



## Sgt. Christian D. Riege

March 3, 1973 - September 6, 2011

The funeral for Army Master Sgt. Christian D. Riege, 38, of Carson City, Nev., will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Zion Lutheran Church here with burial at 2 p.m. in the Page Cemetery. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Friday at the church under direction of Stonacek Memorial Chapel. The Revs. Marcel Kohlmeyer and Gordon Bruce will officiate. Military rites will be by the Nebraska National Guard Military Honors Team. He was one of four people shot Sept. 6, 2011, at a restaurant in Carson City. He was born March 3, 1973, at Torrance, Calif., to Rev. Lynn and Cheryl L. (Lamason) Riege, and graduated from Loveland, Colo., High School in 1988. He was assigned as the supply sergeant for the Nevada Military Department Joint Force Headquarters. Master Sgt. Christian Riege originally enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1992. He joined the Nevada Army National Guard as an M1A1 armor crewman in 1995. Working as both a tank turret mechanic and later a tank crewman, Master Sgt. Riege was assigned to Alpha Company 1-221st Armor in Yerington, Nev. For nine months in 1998, Master Sgt. Riege transferred to Bravo Company 1-134th Infantry of the Nebraska Army National Guard. Master Sgt. Riege returned to Alpha Company 1-221st Armor in August of that year. Upon returning to Nevada, Master Sgt. Riege was an M1A1 gunner and tank commander. He became a federal technician in May of 1999 and worked full time as a mechanic in Yerington. In 2004, Master Sgt. Riege deployed to Fort Irwin, Calif., for 22 months, where the 1-221st Cavalry performed the Opposing Forces mission and trained units deploying to Iraq and Afghanistan. When Alpha Troop

returned to Yerington, Master Sgt. Riege was hired as the troop's AGR supply sergeant. In April 2009, 1-221 Cavalry was mobilized to Afghanistan, where Master Sgt. Riege was the squadron ammunition manager and field ordering officer funds manager at the squadron headquarters at FOB Mehtar Lam in Laghman Province. Upon demobilization, he continued to work in Lima Troop until May of 2010, when he was transferred to the Joint Forces Headquarters supply sergeant position. Master Sgt. Riege's military education included the tank turret repairer course, the M1 armor crewman course, the wheeled vehicle maintenance course, the unit supply course, the primary leadership development course, the basic non-commissioned officer course and the quartermaster senior leaders course. His decorations include the Combat Action Badge, the Meritorious Unit Commendation with oak leaf cluster, the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Southwest Asia Service Medal and the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with one campaign star.

Survivors include his parents, Rev. Lynn and Cheryl L. Riege of Page; fiancée Stacia Green of Carson City; children Serrah, Erika, Sydne and Michael Riege of Yerington; two sisters, Nita and husband Gary Erickson of Norfolk, Larissa and husband Eric Caauwe of Page; nieces and nephews, Caleb, Devyn, Corinna, Cyrah; grandfather Col. (Retired) Jerry L. Lamason of Fallon, Nev.; great-grandfather Gerald R. Lamason of Page. He was preceded in death by grandmother Betty Lamason. Organist will be Mrs. Lynae Stelling with congregational hymns, "How Great Thou Art," "When Peace, Like A River," "Abide With Me," "Onward Christian Soldiers." Casket bearers will be the Nebraska National Guard Military Honors Team.

Norfolk Daily News Article: One of the four people shot to death Tuesday at a restaurant in Carson City, Nev., has ties to Northeast Nebraska. Tuesday's attack by lone gunman Eduardo Sencion, also known as Eduardo Perez Gonzalez, left four dead and seven injured. Sencion also killed himself. Three of the victims were Nevada National Guard members, including Sgt. 1st Class

