



Todd Erik Sawmiller

November 20, 1970 - March 19, 2026

Todd Erik Sawmiller, 55, died at his home outside Cripple Creek on March 19, 2026. He was diagnosed in January with advanced esophageal cancer. Todd was born November 20, 1970, in Lima, Ohio, to Terry Sawmiller and Suzanne (Kauffman) Wahrer. He grew up in Wapakoneta, Ohio, and graduated from Wapakoneta High School in 1989. He enlisted in the Marine Corps later that year. Having served in Desert Shield, Desert Storm and Somalia, he was honorably discharged in 1993. He was employed at various places in Ohio before relocating to Cripple Creek, Colorado, in 2012. He was employed by the Colorado Grand Casino as maintenance at the time of his illness. Todd is remembered as a great guy and friend to many. One of his greatest assets was his sense of humor, bringing laughs and smiles to everyone.

Todd is survived by his parents Terry (Jeannie) Sawmiller, Wapakoneta, Ohio; Suzanne (Terry) Wahrer, Cripple Creek, CO; siblings, Tracy (Tony Steinke) Sawmiller, Sherry (Ron) Werdebaugh; Shane (Michelle) Sawmiller, all of Ohio; and Amanda (Todd) Springfield, Arizona; sons, David and Jacob Sawmiller, Ohio; an aunt, Candy (Ray) Streeter, St. Louis, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and a very special friend, Shannon Owen, and her son, Dillon, Cripple Creek. He was predeceased by his grandparents, Carl and Echo Sawmiller and Ned and Pauline Kauffman of Wapakoneta, Ohio.

A graveside service will be held on Sunday, May 31, at 1:00 p.m. at the Greenlawn Cemetery in Wapakoneta, Ohio. A reception will be held at the

VFW Post 8445, 712 North Dixie Highway, Wapakoneta, from 2:00-5:00 pm.
Arrangements are being handled by the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory,
Wapakoneta. Memorials may be directed to the VFW Post 8445, Wapakoneta.
Condolences may be expressed at www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY 31. 1:00 PM (ET)

Greenlawn Cemetery
Presar Road
Wapakoneta, OH

Reception

MAY 31. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

VFW Post 8445
712 North Dixie Highway
Wapakoneta
Wapakoneta, OH 45895

Tribute Wall

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“ Amanda S. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Todd Erik Sawmiller.

Amanda S. - May 30 at 01:26 PM



“ May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,

May your memories of Todd Erik Sawmiller, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete.
I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom.
You will not be forgotten...
My thoughts
and prayers to the family of

US Marine Veteran, Todd Erik Sawmiller, is “A True American Hero”
God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life
for his friends. John 15:13 †

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - May 27 at 08:23 AM