



Chad Highland

July 07, 1973 - October 19, 2024

Chad Micheal Highland was born July 7, 1973, to Steve and Kathy Highland and joined his older brother Kevin. Nevada, IA was home for Chad, where he was baptized and confirmed at Memorial Lutheran Church, and graduated from Nevada High School in 1991.

After graduation, Chad attended Northern Iowa Area Community College on a football scholarship. In 1993, he proudly enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, committing to a 4-year term. As a Corporal, he served as a telephone technician and participated in Desert Storm. Upon his honorable discharge, he was awarded the rifle marksmanship badge, the national defense service medal, and the good conduct medal. Shortly after, Chad returned to Nevada and welcomed his first daughter Madilyn in 1998, and Eden in 2001.

The legacy of Chad began by being named junior firefighter 1976, and honored by being crown bearer for the Nevada High School Homecoming royal court of '78. While Chad was in High School, he lettered in football, wrestling and baseball, and spent his summers detasseling and roguing corn for Frank McLain in Nevada. In 1997, he began working for Automatic Systems in Ames as an electrical engineer, and was there for 27 years. In early 2024, Chad started a new adventure owning and running his own bar, Starlite Lounge, in Colo.

During his career, he spent his free time coaching both his daughter's softball teams and his youngest daughter in wrestling. Chad continued his love for football by volunteering to coach at Nevada High School, and was head coach of the Iowa Hawkeyes and Pittsburgh Steelers every weekend while pacing in his living room. He is remembered by all his players not only as a coach, but a mentor and lifelong friend.

Those surviving Chad are his daughters Madilyn and Eden, brother Kevin (Paul), and mother Kathy. Aunts Kari (Lynn) Tevepaugh, Peg Highland, Beth Highland, Julie Highland, and many cousins.

He is preceded in death by father Steve Highland, grandparents Wilma and Olaf Highland, Claudine Brown and Arthur Evans. Great grandparents Blanche and Claude Pittman, Art and Ida Evans and Cecile Rasmussen. Great great grandmother Carrie Erickson. Uncles Thor and Charley Highland. Great aunts Donna Pittman and Mary Evans. Great aunt and uncle Cleo and Jo Rasmussen. Cousins Matthew and Joey Highland.

We all have learned many life lessons from having Chad in our lives.

Celebration of life for Chad will be held Saturday, October 26th at Gates Memorial Hall (825 15th St) in Nevada. Visitation will begin at 1:30 pm, with a memorial service to follow at 3:00 pm.

Events



MEMORIAL SERVICE

3:00 PM

Gates Memorial Hall
825 15th Street,
Nevada, IA 50201



VISITATION

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

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Tribute Wall

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JoAnn Rivera

I send my deepest sympathy and love to Chads family as they grieve the loss of their dear son, father, brother, and nephew.

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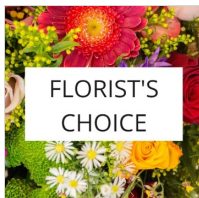
Julie Zussman

My baby cousin Chad was born the year I graduated high school. He was such a darling toe-headed boy with lots of athletic talent and energy. May his memory be a blessing to us all but especially Madi, Eden, Kevin (Paul) and Kathy? Julie Hibbs Zussman



Derek Nash

Chad, you are one of the funniest people I've ever met! I loved hearing your stories and your unsolicited opinions about the world. You made ASC fun:)



"Florist's Choice Bouquet"
was purchased for the family of Chad Highland



Tribute Store

Show your support with flowers



A tree was also planted in memory of Chad Highland.

C

Chuck Emblen

Chad was my gruff but very experienced trainer when I started working with him in June 2015. Over the years I counted on him for knowledge that only years of work could provide. Best wishes to all family and friends.

L

Lynn and Kari Tevepaugh and Peg Highland

We love and will miss you Chad. Fly high and enjoy being with your dad , Grandma, Charley and Thor.Uncle Lynn and Aunt Kari and Aunt Peg



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A memorial tree was planted in memory of Chad Highland.

