



## Tim Alan Christensen

May 26, 1960 - June 13, 2022

Tim was born on May 26, 1960 to Dean and Mona Christensen (Munn) in Central City Ne. He grew up on the family farm/feedlot. He attended Country School District 18 until 5th grade he then attended Central City Public Schools, graduating High School in 1979. While in High School Tim played football, wrestled, participated in Vocational Agriculture. He also boxed from an early age and played baseball and 4-H club, went camping and boating with his family in the summers and off to many boxing events.

While growing up Tim worked on the farm and boy, did he work. Tim had a huge work ethic. He always thought there's no time to be sick. He loved his horses starting at a very young age and always wanted a cow herd. He loved going to cattle sales with his grandpa Carroll. Growing up he was baptized in the St. Paul Lutheran Church. It was during his childhood years that he met the love of his life, Ann. They became High School sweethearts.

Tim joined the United States Marine Corps in 1979 following graduation. He left for training and was stationed at Mare Island Naval Base for a short time, after basic training. This is where he met Officer Nelson Dunkel who took Tim under his wing. He was like a father to him. He respected Tim so much he loaned him his very expensive sports car to drive. Tim then went on to Camp Pendleton CA for his first duty station. He went to Infantry Training School for Rifleman and earned a Sharpshooters Badge, Letter of Appreciation and a Good Conduct Medal. He was a Military Police on the base for a while.

Tim came back and married Ann (Campbell) on October 11, 1980 at the

United Methodist Church in Central City. Following the wedding Tim took his bride back to CA to start their life. There they lived in Fallbrook, CA for 11 months and then Tim was transferred to Camp Lejeune to be on the USMC Boxing team. This is where his boxing career took off. They remained there until his Honorable Discharge in 1982.

While Tim was in the USMC he had been on TV and gained exposure to the American Boxing Federation. They saw his talent and he was invited on boxing tours to Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Yugoslavia, Poland and Russia. Tim and Mike Tyson were on the same team for the Scandinavian countries tour. They were the only two that had won gold medals on the team and were in the Finland paper. Tim had over 200 bouts during his boxing career. Losing very few. Tim boxed on ESPN and National TV stations during his career. Won the ALL-Marines all three years in the Corps. Participated in the World Military Cup, losing to a Korean boxer.

After leaving the service Tim's boxing career continued. He qualified to train for the 1984 Olympic Trials and trained at the Colorado Springs Training Center for a month. He went on to the semifinals and lost to a split decision. Tim had an offer to go pro but we said no. This was retirement from boxing. Tim and Ann returned to Central City to the farm. They lived in Central City from 1982-1986. In 1986 they moved to Fullerton Ne where Tim managed the feedlot that they were co-owners in.

There they raised their three boys. Tim loved taking his boys out on the feedlot and show them how to work. He would tell them "you are going to muck stalls before you get to drive a tractor" Tim was the boy's 4-H leader for many years. He enjoyed taking them fishing. Tim enjoyed going to their athletic events and shouting from the stands. Tim really loved taking the boys to horse events he showed them that hard work and practice would pay off. Being a good father and grandfather was so important to him. He was so very proud of his family.

Tim had to retire due to his health condition and moved in 2016 to Richardson TX for a short time. 2017 they moved to Grand Island NE. For a short time,

Tim helped out at Franks boxing gym, teaching the young boxers. They bought a ranch outside of GI in 2018 so Tim could have his horses and hoping this would be good therapy for him. Tim remained there until his health declined and Ann could no longer care for him by herself. Ann was fortunate to be a nurse so this was a benefit for Tim. In 2020 Tim entered Lancaster Rehabilitation due to its affiliation with the VA. Due to the Pandemic Ann had limited access to facility which was hard on, both of them. In 2021 They sold the ranch so Ann could move closer to Tim to visit and monitor his care daily. Tim had many boxing and horse accomplishments. He developed a quality breeding program and had all registered Quarter Horses. He loved Cutting, Penning and Sorting with his horses and buddies. He also was a very good pool player. Tim always gave a 110% at everything he did. Loved to socialize. He especially loved being around his family. He loved the annual Munn family reunions. It was important to him. Tim was blessed with 2 grandchildren and loved having them come stay and taking them out to the horses, fishing, pulling them on the sled in the snow. Tim never knew a stranger. He's the guy who would pick up a hitch hiker. He always believed people needed respect and a chance in life.

Tim is a lifelong member of the American Quarter Horse association, Nebraska Cutting Horse Association for years. American Legion. Tim is a member of the United Methodist Church of Central City.

