



## Timothy Paul Ockler

March 5, 1965 - December 25, 2012

47 year old, Timothy "Tim" Ockler of Pana, Illinois formerly of, Anaconda Montana died Tuesday, December, 25, at 8:58 PM after an extended illness in Prairie Rose Health Care Center Pana, Illinois.

Timothy "Tim" Ockler was born Friday, March 5, 1965, in Missoula Montana the son of Robert C and Marilyn I (maiden name Tesson) Ockler. Tim spent his childhood years in Anaconda, a member Holy Family Catholic Church, he attended Washington Elementary School in Anaconda, and graduated from Anaconda High School class of 1983. He earned a bachelor's degree in Psychology from the University of Montana at Missoula. Tim was a social worker for the Modesto California Department of Human services. He married Stephanie Smothers, June 25, 1996, in Modesto California.

Tim is survived by his wife Stephanie Ockler and their sons Shomari and Malik Ockler all at home in Shiloh, Illinois, his parents Robert "Bob" and Marilyn (maiden name Tesson) Ockler, and sister Robyn Ockler of Anaconda, Montana, along with his two brothers Sean Ockler of Sioux City, Iowa, and Bill Ingalls with his wife Dianne of Modesto, California

# Previous Events

## Service

JAN 4. 1:30 PM (CT)

St Clare of Assi  
1411 Cross St  
O'Fallon, IL 62269

# Tribute Wall

TD

“ I played basketball in high school with Tim. We were ranked #1 in the state (Montana class AA at the time) for a good part of the season. He played extremely hard and I remember him for being a great shooter. RIP.

*Tom DeTonancour*

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**Tom DeTonancour** - January 15, 2013 at 01:20 PM



“ I graduated from high school with Tim and sat next to him in some of my classes. He was shy, quiet and very kind. Sorry does not seem to be the right word, find peace in your memories of Tim and know that he is no longer in pain. He will be with Pierre. I am sure that we all have memories and lessons from them both. He will live on in your hearts.

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**Peg** - January 14, 2013 at 08:17 PM

DS

“ *Stephanie, Shomari, Malik, and Ockler Family,*

*May God bless and keep you. May his light shine upon you during this difficult time.*

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**Daryl and Monique Spencer** - January 12, 2013 at 08:01 PM

SO

“ I don't even know where to start when talking about my brother and his meaning to my life. Long before he got ALS he was my hero. I loved to watch him play basketball. To me he was your Michael Jordan. I can say without a doubt that my true love of music came from Tim. He listened to everything. He didn't just listen to music. He knew the liner notes by memory. He was the reason I decided to become a radio announcer. He loved getting my air-checks in the mail to listen too! He's also the reason I love sports so much. He's the reason for many things I do and for the man I have become. He was such a bright spirit and full of fun. We loved to team up on our sister Robin to pick on her and tease her and wrestle with her when we were all young. He loved his sister Robin and he loved his brother Bill (Billy Bob) with all his heart. Tim felt the same way about Bill as I do him, as his hero. They had so much in common. I hope Mom and Dad know he LOVED them too! I could go on and on and on and on...but I'm crying now and will just say in closing that he loved me and I always knew that and he knew I loved him. I'm so glad he is at peace and that we are at peace too! It's sad but only for us. Thank you to Praire Rose for your great care of Tim while he was in your facility and thank you to Rhonda McAfee for your great love for my brother and being there for him all the years you were. You are an angel my dear! I'll never forget you Tim. NEVER!

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**Sean Ockler** - January 11, 2013 at 12:59 AM

JK

“ Jennifer Keltner lit a candle in memory of Timothy Paul Ockler



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**Jennifer Keltner** - January 10, 2013 at 04:52 PM



Matthew  
Ockler

“ I don't remeber meeting my Uncle Tim well, I was just a year old or so. I've talked to him on the phone before and about a year and a half to the day of his death I wrote him letters just about regular things like sports and how I'm doing. I knew that my uncle always had a smile on his face when you walked into the room and he enjoyed sports and music. He loved his music, which is ironic because I've always wanted to be a musician. I'll always remember my Uncle Tim, he was a nice and loving man. I love and miss you Uncle Tim.