S

Sandy Heintz Gross

Chad , Chadlich, Badger Boy... you had many nicknames . Growing up on 4th street , we had it better than anyone else in town ! Motorcycles , sledding down dead man's hill and of course Ray Mathis! You were pretty much a permanent fixture at the Heintz house , but then again what's one more kid in the house ! I must confess I was jealous of your bond with my brothers and do remember telling you often " Chad go home " These memories are life treasures Chad, I hold close to my heart. " Chad go home " god has new plans for you ?

M

Monteka dungy

I was Chads caregiver the last few months and never a dull moment we ended up getting close as I do with all my clients but he was different. He sure knew how to turn a frown upside down with his sarcasm. He will be missed prayers to Madi and his other daughter and family hugs to you girls!



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was lit in memory of Chad Highland

❤ Light a candle

Show your support by giving a symbol of remembrance

T

Tammy McDaniel

Chad had the best smile and it says it all...what a great guy. Hugs to all family. Thinking of you.



Kris Cook

My thoughts and prayers to the family. Chad was good man with a big heart.



Joni Nyguard

Sending prayers for Chad's family and friends at this difficult time. ?

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Barbara Cantwell

So sorry for your loss prayers for you and your family

B**Brian Lee**

Too many memories of hanging out at Steve and Kathy's and rebuilding the deck on the back. Steve still called us the 'bender brothers' until I graduated since we couldn't seem to hammer one single nail in straight. So many wrestling and baseball memories, too many trips to "the beat club" in the Lil' Red and painting our faces like the Ultimate Warrior during Basketball season to cheer on our buddies. You will be truly missed, my friend! My heart goes out to the family.

J**Julie Highland**

This is a good picture of Chad. He always had that impish grin that I will always remember.

K**Kim Gibson**

Ever since I moved to Nevada, Chad instantly became one of my best friends. We never left each other without saying "love you, bye". He was a loving dad and friend who wasn't afraid to tell you how it was. He took my boys under his wing and had a lot of talks with them about life. I love you Madi and Eden like my own and I will always be there for you. In color Chad, in color buddy. This is a sad love you bye, but you will live on in my heart. I am so glad to have you in my life. Until next time!

**Connie Mourlam Burtnett**

Condolences and prayers to Chad's family.

E**Eric Barkema**

Had a lot of fun with Chad in college. So happy I ran into him a year ago.

**Donna Borton**

So sorry, my sympathy to the family. ??

**Linda Robertson**

So sorry for your loss ??

**Jane Evans**

Our sympathies to the Highland family! ??

J

Julie Liberty

Fly high Buddy! I can't believe you're gone... I'm gonna miss our road trips to Eagleville to buy you a case of chew and smokes for me. Gonna miss those drives and our great conversations. I'm truly gonna miss you Buddy!



Mary Jo Weeks Kellogg

Thoughts and prayers for Chad's family and friends. Will miss his crazy posting. Remember all the good time.

T

Thomas Norman

RIP Chad Highland Never Forgotten! First time I met you when starting at ASC instantly friends. The hand shake followed by thank you for your service



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Gary Vasey

Sad to hear the news of Chad's passing! Proud Veteran! Group of former students/athletes getting together at the passing of Tony Hakes father. RIP Coach V



Sherry Berry Sinclair

So so sorry for your loss, he was always smiling, I enjoyed Chad when I saw him. Hugs and prayers for you all.



MaryAnn Heintz Gardner

Sympathy to all Chad's family and many friends???

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Julie carlton

As new members to the Nevada community Chad welcomed our family on Third Street Place. He made our kids transition very easy. He was a great neighbor and friend to our family. So sorry about his loss! Mark Julie Zach Tyler and Jamie Carlton



John Gini Gerlach Potter

Our sympathy to the Highland family and to his friends ?



Shirley Klonglan

Our sympathy to Chad's family!



Amy Vinzant

Thoughts and prayers for all

D

Dave Steinick

I'm so sorry to hear of this. I met Chad at the Lutheran Lakeside Camp on the shores of East Lake Okoboji in roughly 1985 or '86. We were fast friends, and we had an absolute ball! Back then he looked like a young Nick Nolte, long blond hair, somewhat gravelly voice for such a young man, and a rather sturdy frame. I had the pleasure of visiting him in Nevada where his mother was kind enough to put me up for the weekend, and we roamed around town like good old hoodlums having a blast with some of the other friends. I only remember a few first names, Mike... Jenny... and some other girls that I had such a crush on, and then we drifted apart. Chad and I reconnected on social media several years ago, and I enjoyed some fun chats back and forth. I'm truly sorry to hear of his passing, and my heart goes out to his mother, brother, children, and all of his friends and family. Rest in peace, ole pal. You'll absolutely be missed.

