



Chad Lenz

August 12, 1979 - June 27, 2010

Chad Lenz, age 30, of rural Carroll, Iowa, died Sunday, June 27, 2010, at West Lake Okoboji, Iowa.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 7 P.M., Thursday, July 1, 2010, at St. Lawrence Church in Carroll. The Celebrant will be Father Timothy Schott. Lectors will be Angie Hunt and Ross Pudenz. Gift Bearers will be Chad's siblings, Scott Lenz, Julie Vessel, and Janelle Lenz. Mass Servers will be Reed Knobbe, Ryan Knobbe, and Miriah Masching. Eucharistic Ministers will be Maury Lenz and Bev Bruning. Casket Bearers will be Tom "Zip" Masching, Brandon Snyder, Eric Steinkamp, Joel Tigges, Mike Kroeger, and Wes Bierl. Private graveside services will be held Friday at Holy Family Cemetery in Lidderdale.

Visitation will be from 4 P.M. until 7 P.M. Thursday at St. Lawrence Church in Carroll. In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorials be left at the Church in Chad's name.

Chad was born on August 12, 1979, at Carroll, Iowa, the son of Ray and Carol (Meehan) Lenz. He attended Christ the King School and graduated from Kuemper High School. He then received a business degree from Des Moines Area Community College in Carroll. On December 27, 2003, he was married to Sara Pudenz at St. Lawrence Church in Carroll. The couple made their home north of Carroll and Chad was co-owner of the Lenz Insurance and Real Estate Company and was active in the family farm operation. He was a member of Holy Family Parish at Lidderdale. He enjoyed his family and

friends, boating, snowmobiling, slow pitch softball, playing golf, and Nascar racing. Chad was an active member of his community. He loved life and lived life to the fullest, always trying to help those who needed help.

Survivors include his wife, Sara Lenz of Carroll; his children, Madeline Lenz and Jack Lenz at home; his parents, Ray and Carol Lenz of Carroll; a brother, Scott Lenz and wife Jodi of Carroll; his sisters, Julie Vessel and husband Paul of Edina, Minn. and Janelle Lenz of Ankeny; his father and mother-in-law, David and Nancy Pudenz of Auburn; brothers and sisters-in-law, Ryan Pudenz and wife Angie Hunt of Ames and Ross Pudenz and wife Hanna of Durand, Wisc.; and nieces and nephews, Carolyn Vessel, Amelia Vessel, Taylor Pudenz, and Troy Pudenz.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Edward and Lillian Lenz and Floyd and Grace Meehan.

Tribute Wall

TR

“ Dear Ray, Carol and family of Chad! Words inadequate at this time, Know we are WITH YOU in Spirit and Prayer and LIFT YOU DAILY to the Lord!

Tony and Carol Reuter - July 07, 2010 at 12:39 AM

SI

“ Sara, Madeline, & Jack; Ray & Carol; Scott & Jodi; and Chad's Sisters; Co-Workers at the office and on the farm; & Friends, We all continue to feel your sadness and keep you in our thoughts and prayers. Thinking of Chad's smile, may it embrace you and give you as much comfort as possible.
Thinking of you... Schenkelberg Employees

Schenkelberg Implement - July 03, 2010 at 12:10 PM

KI

“ My deepest sympathy to the family of Chad Lenz. Although I did not know Chad well, it is apparent he was truly a blessing in everyone's life he touched. My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family. He will be missed by all. Rewarded for his good work, have comfort knowing he is now with our Lord and keeping watch with the angels in Heaven.

Kraig Klopfenstein, Auto-Owners Insurance - July 01, 2010 at 07:47 PM

CH

“ Sarah, Madeline, and Jack, please accept my sincerest condolences. I am so sorry for your loss and am sending prayers your way. May you find strength from your friends, family, and faith.

Carrie Hansen - July 01, 2010 at 04:19 PM

DF

“ Our thoughts and prayers will continue to be with all of you at this difficult time.

Daryl , Lisa Rohe & family - July 01, 2010 at 02:58 PM

KA

“ Words can not express the sorrow I feel for you and your entire family. Being a friend of Sara's from college I saw first hand how very happy Chad made her. He was a wonderful person. I pray that God gives you the strength you need to get through each day and may you find comfort in all the love and support of your family and friends.

