



Brock D. Chase

August 16, 1985 - October 3, 2025

Brock Daniel Chase, 40, of Central City, NE, took his final bow on Friday, October 3, 2025. And if there's a party in heaven, you can bet he's already taken over the playlist, told a few wildly inappropriate jokes, danced like a white boy and challenged someone to an arm-wrestling match. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, October 11th at 2:00 p.m. at Third City Christian Church in Grand Island, with Pastor Dan Walter officiating. Visitation will take place the day of from 1 p.m. until service time. Interment will be held at a later date.

Memorials are suggested to the family to be designated later. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.soltwagnerfuneral.com.

Brock was born on August 16, 1985, in Auburn, NE to Katherine Oakley and was later adopted by Steve Chase — the man who raised him with love, wisdom, and probably a lot of patience. He grew up in Cozad, NE and eventually settled in Central City, where he found a version of calm (Brock-style, of course).

He was many things: a cowboy, a gymnast, a welder, a firefighter, a wrestler, a military veteran who served four tours in Iraq, a thrill-seeker, a father, a brother, a poet, a protector, a pain in the butt (lovingly), and the guy everyone wanted at their bonfire. His laugh could shake walls. His heart was even bigger than his biceps (which were Hulk-sized, for the record).

There was nothing Brock couldn't do: underwater welding, farming, horse riding, flipping, lifting, diving, surviving, tractor-driving — he mastered it all. If

you told him he couldn't do something, he'd laugh in your face and then do it twice.

He attended District 13 Country School (yes, it was literally a little red schoolhouse), graduated from Cozad High School in 2004, earned a welding degree from Southeast Community College in Milford, and later got his underwater welding certification in Seattle — eventually working with Miami Divers in Florida. He traveled the world with the military but always came back to his roots.

Wherever Brock went, he made memories — and usually a bit of a scene. He met Beth Sandau at welding school they became best friends and soon parents to Makhaia and Elara. In 2018 he married Chelsea Scheer, he became a father to Audryna and later, they had two sons Lennon and Oliver. If there was one thing that could keep him grounded, it was being a dad. He was proud of all his children. Each of his children knew they were deeply loved — even when separated by miles.

Brock had the rare gift of making strangers feel like old friends. You could meet him once and walk away with a story you'd tell for years. His sisters knew they could always count on him — protective, proud, and sometimes loud, but always present.

He is survived by his father, Steven Chase of Central City; Chelsea Chase and their three children of Central City; Beth Sandau and their two children of Maryville, MO; his sisters, Katie (Rosemary Hallett) Oakley of Bangor, ME and Shawnee (Logan) Williams of Central City; his grandmothers, Marilyn Chase and Janet Knipe of Auburn; nieces, nephews, and his loyal dog, Achilles. He was greeted on the other side by his mother, Katherine Oakley, and his “Papa” Wayne Chase — who we're sure had a pitch game and cold drink waiting. In his final year, Brock found peace. He reconnected with God, mentored fellow veterans, and turned his pain into poetry — earning recognition for his writing and becoming a light for others navigating PTSD and addiction. His journey was messy, wild, brave, and beautiful.

And yes — Marilyn, we all know he was your favorite. We're okay with it.

So here's to Brock: the cowboy, the soldier, the poet, the brother, the father, the friend. The legacy you leave behind is stronger than a Mighty Oak. May the road rise to meet you, may your next adventure be just as loud, and may there always be a seat for you at the biggest bonfire in the sky.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 11. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Third City Christian Church
4100 W. 13th Street
Grand Island, NE 68803

Funeral Service

OCT 11. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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4100 W. 13th Street
Grand Island, NE 68803

Tribute Wall

ST

“ Sherri T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brock D. Chase.

Sherri T. - October 18, 2025 at 06:15 PM

JB

“ Roxanne and I are so saddened to hear the news that we've lost Brock in a tragic accident. Our hearts go out to all of our family & friends. Brock will always be a Great Man, Dad, Husband, Veteran, Friend and American.
Brock is now with Kathy and my little Brother, Scott.
Here's a Toast!
God Bless Brock.
Jeff & Roxanne Banks

Jeff Banks - October 11, 2025 at 04:55 PM

EH

“ Elvira H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brock D. Chase.