C

Cindy

My condolences to Chad's family. He was a neighbor down the street until he moved. While working at central, I remember Maddie and Eden. I just saw Chad a few weeks ago, having a nice conversation with him.



Kimberly Mitchell

Darn it. So young.



Linda Taylor Shickell

My sympathy to Chad's family. ??

S**Sara Sara Sampson**

Oh Chad, although I didn't get the opportunity to know you as well as I would have liked, I loved you from afar! I loved all upper classmates, lower classmates. No matter what my classmates were my home! The familiar faces?? I will never forget you and your friends coming out in your football gear and dress suit jackets and serenading us all to that good old song you lost that loving feeling ? to this day I still have never been able to listen to that song without thinking about that so thank you for that memory ?? I have memories of the red truck that used to drive around in I know how special you work for people and I have no doubt that you touched many lives in the best ways thank you for your service and you sir are a legend that will never die my prayers go out to your family you and your friends and your classmates

**Deb Rasmusson**

Sending sympathy to Chad's family, may loving memories bring comfort and peace.

T**Traci Bugely**

Thoughts and prayers for chads 2 girls and his mom Kathy and brother Kevin.he was always pleasant to talk to and be around.Fly high up there with your dad

D**Donovan Billingsley**

I have memories of Chad in high school and working for Frank McClain. Rest in peace.

**Paula Atkinson**

Thoughts and prayers to the Highland family.

**Leanne Farrington**

You have our deepest sympathies.????

**Anne Gray**

So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

**Jennifer Wallace Clemens**

I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my prayers. I'm so happy to have gotten to know him.



Heather Powell

Prayers ???



Gundersons

Sincere condolences to Kathy, Kevin, Madi, Eden and to all who called Chad their friend. Chad was a good lifelong friend and will be greatly missed.



"White Florist's Choice"
was purchased for the family of Chad Highland

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Erika Choate

Chad and family lived a couple houses down from us for awhile. He was a helpful and kind neighbor. It was evident his family was important to him. My condolences to his family, especially to Madilyn and Eden. May the memories warm your hearts. ????



Kristy baker

I met Chad at Tree Town country music festival him and his buddy Andy it was great time ! They made all of us breakfast and I remember his stripes bin overalls he was a hoot. So sad to hear of his loss so young prayers to his family and friends ?



Connie Griffin - Swatek

So sorry for your loss Kathy. Sending prayers to you and your family



Jodi Wilkening

Prayers and thoughts of comfort to family and friends ?



Grace Smith

So very sad to hear this news. Chad was like a big brother to me from middle school until we graduated high school. I spent a lot of time in his basement on 3rd Street Place and lord knows we explored every single gravel road in Story County (well, almost). One of my last memories of us is when we sang "Islands in the Stream" at karaoke night at the Fox 1 Lounge in Ames. I was "overserved" and Chad and a couple others had to carry me inside where my parents greeted us :D. I wish I could have seen him one last time. Rest easy, ol' buddy. Kathy, you and the family are in my prayers.



Joyce Mack

Prayers for the family 🙏



Sherri Robertson Smith

Our sympathy to Chad's family.



Connie Hand

🙏🙏 to the family.



Mistie Casiano

This is sad.

J Jami Tharp

Oh Chad, where to even begin. I knew you for as long as I can remember. You were always a friend to me and your brother worked for my mom for so many years. You were like your dad, he never met a person that he didn't get a long with and no one was ever a stranger to him. Your spunk and joy for life will be missed. Rest easy cousin (distant yes, but a cousin nonetheless). We got this from here.



Helen Starbuck

Prayers for the family 🙏🙏

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A Memorial Tree was planted for Chad Highland

We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Rasmusson-Ryan Funeral Home & Crematory - Nevada
