



## Timothy A. Downie

October 20, 1981 - March 1, 2015

Timothy A. Downie, 33, of Plantsville, son of Chuck and Sharon Sprouse Downie, passed away Sunday March 1, 2015 at home with his parents by his side. Born in New Britain, Timothy is a graduate of Southington High School, Class of 2000. Timothy was employed as a construction labor foreman and was a member of the Laborers' Local 230 in Hartford. He attended CCSU for several years before cancer set him on a different course. Tim's family and friends will never forget the remarkable strength, courage, faith, and sense of humor he displayed during his decade long battle with a terrible disease.

Besides his parents he leaves a brother, Thomas Downie and his wife Rebecca of Southington; his very beloved niece Kathryn; an uncle, Roger Downie and his wife Elaine of Winsted; an aunt, Janice Paradis and her husband Robert of Southington; cousins Liane Ringo and Alex Paradis; and his loyal dog Chester.

Calling hours will be on Sunday, March 8, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain, CT. Funeral services will be held Monday, March 9, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 145 Main St., Southington, CT. Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family in Oak Hill Cemetery, Southington.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the CT Brain Tumor Alliance ww

w.ctbta.org or the Yale New Haven / Smilow Closer to Free Campaign <http://www.giveclosertofree.org>. Please share a memory or note of sympathy with Tim's family by "clicking" SEND CONDOLENCES at the bottom of the page.

# Tribute Wall

AP

“ Dear Chuck, Sharon, Tom, Rebecca, Cathryn and the entire family - We are deeply sorry for the loss of Tim that you all have to bear. I remember when I first saw Tim, I had just started my practice. He had lot of energy. Sorry, we couldn't be at the wake. God bless you all.

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**Alkesh & Alpa Patel** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Dear Chuck & Sharon:  
I am so sorry for your loss. I just found out today.  
I only met your son once but he was such a joyful soul. There is nothing as sad as losing a child. I am so sorry I could not be there for you. My sympathy to your family.

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**Catherine Mastroianni** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Sharon, Chuck, Tom, Chester, Rebecca, Kathryn, family, and friends, My apology if this appears twice, I lost my first entry and am rewriting this. Words are hard to find in this time. We as humans have no way to understand why things happen as they do. What I do know is that Tim lives on in the hearts of each person whose life he touched, and he touched many in this battle he waged with that dread word. He had an endless sense of humor, he had spirit, he was unique in this world. So often it is hard for children to understand respect, but Tim did. I first met him at about age 10 as his Mom and I worked at the same place. Tim was bright-eyed, smart, and he held doors for his Mom and would always greet me as "Mrs. Samoska." One day I told him I would be honored if I could be his adopted aunt and to please call me Sharon. He made you feel welcome and it was an honor for me to meet this young child who I came to know over the years. He and Chester were such a pair! Tim took teaching Chester the manly things to do very seriously. Tim came to my home once as he was starting a lawn/garden business, and I had warned him of a pair of notorious sharp shinned hawks that visited my yard hard to believe that in a city setting. As one flew at him and Tim wondered for the safety of his shoes as fast as it was flying into the bushes, and then Tim said: "Golly, Mrs Samoska you surely do live in the wild here!" Tim said he would come to help me and Tim did come to help me. That's how he was. Our Sunday school children had a project of sending cards to special care folks and Tim was one of our very special care folks and the children and I shared prayers each week for him and his family. He told us how much the cards meant to him. It was equally important for us to send them to him as children shared with him and he let them know they made a difference in his life as he made in theirs. As I write this, I think of the song "On Eagle's Wings" and that is the song I would sing for Tim and his family, and those are the words I hold dear to them and in thoughts of Tim. He now is as strong as that eagle and he is shining, and his path has become golden. Tim will never die for he lives in each of us who met him. May the memories you shared give you strength, and may his humor continue to bring smiles as he would want that for you. With

*my sympathy, Sharon Samoska*

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**Sharon Samoska** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ *I have such happy memories of Tim - the bus stop, the puppies, ball in the side yard, neighborhood parties, school plays...the list goes on and on and all make me smile. I'm heartbroken for Tim, his family, his close friends and all who will miss his smiling face but am certain Tim's in a better place, happy and at peace. He will forever be loved.*

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**Mary Kogut** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ *Wow it was great to have Timmy as a playmate back in the day. I remember him walking through the woods and up our back steps to come get me to come out and play. We would spend hours searching for an adventure in those woods. He was a great friend. I was glad to have him be a part of it. He will be missed.*

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**Meghan Donohue** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Downie family during this difficult time. Tim was always such a sweet, funny, and loving person. We met at age 5 and like most of the Plantsville School kids we kept in touch through graduation day in 2000, and during our college years. I have fond memories of Tim from childhood birthday parties, high school parties, and of walking me to my car when I had night classes at CCSU and I was scared to walk alone. He was such a fighter during his long battle and will be missed by many.*

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**Amanda Sitar Malkowski** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

WG

“ Words can not express how saddened we are to hear of Tim's passing. Please know that we all loved him and will always be remembered as a wonderful friend to our children and a part of the family. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Much Love, the Gleason Family

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**Wendy Gleason** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Tim for once I am lost for words because there is nothing I or anyone can say to begin to explain the impact of your love and friendship has brought. I was lost at one point when you helped me threw my cancer and I will never forget the strength and love along with your silly faces. I am blessed to have ever had such a good friend who gave unconditional love something that rare to find. Tim you are a special soul who has touched many with your smile and way you lived life to the fullest. I love you and know I will forget you.

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**Rosalie Santana** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ Sharon, Chuck, Tommy and Becca -  
There are no words. We are overcome with sadness to learn of our Timmy's death. We are so sorry that Tim and all of you were dealt this hand. His death is a terrible loss. Brian and I treasure the happy memories of the good old days with Tim and Meghan, Molly and Polly. Tim taught us so much and always made us laugh. May God's peace comfort you during this most difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. With love, Kathy and Brian Donohue

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**Katherine Donohue** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Chuck, So very sorry for your loss, My thoughts and prayers are with you, and your family.

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**Robert Gomez** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM