

The full obituary is on the Minneapolis Star Tribune newspaper website:
www.startribune.com/obituaries/

The family would prefer that memorials be given to any of the following organizations in Todd's memory:

Shriners Hospital <http://www.shrinershq.org/>

Courage Center 3915 Golden Valley Road Golden Valley, MN www.couragecenter.org

Amputee Coalition of America www.amputee-coalition.org/

It is with great regret that we share that Todd Anderson, our colleague, friend, and inspiration, passed away August 18, 2010. We will miss him and his ability to open doors, lighten lives, and to spark a smile and a laugh.

Todd Anderson was born in 1960 and spent his years in motion. Whatever role he played, he was fully engaged, taking on new challenges, reaching for new adventures and experiences, and often leaving those he touched changed for good.

From an early age his path encompassed sports of every variety, and he enjoyed nature as a sportsman, adventurer and photographer. Most of all, he had a great passion for his family and all those he cared for.

His achievements included being an eight-time National Tournament Most Valuable Player and Hall of Fame Inductee for the National Wheelchair Softball Association, a record holder in the 200 meter run World Record in Gothenburg, Sweden, and membership in the United States Disabled Volleyball team from 1993-1994, and multiple awards for archery. He always pushed himself to improve, to go from good to great, and to help others enjoy and explore new activities.

Todd's education included a Bachelor of Science from the University of Wisconsin, a 1984 post-graduate certificate in Clinical Education from White Bear Lake, and in 1986 was certified as a Prosthetist by the American Board for Certification in Orthotics and Prosthetics. He was one of the first clinicians to be recognized as an Academy Fellow (FAAOP) in 2001, a reflection of his commitment to learning. He authored many respected clinical works, and presented to countless audiences.

Todd's career started in 1985 at Northwestern Artificial Limb and Brace in Minneapolis, MN. In 1989, he worked at Green Bay Orthopedic Company in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Next, he worked as the Clinical Manager at the Shriner's Hospital for Children in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He came to Otto Bock on August 16, 1999 as the Director of Professional and Clinical Services. He spent the intervening years building a Professional and Clinical Services team that delivers more than 400 educational opportunities annually. At Otto Bock, he most recently opened the Innovation Center and launched the concept of Cooperative Care. His unerring compass kept everyone around him focused on improving care and outcomes for people with limb loss and other physical challenges. As Todd himself said, he works for people with limb loss and other disabilities – he just happens to do that work at Otto Bock.

Todd also advanced the industry in other ways, including four years as a board member for the United States International Society of Prosthetists and Orthotists (ISPO), a President of the Minnesota Chapter of the American Academy of Orthotists and Prosthetists, and most recently served as the Secretary-Treasurer of the American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics and Pedorthics.

"Todd was the kind of person people loved to be around," said Kendra Calhoun, President & CEO of the Amputee Coalition of America (ACA). "Over the years, he made significant contributions as a member of the ACA --most recently at our Limb Loss Task Force Summit. He was a bright star. The limb loss community burns a bit less bright today without him."

"Todd Anderson was one of the most thoughtful, passionate men I have had the pleasure to know," said Brad Ruhl, President and CEO of Otto Bock HealthCare. "His leadership and dedication to others is already missed."

"Todd brought a unique perspective to all that he did, always serving as the voice of the patient, acting with integrity and honor. He brought humor and compassion to every aspect of our work," said Bert Harman, President and CEO of Otto Bock North America.

Todd touched a great many people on his journey, from schoolmates to teammates, from colleagues to close friends, and he will be greatly missed.