



## Todd J. Rock

April 28, 1981 - June 1, 2024

Todd Joseph Rock, 43, of Buffalo, MO. passed away suddenly June 1, 2024.

Todd was born in Somerville, New Jersey and grew up around Hillsborough, New Jersey. He graduated from Hillsborough Highschool Class of 1999 and participated in local 4H clubs. He attended the University of Missouri and received a Bachelor of anthropology from the University of Alaska Anchorage. While living in Anchorage he became interested in making Mead which became one of his biggest passions. He then graduated from University of California Davis with his Master of Brewing and continued this career with various breweries in California (Hanger 24), Missouri (Mothers Brewery), and as the founding Master of Leaky Roof Meadery. He was considered an artist with many accolades over the years and was also an accomplished judge at local Mead and Brewing competitions.

Todd is survived by his three children, Donovan, Jacob, and Delaney Rock of Buffalo (their mother Katie Shepard); his father David (Diane) Rock of California, MO; his sister Alex (Justin) Craig of Fayetteville, AR; nephew Sullivan and niece Remy Craig; uncle Brian Rock of Glendale, AZ; three first cousins, Mandy (Nathan) Brenner, Brianne (Nathan) rock-King, and Kristina Rock. Todd also had many local friends whom he considered family over the years.

He is preceded by his mother Sandra Rock; paternal grandparents, Stan and Marian Rock; maternal grandmother Helen Bates; maternal Uncle Stacey Bates and paternal Aunt Julie Rock.

Todd was an avid movie collector, with a movie always going in the background at the taproom and had the ability to recite movie quotes into most conversations. He attended as many concerts as possible, and his music tastes spanned many genres and connected him to many friends and family who were lucky enough to experience concerts with him. Among his belongings were ticket stubs to nearly every concert he attended from the Grateful Dead, the Rolling Stones, BB King, OzzFest, Metallica, Phish, Tom Petty and many others.

Todd, or ‘the Mead Master’ as many called him, lived his life so much like the Metallica song “Life is ours; we live it our way”. He was well known for his overalls and bandana and did not stray often from that attire. Todd was an extremely loyal person and was an animal lover.

Todd and his mother Sandra had a dream of “Meat for the Masses”. To help honor their lives please tell someone about Mead.

Family and friends gathering will be held on June 29, 2024, from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm at the Buffalo Event Center.

# Previous Events

## Family and Friends

JUN **29**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Buffalo Event Center  
205 S. Maple St  
Buffalo, MO 65622

# Tribute Wall



“ *The Greenwood Gearhart Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Todd J. Rock.*

**The Greenwood Gearhart Team** - June 13, 2024 at 04:38 PM



“ *The Greenwood Gearhart Team purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Todd J. Rock.*



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“ *My thoughts are with Todd's family and friends; condolences to all of you. I became acquainted with Todd when he attended U of Mo with my son Shawn; he would come to stay at our home in Nebraska during those college years, and I recall his energy and effervescent personality. In later years when we visited and vacationed in southern Missouri, Shawn and I enjoyed the tour he gave us of the meadery...and we again enjoyed his company.*

**Sheila Witte** - June 13, 2024 at 12:53 PM



“ *I had just met Todd from the vets club very much a gentleman very kind. May he rest in peace. Robin mier*

**Robin Mier** - June 12, 2024 at 07:23 PM