

The passing of Todd Akin – October 3, 2021



William Todd (Todd) Akin, 74 (July 5, 1947- October 3, 2021)

The Honorable William Todd Akin passed away peacefully in his home on Sunday, following a long battle with cancer. His 24 years in public office were filled with the same faith, conviction, integrity, and humility that marked his private life. Todd grew up on a farm outside of St. Louis, the son of WWII veteran Paul Akin and Nancy Bigelow Akin. For a short time, the family moved to Concord, MA which sparked in Todd a passion for America's founding and cannons, passions that would stay with him his whole life. He was notorious at John Burroughs High School for his firecracker pranks.

Todd's survivors include his wife, Lulli Boe Akin; his mother, Nancy Bigelow Akin; four sons and two daughters; and 18 grandchildren.

He earned an engineering degree from Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Massachusetts. After working as a salesman for IBM, Todd returned with his wife, Lulli, to St. Louis and the family steel mill. In 1978, he became a Christian and soon after earned his Master of Divinity degree from Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis. During this time, he studied the principles of freedom established in America's founding, which fueled his desire to preserve those principles in public office.

Todd was elected to the Missouri House of Representatives in 1988. As a State Representative, Todd worked diligently to protect life, parental rights, and gun ownership. In 2000, Todd was elected to the United States Congress in Missouri's 2nd District where he continued to champion conservative principles. He was a member of the Science, Budget, and Armed Forces Committees, Chairman of the Seapower and Projection Forces Subcommittee, and co-chair of the House Prayer Breakfast. Todd was honored to receive the 2007 Distinguished Christian Statesman of the Year Award by the Center for Christian Statesmanship. Accompanying his rock-solid convictions, Todd demonstrated sincere respect for his colleagues and willingness to work with anyone toward real solutions.

During all this, Todd and Lulli found time to homeschool their four boys and two girls. At the bustling Akin home the days were filled with studying at the kitchen table, working in the workshop, attending political events, and building go-carts and tree forts. Five of the six children are married and Todd leaves behind 18 spunky grandchildren who have no end of fun with Todd's pet cannon.

Todd's humility and unwavering devotion to God, family, and country will long be remembered by those who knew him. Most importantly, Todd lived his life with this purpose: to glorify his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in all things. Please consider honoring Todd's memory and legacy by supporting Wallbuilders, Mission Gate Prison Ministry, and/or ThriVe® St Louis.

Services were held at Twin Oaks Presbyterian Church, Ballwin, Missouri. Visitation was held from 8-10:30 a.m. October 9, 2021. Service followed at 11 a.m.

Compatriot W. Todd Akin joined the SAR and the Fernando de Leyba Chapter on December 19, 2008. He became inactive on December 31, 2014. He served as U.S. Congressman for Missouri District 2 from 2000 to 2014. He was sworn in as an SAR Member during a 4th of July rally in 2009 held on the acreage at his home. He was the Keynote Speaker at the MOSSAR Annual Convention hosted by the Fernando de Leyba Chapter in 2011. Compatriot Akin became inactive after he lost the race against incumbent Democrat U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill.

His son Perry Akin said of him: "He was a devout Christian, a great father, and a friend to many. We cherish many fond memories from him driving the tractor at our annual hayride, to his riveting delivery of the freedom story at 4th of July parties dressed in the full uniform of a colonial minuteman. The family is thankful for his legacy: a man with a servant's heart who stood for truth."