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**Matthew Ockler** - January 10, 2013 at 08:46 AM

JM

“ Janice Madere lit a candle in memory of  
Timothy Paul Ockler



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**Janice Madere** - January 08, 2013 at 09:26 PM

JM

*This green candle represents balance, growth and harmony, all of which I experienced as a friend of Tim.*

*We began as colleagues as Case Managers for Stanislaus County, and it quickly developed into an amazing friendship. We shared music, poetry, and a true appreciation for life.*

*Tim introduced me to jazz and we'd have endless debates over which music was best, jazz or R&B. He loved a good debate. (all smiles) He loved jazz and I loved R & B. We eventually came to the conclusion that we could love both. Music swapping helped us get through our work day. Tim entered one of poems into a poetry contest and as a result it was published. (Thanks Tim, I'm still writing)*

*He's also responsible for my choice in living a healthy lifestyle. My most recent published nutrition book, was dedicated to Tim.*

*Tim saw in me, what I did not. I love and appreciate all that he brought into my life. I am a better person because of my friendship with Tim. Tim was the kindest and most loving person I've ever met.*

*Thank you my dear friend Tim, for bringing "richness" into my life.*

*Friends forever...*

*Janice*

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**Janice Madere** - January 08, 2013 at 09:48 PM

TF

“*From the bottom of our hearts love and gratitude to all of those who cared so well for Tim. We recognize what a loss this is for all of you as well as his family.*

*Sean Robert Ockler, Robyn Rene' Ockler, Billy Bob & Diannne Ingalls, Bob & Marilynn Ockler*

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**The Ockler Family** - January 08, 2013 at 07:22 PM

AW

*Tim was amazing man and i'm very lucky that i got to be a part of his life and help his family take care of him! He always had the most amazing smile/grin and it could brighten a room. I miss him alot but i know he went home and now hes having a dancing party with up there with all that "country" music : ))*

Ashlee Watson - January 14, 2013 at 12:03 PM

RO

“ *Robyn Ockler lit a candle in memory of Timothy Paul Ockler*



Robyn Ockler - January 08, 2013 at 07:17 PM

JH

“ *Judy Helton lit a candle in memory of Timothy Paul Ockler*



judy helton - January 03, 2013 at 09:30 AM

JH

*Karrie and I were very lucky to have you in our lives for 11 years thank you so much!!*

judy helton - January 03, 2013 at 09:31 AM

KR

“ *Karrie Kay Rhodes-reed lit a candle in memory of Timothy Paul Ockler*



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**karrie kay rhodes-reed** - January 02, 2013 at 03:09 PM



“ *My brother Tim was an amazing man. He love life even in his condition right to the end. He loved sports , music, and most of all his 2 boys.My wife and I had the p[leasure of Tim living with us when he first moved to California. The memories I have of this time is priceless. He would play with our son George for hours on end in our pool. We also spent lots of time playing music trivia games whenever we could. I took Tim to his first ever nfl game when the niners played the vikings his favorite nfl team and we had a blast.Tim prided himself in being able to recite every team name in division 1 and lots from divison 2 and three. His smile was so infectious and his laugh would really get me going. I always wished he could have been out here during his ilness so we could have spent more time together. Tim I love you and miss you very much. You better practice your jump shots cause i am going to beat you again at horse as soon as we meet again. R.I.P.*



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**BILL INGALLS** - December 31, 2012 at 06:40 PM

DH

“ *Debbie Herbord lit a candle in memory of Timothy Paul Ockler*



Debbie Herbord - December 31, 2012 at 08:51 AM

JS

“ *Jeremy Schafer lit a candle in memory of Timothy Paul Ockler*



jeremy schaffer - December 30, 2012 at 11:24 PM

BS

“ *Brittany Suter lit a candle in memory of Timothy Paul Ockler*



brittany suter - December 30, 2012 at 11:19 PM

RL

“ *Roger E. Lebon lit a candle in memory of Timothy Paul Ockler*



Roger E. Lebon - December 30, 2012 at 09:52 AM

ML

“ *Mason Lawler lit a candle in memory of Timothy Paul Ockler*



**Mason Lawler** - December 30, 2012 at 01:31 AM

SW

“ *Shanna Wieneke lit a candle in memory of Timothy Paul Ockler*



**Shanna Wieneke** - December 29, 2012 at 10:55 PM

JH

“ *Julie Hayes lit a candle in memory of Timothy Paul Ockler*



**Julie Hayes** - December 28, 2012 at 09:34 PM

HJ

“ *Haley Johnson lit a candle in memory of Timothy Paul Ockler*



**Haley Johnson** - December 28, 2012 at 07:33 PM

MG

“ *Melissa Goldman lit a candle in memory of Timothy Paul Ockler*



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**Melissa Goldman** - December 28, 2012 at 05:10 PM

DM

“ *Dwain & Rhonda McAfee lit a candle in memory of Timothy Paul Ockler*



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**Dwain & Rhonda McAfee** - December 28, 2012 at 02:07 PM

