will never forget his spirit and he never missed an opportunity to make me laugh. Please accept my condolences and may he forever rest in peace.*

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**Sean White** - August 03, 2009 at 03:09 PM

KR

“ My heartfelt sympathy goes out to your family. My husband also was afflicted with the bipolar illness. I am thankful that he is faithful in taking his medications, but this illness truly affects the entire family! It sounds like Tony was a wonderful person. Most of the entries stated how he always had a smile and made others laugh. However, the illness can change all that. My thoughts and prayers go out to you. I am so very sorry for your loss.

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**Karen Roeder** - August 02, 2009 at 10:48 AM

JF

“ Woltkamp family,  
I am so sorry for your loss. I can still remember Tony as a bright, energetic young man in 4th grade at Assumption. Your family was one of my favorites, and Tony will be missed so much. Your family and Tony will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Jeannie Fairchild** - July 31, 2009 at 07:37 PM

RK

“ Dear Tom and family, I only met Tony once this past week and I could tell what a special person he was. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Rae Konrade

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**Rae Konrade** - July 31, 2009 at 06:08 PM

PM

“ I offer my condolences to you and your family on your profound loss. He was a special young man. Tom, you made a very brave decision in making others aware of this painful condition which affects too many people. God bless you for your public speaking and I pray it helps someone who hears your message. God's blessing and peace,

*Pam Mullins*

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**Pam Mullins** - July 31, 2009 at 06:04 PM

JS

“ I grew up with Linda through Holy Name and Hayden. My condolences to the entire family.

*Julie Caton Spencer*

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**Julie Caton Spencer** - July 31, 2009 at 05:26 PM

RW

“ To the Woltkamp Family, my thoughts and prayers are with you. I worked with Tony at St. Francis and he was one of the first people to greet me and make me feel comfortable. I will miss his laugh, his smile, his humor, his opinions, our wheelchair races but most of all his knowledge. Whatever I asked him, he knew the answer. He taught me so much. I feel blessed to have known him and I will always hold a special place for him in my heart. Take comfort in knowing that his pain is gone now and he is resting in the arms of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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**Renee Wiggins** - July 31, 2009 at 04:55 PM

AK

“ To the Woltkamp family,  
My sincerest sympathy extends to you at this time. I was one of Tony's preceptors at KUMC during pharmacy school where he was a joy to be around. He was always so pleasant and put a smile on everyone's face. He was a very caring man with a heart of gold. I will always remember Tony for his Wookie noises and the book he gave me to educate me about Star Wars. There will never be another person like him!

*May the Lord be with you during this difficult time - We may never understand but will always know he is in a better place.*

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**Allison King** - July 31, 2009 at 03:14 PM

SS

“ Dear Tom and family,

*I am so sorry for your loss....I can't even imagine. I know how very proud you are of Tony and the accomplishments he made. I was in awe of your strength when I saw the interview on TV, and in your own grief you took the opportunity to educate people about the importance of love and support, and medications. May God grant you peace in your hearts knowing that you did everything you could to help Tony.*

*Susan*

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**Susan Swalwell** - July 31, 2009 at 01:48 PM

FW

“ Tom, I was so saddened to read of Tony's struggles and death. How very like you to take the time and have the courage to speak of it publicly in order to help others. I have enjoyed working with you in building homes for my real estate customers. I have always trusted you and have known you give your best. You and your family are in my prayers. Faye Wilson

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**Faye Wilson** - July 31, 2009 at 01:17 PM

ED

“ To the Woltkamp family, the Emergency Dept at St. Francis hospital will keep Tony and your family in our hearts and prayers. Although he did not work directly with us, we feel St. Francis employees are our extended family.

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**Emergency Dept-SFHC** - July 31, 2009 at 11:42 AM

AA

“ With a heavy heart I extend my sympathies to the Woltkamp family. I attended Assumption and Hayden with Tony, and I have nothing but the fondest and funniest memories of Tony. He was always a good friend to me, and always had a hug for me EVERY time I saw him! He was always the happiest, outgoing, athletic kid with a heart of gold that you'd ever know. I lost touch with Tony after I left Hayden, but I thought of him still as one of the warmest and most genuine people I had gotten to meet in my journey. And I am blessed that God saw it fit to incorporate him into my life for the time he did. His life and death have sincerely impacted mine, he will be missed. My prayers at this time have been with those struggling with grief due to his loss. May you find peace.  
Amber (Chavez) Alonzo

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**Amber (Chavez) Alonzo** - July 31, 2009 at 11:04 AM

JS

“ Tom and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I only met Tony 2 times, once at one of our first class reunions, and when Mellisa and Nicole got together over a holiday break. Both times I thought of how much he reminded me of you at MPH, he had your same smile. I know how hard it had to be to tell his story the past few days, but I know it had to have helped another family deal with a loved one with Bi-Polar issues. Your strength is amazing and I hope you continue to find strength and peace knowing that you have helped others.

