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Eldridge, Terrance

51, passed away on July 23rd, 2009. A 21-year resident of Mesa who was born in Phoenix, Terry leaves behind his wife of 24 years, Kris, and daughters Kate and Erin. The son of Robert and Ruth Eldridge of Scottsdale, Terry also leaves behind siblings Beverly Winter; Maureen Eldridge; Nancy (Keith) Markey; Timothy (Margaret) Eldridge; and Ann (Richard) Barker. He was preceded in death by his brother Robert Eldridge, Jr. A gifted engineer and employee of General Dynamics in Tempe, Terry graduated with a PhD in physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1985 following a B.S. in engineering at Harvey Mudd College in 1980. His remarkable career involved work on a number of high-profile aeronautic/aerospace projects and allowed him to recently form a successful consulting business. Terry's employment over the years brought him to Boston; Batavia, Illinois (where he worked on the world's largest superconductor collider at Fermilab); California; and Arizona. Recent honors include the Technical Excellence Award for outstanding contributions as a one of the best and brightest at General Dynamics. Although he had a noteworthy career, Terry's most significant achievements came as a loving husband to Kris, extraordinary father to Kate and Erin, and dedicated friend to many. Terry's family, friends, colleagues and neighbors always noted his gentleness, humor, kindness, reliability and genuineness of character. He effortlessly earned the respect of everyone he knew and influenced a wide range of people. He truly will be missed by everyone that his life touched. A celebration of Terry's life will be held Monday, July 27th at Red Mountain Church in Mesa, Arizona at 4:00 p.m., with a light meal to follow. The family asks that donations to the Salvation Army be made in lieu of flowers.

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