Christian Riege, 38, of Carson City. He is the son of retired Rev. Lynn Riege and his wife, Cheryl, of Page. Rev. Riege formerly served as the pastor at St. John Lutheran Church of rural Pierce before retiring. His wife taught at several area schools, including Lutheran High Northeast in Norfolk. Funeral arrangements were pending Wednesday for Christian Riege, who is the father of four children. Also killed were Major Heath Kelly, 35, of Reno, and Sgt. 1st Class Miranda McElhiney, 31, of Reno. The other victim was Florence Donovan-Gunderson, 67, of South Lake Tahoe. She was married to a retired U.S. Marine Corp member. This is unquestionably the most devastating attack in Carson City's history," Carson City Sheriff Kenny Furlong said. "Our town was shocked to the core." At a press conference Wednesday, Brig. Gen. William R. Burks described the slain National Guard members as dedicated and active in their fields. Burks said Riege was a fitness buff who had also been in the Navy. Riege's military occupation was armor crewman, and he served in Afghanistan from 2009 to 2010. The rampage started just before 9 a.m. Tuesday, when Sencion stepped onto the pancake house parking lot from his blue minivan with a yellow "Support Our Troops" sticker on it. He immediately shot a woman near a motorcycle before charging into the chain restaurant. Witnesses said he had unloaded a magazine when he was still less than 12 feet from his vehicle. Seven people were wounded in the attack. Their names have not been released, but Furlong said Wednesday their injuries range from severe to extremely life-threatening. "Our hearts ache for all the victims of this senseless act of violence," IHOP Restaurants President Jean Birch wrote on Facebook after coming to town in the aftermath of the breakfast-time massacre. "The people of Carson City have also shown incredible support for the victims and IHOP's team members." The shooting happened roughly two miles from the state Capitol. Lawmakers, business owners and law enforcement officials in this close-knit, government-driven city of 50,000 struggled to understand what drove Sencion to turn an AK-47 assault rifle on his hometown. "It's unprecedented in Carson City history," said

Guy Rocha, retired Nevada state archivist. "People who live in Carson City have come from other places to get away from the large urban madness. . . . It finally came to Carson City. Family members told investigators that Sencion, 32, was mentally troubled, but he did not have a criminal history. He was pronounced dead at a local hospital hours after the mass shooting.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sgt. Christian D. Riege*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ *LYNN AND CHERYL,\r\n\r\n MY SINCERE SYMPATHY TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY IN THIS TIME OF LOSS!##imported-begin##STEVEN SLATTER##imported-end##*

September 20, 2011 at 11:22 PM



“ *We were shocked and saddened to hear of your loss. Lynn and I attended seminary together in St. Louis. We can only imagine the pain and sorrow you must be feeling. Know that our hearts and prayers go out to all of your family.\r\n\r\nIn Christ,\r\nGreg and Janet##imported-begin##Greg & Janet Stuckwisch##imported-end##*

September 16, 2011 at 10:36 PM



“ *Even though we did not know Christian personally, he sounds like he was a very special person; one who will be missed by many. So sorry for such a senseless act. Love to all.\r\n\r\nRon and Loretta Harralson##imported-begin##Ron and Loretta Harralson##imported-end##*

September 16, 2011 at 11:24 AM



“ Our thoughts are with you on this very sad time. Christian was certainly a very special man; you must all be proud to have had him in your family. \r\n\r\nRon and Loretta Harralson ( friends of Nita and Gary )###imported-begin###Ron and Loretta Harralson###imported-end##

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September 16, 2011 at 11:19 AM



“ My thought and prayer goes out to the Riege family. God Bless Betty Jo Martin###imported-begin###Betty Jo Martin###imported-end##

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September 16, 2011 at 10:02 AM



“ We heard this sad news because of the close proximity to SD and the military connection, but today found out it had Nebraska ties just like us. We just would like to say to the family & friends that we are so sorry about your sudden & tragic loss of Christian. We also would like to say a big THANK YOU for his honorable years of service. Even though we do not know him personally, he is one of our brothers serving his country proudly! We wanted to say thanks and hope you find comfort soon!!!###imported-begin###Loren & Jackie Kwapnoski###imported-end##

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September 15, 2011 at 09:17 PM



“ Lynn & Cheryl: So sorry for the loss of your son. You are in our thoughts and prayers, and we hope that all of the happy memories will bring some comfort and help ease your sorrow.###imported-begin###Gene Kelly###imported-end##

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September 15, 2011 at 02:46 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I used to hang out with Chris when we were alot younger and always thought he was a great guy, one that put him and his family first. I just wished I could have connected with him in our later lives to catch up on life. I am sure this is just seems so unfair to all of you, and it is. I hope all of you can find some kind of peace wherever it may be. Love Always Rest in Peace my friend. Shannon###imported-begin##Shannon Matheny-Gurule###imported-end##

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September 15, 2011 at 11:44 AM



“ Cheryl, \r\n\r\nI am so sorry for your loss. Words are inadequate. PLease know that you and your family are in my prayers. God bless and keep you always.\r\nBuddy###imported-begin##Bud Almas###imported-end##

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September 15, 2011 at 05:36 AM



“ You have my deepest sympathies. Words cannot do justice and give comfort in this incredibly sad situation. My thoughts are with you and your family.###imported-begin##Mindy McBride###imported-end##

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September 14, 2011 at 06:50 PM



“ God's peace to all of Christian's family and friends during this difficult time.\r\n"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble" Ps. 46:1###imported-begin##John & Joanna Nelson###imported-end##

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September 14, 2011 at 09:51 AM