

Timothy John DRABIK

DRABIK, Timothy John 56, died October 12, 2015. Born in Gary, Indiana, to Elizabeth and John Drabik, he moved with his family to Merrillville, Indiana, as a child. Tim's love of science and innovation inspired him to pursue a career in applied physics. He received BS degrees in electrical engineering and mathematics from the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. Georgia Institute of Technology awarded him a MS degree in optics and signal processing and a PhD in electrical engineering. Tim began his career at Bell Labs. He taught electrical engineering at Georgia Tech for more than 10 years, receiving tenure and serving as research director at Georgia Tech Lorraine in France. After a year as a visiting associate professor at Stanford University, Tim choose to turn to the private sector and provided consulting and litigation support services. Over the course of his career, Tim received three patents and authored more than two dozen publications in archival journals. He also made seminal contributions in several areas, including liquid crystal microdisplay technology and optical interconnection for high-performance computing. In his personal time, Tim enjoyed spending time with his wife and their poodle, working on cars, and cycling, with cycling over the Alps being one of his cherished memories. He moved to Sonoma County with his loving wife in 2006. Tim's friends and family will remember and miss Tim for his generosity, quick wit, and infectious laugh. He is survived by his wife, Lauren Gudath of Petaluma, CA, and brother, Thomas Drabik of St. Petersburg, Florida. A memorial service to celebrate his life will be held on November 1st at 2:00 p.m. in Petaluma. Call 415-412-1554 for location information. Tim was a strong supporter of food banks. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the SF-Marin Food Bank, the Redwood Empire Food Bank, or the [charity of your choice](#) .

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