



# Gregory M. Sodetz

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**G**regory (Greg) Martin Sodetz, 62, of Land O' Lakes Florida, passed away Sunday, May 21, 2023. Greg was born in Chicago Heights, IL on November 21, 1960.

Greg grew up in Homewood, IL and then moved to Naples, FL in 1984 and lived in Land O' Lakes, FL the last 16 years. He was a graduate of Illinois State University.

Greg was a golf professional in the early 80's. During the late 80's and 90's, Greg was a Charter Boat Captain in Naples, FL where he ran The Dalis among other charter boats. He loved taking tourists offshore fishing, and often commented that being a Charter Boat Captain never felt like work to him because he loved doing it so much. In 2000, Greg became a realtor and enjoyed rehabbing houses.

The last 3 years, Greg worked at Quail Hollow Elementary where he loved being part of the Quail family.

Greg is survived by his loving wife of 28 years, Jennie; his adoring children, Samantha of Chicago, IL and Matthew of Land O' Lakes, FL. He is also survived by his brother Mark (Perle Raidonis), sister Audrey (Joe) Samara, brother Steve (Nancy) Sodetz, and sister-in-law Lynn Wellman along with 5 nephews, Rick Darrow, Adam Samara, Ben Samara, Chad Samara, Brett Sodetz and 1 niece Brooke Sodetz.

Greg was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes at the young age of 9. He bravely managed his diabetes for 53 years and never complained, even though he took over 75,000 insulin injections over the course of his life.

When we remember Greg, we will remember how he loved watching his children's sporting events and was extremely proud of his children's academic accomplishments. Greg loved to fish, play golf, do puzzles and spend time working around the yard. He loved listening to Elton John,



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80's rock and alternative music and even appreciated a good country song now and then. Greg also loved watching the FL Gators football games. Most of all, Greg loved spending time with his family. During the last 5 months of his life, Greg showed us how unbelievably brave he was. He was an amazing, kind person who will be missed greatly. We all have been honored and blessed to have Greg in our lives. Sweet dreams, sweet Greg, until we meet again.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation  
[www.jdrf.org](http://www.jdrf.org)

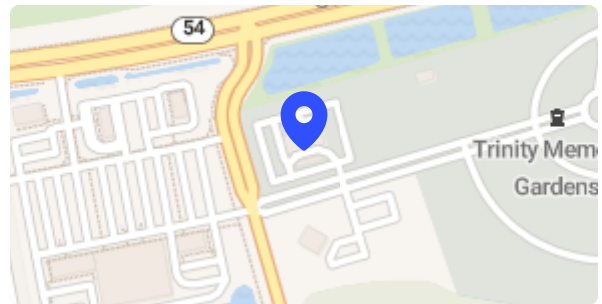


# Events

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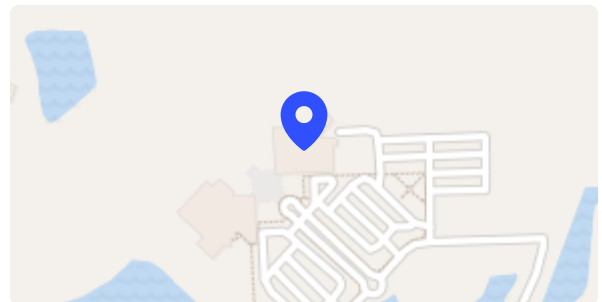
## Viewing

- Thursday**, May 25, 2023
- 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET
- Trinity Memorial Funeral Home**  
12609 Memorial Dr, Trinity FL 34655



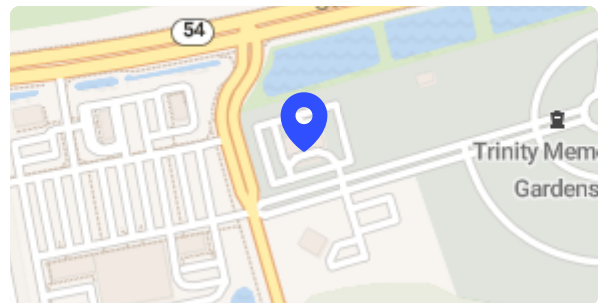
## Funeral Mass

- Friday**, May 26, 2023
- 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM ET
- St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church**  
9724 Cross Creek Blvd., Tampa FL 33647
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## Cemetery Details

- Trinity Memorial Gardens**  
12609 Memorial Dr, Trinity FL 34655





# Tribute Wall

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**Jennie Sodetz** lit a candle in honor of Gregory.

February 12 at 1:56 PM



**Angel Hernandez** lit a candle in honor of Gregory.

May 29 at 6:40 PM



**Angel Hernandez** posted:

While I never had the chance to meet Greg in person, I know he was loved by many and he will be deeply missed by many more. My children where students at Quail Hollow and loved the school; the care he took for the building and its staff and students was apparent. His wife, Jennie is the sweetest and I've heard from many people that Greg was just as lovely. On behalf of Pasco as a fellow employee and parent, thank you for your service to our community. For the family I pray you will have peace and comfort through this process. ~Angel Hernandez

May 29 at 6:40 PM



**Samantha Sodetz** posted:

Miss you and love you always, Dad. I'm so sorry we couldn't have more time together. I'll take good care of Zinnia like you took good care of Katrina and Bo.Love, Sammie

May 25 at 12:29 PM



**Jennie Sodetz** posted:

Greg I still remember the first day I met you...it was definitely love at first sight. You had a smile that would light up the room. You were such a loving husband and father. You are my best friend. Thank you for the best 28 years of my life. Remember, not even in death do we part. You will always be my soul mate. I will love you and miss you all the days of my life. Love always, Jennie

May 24 at 5:29 PM



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**Karen Holbrook** posted:

I remember Greg smiling and laughing as he came into my room and would hear my students talking. He was so kind to them when they asked him questions. We would be working in our garden and he would come over and see how he could help them weed and plant and explained the sprinklers to them. He was so kind and I'm praying for comfort and peace for your family.

May 24 at 6:44 AM



**Jennifer Lynch** posted:

I remember how Greg would always have a smile and kind words to say. He was so proud of his kids and his face would light up when he spoke of their accomplishments. He was a dedicated, caring and kind man. We were all blessed to know him and work with him at Quail Hollow Elementary. Praying that your family finds peace and comfort in the memories of wonderful times spent together. Wishing you well, Jennifer Lynch, Quail Hollow Elementary

May 23 at 8:06 PM



**Lora Darby** posted:

Greg touched so many lives in the very best way. I will always be thankful for his help with our school garden and the love he showed for our school pets, Franklin and Speckles. He was a kind and caring man, who was always willing to stop by at the end of the day to visit the pets, talk about the garden, and what our next steps would be to make it a success. I could not have done it without him. I'm grateful I got the chance to know him as both a colleague and a friend. I pray for peace for you and your family during this difficult time. Sincerely, Lora Darby, Quail Hollow Elementary

May 23 at 6:33 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Gregory by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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