Katie Ahlers - July 01, 2010 at 02:50 PM

SS

“ I did not know your family at all, we have never met. I was on the lake that day tho, I cried & felt so heartbroke for the family left on the boat. my deepest sympathies to all.

seth schaefer - July 01, 2010 at 10:32 AM

DF

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Please know that your family will be in our thoughts and prayers in the weeks and months to come.
Jim and Donna Friel

Donna Friel - June 30, 2010 at 09:19 PM

KV

“ Dear Ray, Carol, Sara and the entire family, plus all friends,
Please accept our deepest sympathy on the death of someone that
was obviously very, very special and dear to all of you. Although I
didn't know Chad personally, it still saddens me. I grew up in Breda
and know of many of you who have lost someone that you loved so
very much, and I am so sorry. Please know of my prayers for the
immediate family and all of you affected by the loss of of this great
man! Kim(Heisterkamp; daughter of Butch and
Kay)Vandendriessche; Cedar Falls, Iowa Class of '78

Kim (Heisterkamp) Vandendriessche - June 30, 2010 at 07:29 PM

SS

“ Sara, Madeline, and Jack and family,
My heart is breaking for you. I am sending so many prayers up for
you all. May God give you peace.

Sara Skinner - June 30, 2010 at 01:47 PM

JS

“ Sara- I am so sorry for your loss. You and your children are in my
thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May you find comfort
in your family and friends and faith.

Julie Larsen (Van Slyke) - June 30, 2010 at 01:26 PM

JD

“ Lenz Family,
My thoughts and prayers are with your family during this time.
I will always remember Chad and his infectious smile. I don't ever
recall that man being in a bad mood.
He will be greatly missed.
Dukes

John Dukes - June 30, 2010 at 01:12 PM

KP

“ Lenz Family, please accept our sincerest condolences. We are so sorry for your loss. My husband and I are on the Arnolds Park/Okoboji Fire Department and the Underwater Search and Rescue Team and we were working the call Sunday and Monday. Please know you will continue to be in our thoughts and our prayers.

Kara & Kevin Pernick - June 30, 2010 at 12:11 PM

JW

“ Our deepest sympathy on the lose of your husband, father, son, brother. Your family will be remembered in our prayers.

John & Diane Walsh - June 30, 2010 at 11:41 AM

TA

“ Please accept my sincere condolences in your recent loss. I work at the NC office of Prestage Farms and know Ryan. There are no words that truly comfort in a situation like this, but I do believe with all my heart that your loved one is at peace with God. Please know that my prayers are with all of you. God bless.

Terrie Anders - June 30, 2010 at 10:58 AM

JK

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Chad was a wonderful person to work with. Honest, hard working and always smiling. We will miss him here at CWG. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your families during this extremely difficult time. It is not always easy to understand God's way's. Feel comfort in knowing you now have another angel in heaven looking out for you.

Janet Kean - June 30, 2010 at 10:09 AM

SM

“ Sara and family,
I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Love, Susan

Susan Hall Manda - June 30, 2010 at 10:07 AM

CW

“ I am so saddened by your tragic loss. Please be assured that I will
be keeping you in my prayers and thoughts.

Clay Winterboer - June 30, 2010 at 10:07 AM

SZ

“ To all the family and especially my dear friend Carol, my heartfelt
sympathy.

Sharon E Zimmerman - June 30, 2010 at 09:20 AM

BP

“ Though I did not know your family, I would like you to know you are
in my prayers. Losing the love of your life is a terrible tragedy.
Always remember, Chad will be looking down on you and he will
always be in your heart, when the sun is glowing, and the stars are
shining, know Chad is smiling and sending his love.

Brenda Perrigo - June 29, 2010 at 10:15 PM

TB

“ Ray and family...I am so sorry to hear about the loss of Chad. He
meant the world to my friend Mike and his two girls. He will be
missed, but is resting in his new home. I said a prayer that my Mom
(Gayleen Kennebeck) will welcome him with open arms and take
care of him until you all can meet again. Prayers and Thoughts
Doug and Doreen Bender and Family

The Benders - June 29, 2010 at 09:15 PM

EW

“ Dear Sara and Family, I am a sorority sister of Sara's and I just wanted to let you know I am praying for your family during this difficult time. I pray God may be close and hold you tight in his tender and loving arms. There are no words to express my deepest sympathies. We will continue to be in prayer. May God be with you,
Erin Wetherbee-Port

Erin Wetherbee-Port - June 29, 2010 at 08:45 PM

BE

“ To the family of Chad Lenz. My deepest condolences goes out to you. It is a difficult time for you and you all have been strong through the efforts of locating Chad. I am Lieutenant on the Spirit Lake Fire Department and was one of the water rescue team members out on the lake during the initial call and during search on Monday. Our thoughts are with all of you during this difficult time.

Bill Erb - June 29, 2010 at 07:20 PM

BD

“ Our family is deeply saddened to hear of the very tragic loss of your dear Chad. Hoping that you will find some comfort in knowing that Chad is and always will be at never-ending Peace. God's Blessings to all who loved him. The family of Dennis and Laura Ann Danner

Beth Danner - June 29, 2010 at 04:06 PM