



## James Todd McRae

October 23, 1971 - September 28, 2005

James Todd McRae of Dock Landing Road was born October 23, 1971 and died September 28, 2005 in a local hospital.

Todd was an active member of Churchland Baptist Church where he served as a deacon, was a member of the Foundations Sunday School class, often ushered, and was on many committees. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from East Carolina University, Greenville, NC in 1994 with several honors. Following graduation, he became affiliated with Ferguson Enterprises, Inc. At the time of his death, he was Business Manager of the new HVAC Division.

He is survived by his wife, Melanie Smith McRae and two sons, James Rosser and David Patrick; his mother, Marsha Parker McRae; his father and step-mother, James Armistead and Greta McRae; his brother, Joseph Scott McRae; five step brothers and sisters; the in-law family of David and Trudy Smith; as well as a host of aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Todd was an avid sports fan and loved to play golf with his father, brother, and friends from both work and childhood. However, his happiest times were spent with his wife and "best buddies", Ross and Patrick. He will be remembered as an unselfish, easy-going, patient and caring man. Although his life was cut short, his successes will continue as he joins our Heavenly Father.

The family is most appreciative of the support given to Todd and to them by his Ferguson family, their church family, and a network of life-long friends.

A funeral service will be conducted at Churchland Baptist Church on Saturday,

October 1, at 2 p.m., by Rev. Lawrence B. Coleman and Dr. Dan Koger, followed by the interment in Meadowbrook Memorial Gardens. Visitation for friends will be from 7 to 8 p.m. Friday, September 30 at Loving Funeral Home, Churchland Chapel. Memorial donations may be made to: The Cancer Care Foundation of Tidewater, P.O. Box 3614, Norfolk, VA 23514. Designate for patient care.

# Tribute Wall



“ To the McRae Family and loved ones:  
My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.  
Todd was a good person with a good heart. He and I were  
classmates at ECU and shared several classes together.

Take care and God Bless -##imported-begin##John G. Jernigan,  
II##imported-end##

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October 05, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ I will always remember Todd as someone who you could truly count  
on for a kind word or supportive gesture. Through some of the  
most difficult times in college, Todd was able to rally the troops  
together and make us all laugh to break the anxiety. The Class of 94  
is missing a true friend, but as we all know Todd, Heaven gets to  
reap the benefit! My thoughts and prayers are with his  
family.##imported-begin##Jason Shirtz##imported-end##

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October 05, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ We at the ECU Department of Criminal Justice are sorry to learn of  
Todd's passing. Todd will be remembered as a devoted and hard  
working student, committed to earning his degree at ECU. You have  
our deepest sympathy and condolences.##imported-begin##Dr.  
Darrell L. Ross##imported-end##

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October 04, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ *To Marsha/family & friends:*

*I knew Todd in college for 4 1/2 years, as he was a very special person in my life during those times. Todd was very smart and had a wonderful sense of humor. He never showed his temper in any way and liked for everyone to be at peace with themselves and each other. He had a way of calming others down and making them think things through. He loved his family and friends as he often talked of them. He had a big heart and was alot of fun and was nice to everyone he met. He touched many people in this life-time in many ways and God Bless everyone who is suffering his loss, he will always be missed and remain a special place in my heart.  
Lisa Michelle Peacock###imported-begin###Lisa Michelle Peacock###imported-end##*

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October 03, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ *Melanie, Ross, Patrick, Scott, & Sissy:*

*Our thoughts and prayers have been with you for the duration. We think of you often and love you all very much. Please remember all of the happier times and know that Todd will always be watching over you. We are just a phone call away. May God be with you.###imported-begin###Betsie, Wil, Hunter & Harris Wilkinson###imported-end##*

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October 02, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Our deepest prayers are with you all at this very difficult time.

*David Smith and I have been co-workers and friends for many years now and it saddens us all to hear of your loss.*

*I know that you will find comfort in the loving embrace of God's love, secure in the promise of Todd's release from pain and for a life everlasting in Jesus Christ.*

*Again our thoughts and prayers are with all of your families.*

*Sincerely,*

*George, Diane, Kavan and Katie Gillespie##imported-begin##George Gillespie and family##imported-end##*

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October 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ This is for Marsha...I am so sorry to hear about your son. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Your old friend,

*Lynn Spencer##imported-begin##Lynn w. Spencer##imported-end##*

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October 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy on your loss of Todd. Many prayers have been spoken for your family - ours among them. We will continue to lift you up in prayer.##imported-begin##Cathy & Harry Liniger##imported-end##

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October 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Melanie, Ross, Patrick, Marsha, Scott and extended family; We extend our sincere sympathy in your loss of Todd. Our daily thoughts and prayers have been with you all during Todd's illness and we will continue to pray during this difficult time. We and all the Church family will miss Todd and his faithfulness to our church. He will not be forgotten. God bless your entire family. Love in Christ###imported-begin##Fulton & Ada Bradley###imported-end##

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October 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Melanie and Family,

*There are no words to express my deepest sympathy for you and your family. Todd was an amazing person. He touched so many lives; he will NEVER be forgotten. I feel blessed to have known him.*

*I pray during this time of loss, your heart is filled with wonderful memories of love. God bless you and your family.###imported-begin##Jasmine Henry###imported-end##*

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September 30, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Melanie,

*Mike and I want to express our condolences to your family. We, as well as the rest of the Ferguson, will always love you and remain your family. May God Bless You and the boys.*

