



Carl E. "Chris" Christensen

November 5, 1924 - April 15, 2015

Carl "Chris" Christensen, 90
Kearney resident

Carl "Chris" Christensen, 90, of Kearney, died Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at Mother Hull Home in Kearney. A graveside service will be held 10:00 a.m. Saturday, April 18, 2015 at the Kearney Cemetery with military honors provided by the American Legion Post # 52 and VFW Post # 759 in conjunction with the Nebraska National Guard Honors Team. The Rev. Scott Foster will officiate. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Mother Hull Home. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Chris was born November 5, 1924 in Wakonda, South Dakota to Carl P. and Edith S. (Nelson) Christensen. In the 1930's, Chris and his family moved to the Los Angeles, CA area where he attended Pasadena Junior College. While there, he perfected his craft of playing the trumpet. Chris served in the Army Air Corps from 1943 to 1946, stationed in Alliance, NE and Kearney, NE. Following his Honorable discharge in 1946, he was united in marriage to Mable Stephenson on June 24, 1946 in Phillipsburg, KS. They made their home in Owatonna, MN where Chris joined several touring bands in the

Midwest. After a short time in Norton, KS they moved to Kearney where he owned and operated Independent Appliance and Christensen Home Improvement. Chris continued his passion for music with the “Tommy Morgan Band” and as a founding member of the “Four Keys.” He was an active father, helping with several Boy Scout and Cub Scout campouts and activities.

Survivors include his sons, Dirk (Tresa) Christensen of Axtell and Mark (Sheri) Christensen of Milford; 4 grandchildren, Callan Christensen of College Station, TX, Stephen Christensen of Sheridan, WY, Caitlynn Christensen of Lakeland, FL and Madeline Christensen of Lincoln, NE; several nieces and nephews and former daughter-in-law, Denise Christensen of Kearney. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, first grandson, Matthew Cole Christensen; brother, Raymond and two sisters Mildred and Margaret.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I
Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 233-3244

Tribute Wall



“ *Carl E. "Chris" Christensen*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Dirk Christensen - January 19, 2022 at 03:06 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Dirk Christensen - January 19, 2022 at 02:57 PM



“ *Dear Christensen boys and your families...Edie (Crockett) Farm here. I have many memories of you and your dad. Having played keyboards with The Four Keys for several years, I can attest to your dad's musicianship and awesome sense of humor. He definitely was one of a kind, and I feel honored to have shared the stage with him. My sincere sympathy to you all.*

Blaine Crockett's mom writing from Farmington, New Mexico

Edie Farm - April 25, 2015 at 06:31 PM

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“ We will miss our dear Uncle Chris. We have fond memories of spending time with Aunt Mable and Uncle Chris during summers as we were growing up. We also have memories of camping with them and attending some dances at which he played for. Our prayers go out to his wonderful sons and their families. DeWayne and Sondra Dallen

Sondra Dallen - April 23, 2015 at 07:35 PM

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“ Chris was always full of smiles and a hug! I remember when he worked on my parent's family room. Chris and I would sit and eat "cookies" (Newton cookies) during his break! I remember looking forward to seeing him each day, talking about the weather, and always being greeted with a hug. My condolences to his family. Chris was a wonderful person, a dear friend, and will be missed by all.

Ashley Fie-Salinas - April 22, 2015 at 10:27 PM



“ Chris was such a dear man. I have fond memories of him and my dad playing in the Tommy Morgan band and also when he remodeled our family room and shared his fig newtons with our Ashley. I am sure Daddy and he are making great music in heaven. God Bless You All

Connie (Luce) Fie

Connie Fie - April 17, 2015 at 11:57 AM