PP

“ *Patricia, Housekeeper At PRHCC lit a candle in memory of Timothy Paul Ockler*



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**Patricia, Housekeeper at PRHCC** - December 28, 2012 at 01:58 PM

CB

“ *Candis Beeson lit a candle in memory of Timothy Paul Ockler*



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**Candis Beeson** - December 28, 2012 at 10:22 AM

RL

“ Roger E. Lebon lit a candle in memory of Timothy Paul Ockler



Roger E. Lebon - December 28, 2012 at 10:17 AM

RB

“ Roy & Becky Billiter lit a candle in memory of Timothy Paul Ockler



Roy & Becky Billiter - December 28, 2012 at 09:36 AM

LJ

“ Lindsi Jones lit a candle in memory of Timothy Paul Ockler



Lindsi Jones - December 28, 2012 at 07:25 AM

LW

“ I am very grateful to have known Tim, despite his ALS he always had a beautiful smile and the most positive attitude. He will be missed by many and loved by all that knew him. RIP Tim



Laura White - December 28, 2012 at 06:28 AM

SS

“ Shelly Smith lit a candle in memory of Timothy Paul Ockler



shelly smith - December 28, 2012 at 05:51 AM



“ Stephanie Ockler lit a candle in memory of Timothy Paul Ockler



Stephanie Ockler - December 28, 2012 at 05:30 AM



*Babe, you are now free of all your confinements. Finally you can be at peace... I miss you, but I know you won't be far and that you will be watching over us. R.I.L.*

Stephanie Ockler - December 28, 2012 at 05:49 AM

BK

“ *i will miss seeing you at the nursing home. I will missing talking to you and your parents. You were truly amazing! Im honored to have known you for 9 years. Im glad that you are in a better place....you are loved by many and are very missed. R.I.P*



Baylee Klein - December 27, 2012 at 11:56 PM

AW

“ Rip Tim! I will miss seeing you and your family when I work....



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**angie worker** - December 27, 2012 at 10:53 PM

RL

“ Renae Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Timothy Paul Ockler



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**Renae Lawrence** - December 27, 2012 at 09:59 PM

RM

“ What a wonderful and courageous person. I am truly blessed for having known him for the past 10 years. He was always positive and helpful to others even in his situation. Thank you Tim for being my friend...life will never be the same without you. Until we meet again.

*Rhonda McAfee*

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**Rhonda McAfee** - December 27, 2012 at 09:56 PM

AA

“ Ana Adcock lit a candle in memory of Timothy Paul Ockler



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**Ana Adcock** - December 27, 2012 at 09:54 PM

BB

“ GONNA MISS TIM! HE WAS ALWAYS SO KIND AND CARING WHEN I WOULD GO AND VISIT HIM! ALWAYS INTERESTED IN WHAT WAS GOING ON IN LIFE AND ALWAYS GAVE GREAT ADVICE IN TIMES OF NEED! I STILL HAVE TIMS COOKBOOK AND STILL USE IT! HE WILL ALWAYS BE DEAR TO MY HEART! SO GLAD HE IS IN A BETTER PLACE! NO MORE SUFFERING TIM! RIP!

**bree beeson** - December 27, 2012 at 09:37 PM

CA

“ *Carole Klein Adams lit a candle in memory of Timothy Paul Ockler*



**Carole Klein Adams** - December 27, 2012 at 09:12 PM

VS

“ *Vicky Schaal lit a candle in memory of Timothy Paul Ockler*



**vicky schaal** - December 27, 2012 at 09:05 PM

SB

“ *Stacia Bennett lit a candle in memory of Timothy Paul Ockler*



**Stacia Bennett** - December 27, 2012 at 08:56 PM

MW

“ *Mary Wrachford lit a candle in memory of Timothy Paul Ockler*



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**Mary Wrachford** - December 27, 2012 at 08:45 PM

TJ

“ *Tom & Jamie Jeffers lit a candle in memory of Timothy Paul Ockler*



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**Tom & Jamie Jeffers** - December 27, 2012 at 08:27 PM

AC

“ *Angie Cothern lit a candle in memory of Timothy Paul Ockler*



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**Angie Cothern** - December 27, 2012 at 07:58 PM

RL

“ *Roger E. Lebon lit a candle in memory of Timothy Paul Ockler*



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**Roger E. Lebon** - December 27, 2012 at 06:13 PM

IB

“ *Ilene Billiter lit a candle in memory of Timothy Paul Ockler*



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**Ilene Billiter** - December 27, 2012 at 04:30 PM