*Mike and Jen Youssef###imported-begin##Jen Youssef###imported-end##*

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September 30, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mel,*

*We are so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Love,*

*Jimmy, Donna and Tyler Writesel##imported-begin##Donna  
Writesel##imported-end##*

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September 30, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am truly sorry for your loss. My thoughts will be with your family  
and friends.##imported-begin##Matt Lotito##imported-end##*

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September 30, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ *Melanie,*

*I can only imagine how you feel.*

*I pray daily for you and your family everyday and will continue to do  
so throughout the many days ahead.##imported-begin##Helen  
Ratcliff##imported-end##*

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September 30, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Melanie and boys,  
I am truly sorry for the loss of your husband and daddy. Its been a long time since I have spoken to you, however your loss is truly tragic and hits very close to home. I will continue to pray for you and your family during this diffucult time. Be assured that a man with such obvious faith can now serve the most awesome GOD in person. You will see him again, you can be confident of that. You are our sister in christ and we will be praying for you always!!!##imported-begin##Tim Morrison##imported-end##

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September 30, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ I am deeply saddened to hear of your loss. The entire McRae family will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Nicole Ardagna McGowan##imported-end##

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September 29, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Melanie,  
My heart is deeply saddened to hear of your husband's passing. Even though I am so far away from you, I send to you my love and support. Words can not describe the pain and loss that your family is feeling now.  
Todd was a wonderful husband and father to you and the boys. The memories and pictures will forever be priceless and he will live on though the eyes of your precious children. May God give you strength each day so that you can continue on your road of life.  
God Be With You Always,  
Kathryn##imported-begin##Kathryn Letsinger Wright##imported-end##

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September 29, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ *Melanie and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Todd was an exceptional person, a true gentleman with an amazing sense of humor. Todd will forever be in our hearts. Love Ryan & Susan* *###imported-begin###Ryan & Susan Andrews###imported-end###*

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September 29, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ *###imported-begin###Mr. & Mrs. Brian Atkins & Family###imported-end###*

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September 29, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers will continue to be with both families. In His Loving Name, Becky & Shawn* *###imported-begin###Becky & Shawn Journigan###imported-end###*

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September 29, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ *Melanie, I will keep you, your boys and your family in my thoughts and prayers. I was so sorry to hear of his passing. I will always remember his kindness and his terrific sense of humor. With love, Clare* *###imported-begin###Clare Seagraves###imported-end###*

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September 29, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Todd will be missed dearly but his memories will go on forever and ever. My deepest sympathy go out to all of Todd's family.##imported-begin##Jenny Obal##imported-end##

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September 29, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Mel,Ross,"Patche",and family;  
Words are very difficult to come by right now. Nat has kept us informed and we have prayed and will continue to pray for the strength needed to overcome this difficult time. Hold close to your heart all of your memories and remain strong for Ross and Patche. Above all, remember Todd is with our Heavenly Father keeping watch over all of you. May God continue to guide all of you each and every day.  
Love, Steph, Lisa, & "Chuck E.Cheese Crew"##imported-begin##Stephanie Thorne##imported-end##

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September 29, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ I worked with Todd for about three years at VA Beach Ferguson. He was with out a doubt one of the nicest people that I have met and will be missed. I just want to send my thoughts and prayers to the family.##imported-begin##JAMES GIBSON##imported-end##

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September 29, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Mel and children,you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Love,Ron and Bev Morrow  
DeBra's Mom & Dad##imported-begin##Ron Morrow##imported-end##

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September 29, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Words can not express the deepest sympathy that goes out to you and your family. Todd was a wonderful husband and father. Our prayers go out to you and your family. Seek comfort in knowing that Todd is now longer suffering and is at home in heavenly paradise with God, our Father.

Love In Christ,

Joe & DeBra Locke###imported-begin##The Locke Family###imported-end##

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September 29, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Melanie and family,  
Words do not come easy as anyone begins to deal with reality such as this. We do not fully understand the depth of this tragedy. May you take some comfort in knowing Todd was an incredible example for Ross and Patrick and they will carry on many of his precious traits. I can remember many moments during Foundations Sunday School class that Todd would quietly interject a small comment and it would stop the class with laughter. What an impact! Hold on tight to these small, happy moments. We love you and pray daily for brief moments that give you relief from the overwhelming grief.

Love,

Jan and Mike Monroe and family###imported-begin##Jan Monroe###imported-end##

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September 29, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Todd will always be remembered as a true gentleman. He was a pleasure to do business with, a person you wanted to help out. His sense of humor, his concern for others, his honesty and intergrity made Todd someone you wanted to be around. He will be greatly missed. My prayers and condolences go out to his entire extended family.##imported-begin##David Jaffe-The Joyce Agency##imported-end##

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September 29, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ I really don't have the words to say. Todd was an exceptional person and even portrayed that during his toughest times. My heart goes out to each person that Todd touched which is numerous. My thoughts and prayers will continue to be with each of you.  
In Christ,  
Allison Milam##imported-begin##Allison Milam##imported-end##

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September 29, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Marsha & Melanie - We are so sorry to learn of your loss. Todd will forever be in the hearts of those who knew him. We know how proud he made his family. The boys will always cherish their dad thru out their lives by all the wonderful memories you will share with them of the time you shared with Todd. God be with you all & give you strength. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.  
Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy,  
Dawn & Bill Ward##imported-begin##Dawn Ward##imported-end##

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