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**Jeannie Swalwell Schnellbacher** - July 31, 2009 at 10:57 AM

JZ

“ Darchelle, My heart goes out to you during this time. You have had such an impact on my parents lives for many years. You give so much to all around you, my hope is that you surround yourself with all the love and support everyone offers back to you. You, as well as the entire Woltkamp family, will be in my family's thoughts and prayers.

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**Jaime Zirkle** - July 31, 2009 at 10:11 AM

MB

“ Tom built the house "across the street" in Woodgate back in 1979 and I remember Tony when he was a young boy. My thoughts and prayers are with your family. God Bless you, Myrene Bears

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**Myrene Bears** - July 31, 2009 at 09:15 AM

LM

“ To Tony's family,  
Please know that I am keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers. I didn't know Tony, but he sounds like an awesome young man. I know you were all proud of him. I hope that your good memories will help ease your pain in time.

Sincerely,  
Linda Swalwell Martin

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**Linda Swalwell Martin** - July 31, 2009 at 09:04 AM

AW

“ Dear Family,  
I was a co-worker with Tony while he worked at the VA. I enjoyed talking with Tony while he was delivering medication to the wards. He always had a smile on his face and want to help when he could. May he rest in peace in God's loving arms

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**Anastacia Wilhelm** - July 31, 2009 at 09:04 AM

KW

“ To Tony's Aunt Linda and the rest of Tony's Family...Linda, you may not remember me but my sister, Terry (Wilson) was a friend of yours growing up at Holy Name and I remember you well. If she were here today I know she would be expressing her condolences. I want you and Tom and the rest of the family to know you are all in my prayers. I only knew Tony through some mutual friends but he clearly was very loved.

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**Kathleen Wilson** - July 31, 2009 at 08:57 AM

FH

“ Dear Tom - Please know that Tony's story has been and will continue to be so very special to us. The times we've shared our experiences as loved ones and caregivers of our sons who lived with similar daily confusing and at times insurmountable challenges, will always be special and close within our hearts. Perhaps we'll see real cures and solutions to balancing life in our life times. Please try to have peace of mind and heart.

*Fran and Alan Hug*

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**Fran & Alan Hug** - July 31, 2009 at 08:54 AM

DP

“ Dear Tom, Darchelle Woltkamp and Family; Michelle Berry and Family.

*I am very sorry to learn of the loss of your son, Tony. I will keep you and Tony in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Sincerely,*

*Donna Kraus Perry*

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**Donna Kraus Perry** - July 31, 2009 at 08:21 AM

TF

“ Our family lost someone very special in Tony Woltkamp. A light went out in our world. I will miss him terribly but not anywhere near as much as you, his immediate family. Oh, how I wish I could be there with you all to celebrate his life and to say goodbye. Please know that my heart will be there this weekend and you will all be in my thoughts & prayers. Love...Aunt Margie

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**To Tony's Family** - July 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ To Tony's family- I am a friend of his aunt Margie she talked often about him over the years. My prayers are with you at this difficult time. May God bless you. Terry

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**Terry Cavanaugh** - July 30, 2009 at 11:23 PM

TZ

“ Tony's family, I too was a classmate of Tony's at KU. He kept me company in class during my second pregnancy when I could no longer fit in the desks. I will always remember how he made me laugh and continuously asked how I was doing. He was a very caring man! He will be missed.

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**Tami Zimmerman** - July 30, 2009 at 10:48 PM

BN

“ Dear Woltkamp Family,

*I was one of Tony's KU Pharmacy classmates. He was an amazing person with a positive compass for everyone he interacted with. I remember hanging out in the library studying and joking. He is now above the pains and troubles of this mortal world, but he will be greatly missed! May God soothe your pain, but make your fond memories resounding.*

*Bradley J. Newell*

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**Bradley J. Newell** - July 30, 2009 at 07:28 PM

AM

“ *To the family of Tony,*

*I first met Tony at Kansas Rehab Hospital and kept in touch with him over the years. I will miss his incredible smile and beautiful face and laugh. He was just so dear to my heart.*

*May have rest in God's loving care now,  
Annette McElroy*

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**Annette McElroy** - July 30, 2009 at 06:55 PM