



Brian L. Christensen

February 7, 1969 - May 17, 2014

NORFOLK — Brian L. Christensen, 45, of Norfolk died Saturday, May 17, 2014, at his home. Memorial services will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk with inurnment at Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery and the Rev. Norman Nelson officiating. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Friday. Military rites will be by the United States Army Honors Guard, American Legion Post 16 and VFW Post 1644 of Norfolk. He was born Feb. 7, 1969, at Newman Grove to Wesley and Karen (Ward) Christensen Sr. He attended Newman Grove Public School and graduated from Newman Grove High School in 1987. After high school he served in the Nebraska National Guard from 1986 to 1993. He married Kari Koepke on Nov. 28, 1992, in Hadar. They had three children, Brittni, Brandon and Braedon. Brian and Kari lived for a brief time in Lincoln before settling in the Norfolk area. Brian was a loving and devoted father to his children. He enjoyed taking care of Brittni's fish, watching Nebraska football with Brandon and watching Braedon play with his Legos. While in Norfolk he worked at Beef America and Affiliated Foods. He dedicated himself to Affiliated for 18 years. He enjoyed yard work, gardening and his Trans Am. He loved cruising around with his kids, drinking his extra-large iced tea. He would blare his music so loud that the kids would tell him to turn it down, and he would just have this silly grin on his face and laugh and turn it up even louder. Survivors include wife Kari Christensen of Pierce; three children, Brittni Christensen of Lincoln, Brandon Christensen and Braedon Christensen of Pierce; brother Wesley Jr. and wife Brenda

Christensen of Hastings; four sisters, Cheryl and husband Scot Bailey of Anita, Iowa, Debb and husband Dave Peterson of Norfolk, Karri and husband Marty Cheyney of Stanton, Lynn and husband Cy Hill of Norfolk; uncle Butch and Aunt Barb of Lincoln; stepmother Joyce Christensen of St. Edward; and many cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by parents Wesley and Karen Christensen Sr., brother Paul David Christensen, maternal and paternal grandparents and cousin Tracie.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery - Norfolk

1950 N. 13th St.
Norfolk, NE 68701

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 23. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk
1200 N.13th St.
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Service

MAY 24. 2:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Stonacek Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Brian L. Christensen*



Stonacek Funeral Chapel - May 24, 2014 at 10:43 AM



“ *Brian L. Christensen*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ *Wes Jr lit a candle in memory of Brian L. Christensen*



Wes Jr - May 28, 2014 at 02:48 PM



*Psalm 23.
Wes*

Wes - May 29, 2014 at 08:23 AM

CB

“ No one will ever know the deep sadness that we are all feeling. We appreciate all of your thoughts and prayers. Please continue to pray for us. Brian you are our guardian angel and I will see you again when we are all reunited with Our Father.
Love you forever, Sis Cheryl

Cheryl Bailey - May 28, 2014 at 02:17 PM

SN

“ To the Family of Brian L. Christensen,
I'm very sorry about the death of your loved one. I wanted to share the scriptural hope that gave me so much comfort and I hoped it would help you also. The Bible shows that God did not intend for humans to die. (Romans 5:12). It also calls death an enemy. (1 Corinthians 15:26). God has made arrangements to remove death forever. (Isaiah 25:8). God has set a time when he purposes to resurrect our dead loved ones onto a cleansed, paradise earth. (John 5:28,29; Psalm 37:9-11). In the meantime, he promises to give us the inner peace to cope with our loss. (Philippians 4:7). Please go to jw.org to find satisfying answers from the Bible.
Sincerely,
Susan Novak

Susan Novak - May 24, 2014 at 09:51 AM

SK

“ Your whole family has my sympathies! Such a terrible thing for you all to go through. May you know that I am thinking of you all!

Sarah Korth

Sarah Korth - May 23, 2014 at 02:21 PM

KK

“ I remember the first time I met Brian. Kari brought him home and I made him a batch of my own recipe of cookies. They were green and hard as a rock. (I was pretty young) I plopped myself down by him and he actually ate two of them and kept telling me how good they were. I'll never forget that. He was always trying to make a joke out of everything. Brian you will be missed.
Koni

Koni Koepke - May 23, 2014 at 12:12 PM

CJ

“ I am so saddened to hear of your death Brian. You were such a happy kid growing up. My boys loved it when you came across the street to watch them. I know they talked you into doing things that we weren't to know about. You were such a brat!
I am so sad for your family because they now have to figure out how to go on without you and that is so devastating. I walked the same road and it is unbearable at times.
I pray for peace and comfort for your whole family as they try to make sense of this. Always lean on the Lord, he alone will get you through.
Be at peace Brian!
Connie

Connie Johnson - May 22, 2014 at 02:24 PM

MK

“ Mike Koehler

Brian, I am in shock and want you to know I miss you and can't wait to see you. You were the one who brought Kari and I back together again. That was just your style! You couldn't stand it when people fought and always encouraged people to 'get over it'. That is just one quality of many that you had that I loved.

I can't wait for the day when we can smile joke and laugh again. I miss making you laugh already.

Mike Koehler - May 22, 2014 at 01:26 PM

CT

“ I am sorry for your loss, Brittany, Brandon and Braedon, My family will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.
Chris



Chris Toltzman - May 22, 2014 at 12:14 PM

SL

“ I knew Brian for most of my life. He was a fun classmate, neighbor, and friend. I'll never forget the day he taught me how to drive a stick shift...we were in his mom's little red Ford Escort (I think it was an Escort anyway)...he showed me once and made me take over. I was so afraid I'd wreck his moms car, but he reassured me I'd be fine. He was so patient with me and oh the laughs we had! He will be greatly missed! May God comfort his family during this difficult time.

~Suzanne (Etling) London~

Suzanne (Etling) London - May 21, 2014 at 11:51 PM

RR

“ I am heartbroken as well - so very sad to see a life end so young - that smile of his was always captivating - you just never knew what he was up to. May God wrap His loving arms around Brian's family and friends that they may feel His healing touch and come to know the peace that only He can give! All my love to each and every one of you!
Renee and Rob Rose



Renee Rose - May 21, 2014 at 07:56 PM

FA

“ So tragic this young life was cut short. My condolences to Cheryl Bailey and all the Christensen family - Fran

Fran Ali - May 21, 2014 at 05:23 PM

TK

“ A friend, I can call you as we used to play in NG as your sister babysat us. I am thankful for the times we played together and sad that your life was so short. Look down on us and know the memories will live a lifetime.
Thomas



Thomas King - May 21, 2014 at 04:24 PM

CB

“ So very saddened to hear of Brian's passing. To his family n dear friends you have my deepest sympathy .Heaven gained a special angel that's for sure. Thoughts and prayers to all his family.
Crystal

Crystal Blaser - May 21, 2014 at 03:19 PM

JG

“ *Jill Godfrey lit a candle in memory of Brian L. Christensen*



Jill Godfrey - May 21, 2014 at 03:14 PM

CW

“ *Brian had a great heart and a great sense of humor. He was a pleasure to have as a guest and added something to everyone's experience.*
Clayton

Clayton Walters - May 21, 2014 at 02:40 PM

JG

“ *My deepest sympathies for the family of Brian Christensen. My thoughts and prayers for you all during this difficult time.*
Jill

Jill Godfrey - May 21, 2014 at 01:18 PM