Elvira H. - October 11, 2025 at 12:24 PM

TH

“ Travis Hugo purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of Brock D. Chase.



Travis Hugo - October 10, 2025 at 09:37 PM

TH

“ Travis Hugo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brock D. Chase.

Travis Hugo - October 10, 2025 at 09:37 PM

SD

“ It has been a few years but when I saw the news it broke my heart with the whole family. Im glad I was able to reconnect with Brock 10years ago and very sad to see he is gone. Sending my love, hugs and condolences to the family



Stephanie Doty - October 10, 2025 at 09:36 PM

SH

“ SSG Jason Hottell purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Brock D. Chase.



SSG Jason Hottell - October 10, 2025 at 06:18 PM

SH

“ SSG Jason Hottell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brock D. Chase.

SSG Jason Hottell - October 10, 2025 at 06:18 PM



“ Sweet Liberty was purchased for the family of Brock D. Chase.



October 09, 2025 at 12:24 PM



“ One of the best men I know. You helped me through my deployment, tried your best to keep me out of trouble. Helped me when I lost a loved one. I still tell stories about you to my friends and family.

G - October 08, 2025 at 07:34 PM



“ Chelsea, we were so sorry to hear about the accident. God's grace and mercy be with you and your family at your time of need. We are here if you need someone to talk to. You have our love and prayers. May God bless and comfort you and your kids with his love. Believe in the Lord and focus on the love of your family! God bless you Chelsea always. You are a great person, don't doubt yourself!! Love you.



Julie Reimers - October 08, 2025 at 05:11 PM



“ *My first deployment so I was scared but he was such a great leader and made it a smooth deployment always looking out for his soldiers.* ”



Rosalinda Yeverino - October 08, 2025 at 12:06 PM

ME

He was a great person to be deployed with RIP Condolences to his Family

mark eastman - October 09, 2025 at 01:23 PM

EL

“ *Ethan, Katya, Aiden, & Rafe Lambert purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Brock D. Chase.* ”



Ethan, Katya, Aiden, & Rafe Lambert - October 08, 2025 at 09:32 AM

LT

“ *Lobe palmer volleyball team purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Brock D. Chase.* ”



Lobe palmer volleyball team - October 07, 2025 at 09:34 PM

LT

“ Lobe palmer volleyball team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brock D. Chase.

Lobe palmer volleyball team - October 07, 2025 at 09:34 PM

JD

“ Thank u for being you and thank u for your service



Janet Doty - October 07, 2025 at 09:13 PM

KH

“ I had only met Brock one time and that was at Kathy's memorial service. I'm sure she was one proud Momma. As I talked to Steve, I learned he worked with my daughter Bryn at JBS. I got to talk to Brock for a short time and I can say I understand why people liked him so much.
My heart broke for his family (whom I've known my entire life), when Bryn called and told me news.
There are no words to truly express my condolences.
I hope the beautiful words, that I can only imagine came from his loving sisters, will bring you much peace. ❤️

Kelley Huffman - October 07, 2025 at 08:05 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brock D. Chase.*



October 07, 2025 at 03:22 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Brock D. Chase.

October 07, 2025 at 03:22 PM



“ Christopher R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brock D. Chase.

Christopher R. - October 07, 2025 at 02:37 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Brock D. Chase.*



October 07, 2025 at 02:15 PM



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DC

“ Deb Hoyt Steve's caregiver purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Brock D. Chase.



Deb Hoyt Steve's caregiver - October 07, 2025 at 12:29 PM

SD

“ SAFETY TEAM AND OCC HEALTH DEPARTMENT purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Brock D. Chase.



SAFETY TEAM AND OCC HEALTH DEPARTMENT - October 07, 2025 at 12:19 PM

SD

“ SAFETY TEAM AND OCC HEALTH DEPARTMENT planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brock D. Chase.

SAFETY TEAM AND OCC HEALTH DEPARTMENT - October 07, 2025 at 12:19 PM

LF

“ Love, Matt, Mary and Baldwin Families purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Brock D. Chase.



Love, Matt, Mary and Baldwin Families - October 07, 2025 at 10:38 AM

LF

“ Love, Matt, Mary and Baldwin Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brock D. Chase.

Love, Matt, Mary and Baldwin Families - October 07, 2025 at 10:38 AM