Those left to cherish his memories are his wife, Ann of 41 years, of Gretna; three sons, Grant (Lyndsey) Christensen of Monroe, Lance Christensen of Valdosta, GA, and Shane Christensen of Fullerton; grandchildren, Carter and Brooke; parents, Dean Christensen(Theresa) of Fullerton, Mona (John Elton) Christensen of Archer; his siblings, Kay Puckett (Andy) of Grand Island, Terry Christensen of Central City, Karla Christensen of Grand Island, Don (Judy) Daubert of Arizona; brothers-in-law, Larry (Debra) Campbell of Richardson, TX, Dan (Cindy) Campbell Benbrook, TX, Jim (Cindy) Campbell of Gretna; father-in-law, Dale Campbell of Central City; many beloved nieces, nephews

and cousins!

He was preceded in death by his sister, Kim Beiriger; grandfather, Albert Munn; grandmother, Gladys Munn; grandfather, Carroll Christensen; grandmother, LaVerne Christensen; and great grandparents.

Memorials are suggested to the Merrick Foundation in memory of Tim Christensen. Solt-Wagner Funeral Home is assisting the family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **21**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Central City United Methodist  
2601 18th Ave  
Central City, NE 68826  
(308) 946-2853

## Funeral Service

JUN **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

United Methodist Church, Central City

## Burial

JUN **22**. 11:15 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

Central City Cemetery  
Central City, NE 68826

# Tribute Wall

JP

“ My name is Jerry Wayne Patton and I served along side with tim at Mare Island, we shared the same cubicle together, I was in a conversation just a moment ago with a fellow veteran and I was sharing my memories at Mare Island and the story of my bunjie tim. I was saddened to do a Google search and discover Tim's early passing. Tim was an handsome young my an and trained everyday, we would often go on runs together. For all his children and future generations, I want you all to know Tim was well respected by the entire Marine Barracks, including the Commanding Officer Major Hoffman. Miss you Tim, your in my thoughts and prayers, your a great man , Tim.  
Love you my brother.  
Jerry Wayne Patton

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**Jerry W Patton** - July 03, 2025 at 01:39 AM

BC

“ Hi my name is Bill Caples, I was a Marine at Marine Barracks Mare Island in 1979-1983. I was on the same Mare Island boxing team as Tim. He was a good Marine. I'm came across this obituary by accident while searching on google. I'm am sad to hear this news. We were the same age... These old photos were from Mare Island 1980...  
Please accept my condolences 🌸  
Corporal Bill Caples USMC 1979-83



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**Bill Caples** - March 17, 2025 at 10:11 PM

JP

*Hey Marine  
Thanks for the photos and the memories.  
USMC Veteran  
Mare Island  
Barracks Duty  
Skaggs Island  
Nightmare Island  
Special Orders search every 6th vehicle inbound and outbound.  
I grew up in Sacramento and was so upset as my MOS was 0341, I got  
68 miles from where I grew up in Sacramento.*

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**Jerry W Patton** - July 03, 2025 at 01:43 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Tim Alan Christensen.*



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June 18, 2022 at 08:40 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Tim Alan Christensen.*



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June 17, 2022 at 09:07 PM

JL

“ Janet, Robin, Mitch & Hollie Larsen purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Tim Alan Christensen.



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**Janet, Robin, Mitch & Hollie Larsen** - June 16, 2022 at 03:46 PM

JT

“ jeff, gloria jill tagge purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Tim Alan Christensen.



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**jeff, gloria jill tagge** - June 16, 2022 at 02:46 PM

DW

“ Our Memories of Tim, are so great, visiting with him, when we would run into him at the Central city, Dairy Queen, talking about his family and his horses, he will be missed, by so many, the Angels are with him, our prayers and thoughts are with his family Don & Joyce Williams 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

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**Don & Joyce Williams** - June 16, 2022 at 12:05 PM

KH

“ Being a Boxing coach for years in Hastings Ne i had many fighters meet Tim in the ring and he was one of the best. Always a competitor and a really nice guy a friend i will always cherish. I liked to tease him about being a Jarhead(Marine) because i was in the Navy he would laugh and throw a punch or two and be smiling the whole time. When he was inducted into the Central City High School sports hall of fame we all made sure we were there it was an honor to be invited. He will be missed my friend and a great person rest in peace Buddy!!!

Kenneth Hatra - June 15, 2022 at 11:30 PM

TO

“ What a great person and inspiration my prayers go out to Ann and family

Tony.kohl@yahoo.com - June 15, 2022 at 09:42 PM

DS

“ Ann, Grant, Lance and Shane  
I am so very sorry your loss! Tim was truly one of a kind and so much fun to be around. I took this picture of him with Little Annie while we were out grooming all the horses. He was always so happy when we spent time with them. And our weekly trips to subway were always a blast. I'm so thankful I got to know him and enjoyed every moment with him. Prayers for peace and comfort. Donna



Donna Sine - June 15, 2022 at 08:12 PM

BF

“ *Sorry for your loss of Tim. Thinking of you all.*

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**Brad Fried** - June 15, 2022 at 05:50 PM

DF

“ *Most HEARTFELT SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY. SOMEHOW THE WHOLE WORLD SEEMS DEPOPPULATED*

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**Deb Friend** - June 15, 2022 at 03:52 PM