



Anthony Craig Christensen

June 15, 1965 - August 4, 2020

Anthony Christensen

Our community sadly lost a great firefighter and citizen on Tuesday, August 4, 2020, when Firefighter Anthony Christensen, favorably known as Tony, passed away from Covid-19. Tony served the citizens and visitors of Naples for over 22 years as a Naples Fire-Rescue firefighter and member of the special operations Technical Rescue Team. He truly made a difference in the Naples community receiving multiple lifesaving awards, mentoring firefighters to be servants of the community and taking care of any stray animal he encountered. He left an imprint on everyone.

Tony was 55 years old, born June 15, 1965. He graduated from Pompano Beach High School in Pompano Beach, Florida Class of 1983. Tony was a 2nd generation firefighter, his father Morton Christensen (deceased) was a firefighter in Peoria, Illinois who also worked with the State's Fire Marshal office. Tony is survived by his wife Diane Desmonds Phillips, his mother Jetta Christensen, sisters Lori Barker and Lisa Carpenter, several nieces and nephews, stepchildren Robert Phillips and Joleen Maxwell, along with their wives and children and his family at the City of Naples Fire-Rescue department.

Tony's legacy will live on in the hearts and minds of everyone he interacted with, as well as those he has never met. He was the true definition of a giant

teddy bear. The Memorial Service will be a traditional fire service ceremony scheduled for 1100 hours, Saturday August 8th, 2020 at Cambier Park.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 6. 12:00 PM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services Inc. - Fort Myers, FL
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Fort Myers, FL 33901
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Visitation

AUG 7. 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

AUG 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

Cambier Park
755 8th Avenue South
Naples, FL 34102

Tribute Wall



“ *Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Anthony Craig Christensen*



Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services Inc. - August 06, 2020 at 11:17 AM



“ *Anthony Craig Christensen*

October 09, 2023 at 02:01 AM



“ *Anthony Craig Christensen*

January 28, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ *Very sorry to hear of this heroic firefighters sad passing..Robert Fergus..retired Youngstown Ohio Fire Dept Engineer local#312*

Robert Fergus Ret.Engineer - August 12, 2020 at 04:16 PM

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“ To the Naples Fire Department and Tony's family: It is very difficult for many civilians to comprehend the closeness of the fire Department employees as they work, live, suffer and laugh together. That being said our department has lost a son. We can and will move on but we will never get over this loss. We are all extremely sad. God bless you all.
Tom Smith, Fire Chief, Retired.

Tom Smith - August 08, 2020 at 11:23 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy and prayers. Aunts and cousins lose touch at times, but our hearts are with you. What we have seen and watched, what a great man he was. So sorry for your loss.

God Bless
Pam Hafziger (Aunt)
Kellie Davidson (Cousin)

Kellie Davidson - August 07, 2020 at 06:25 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Anthony Craig Christensen.



August 07, 2020 at 06:18 PM

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“ *The Southwest Florida Labor Council purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Anthony Craig Christensen.*



The Southwest Florida Labor Council - August 07, 2020 at 06:07 PM

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“ *Tony lived across the street from my family. I remember how he was a counselor/mediator to my boys and I when we were going through growing pains, he always had a calming, sweet demeanor and would always say hello when he was out in his yard. He used to have a riding mower, and cut the grass for neighbors, board our dog when on vacation, I cannot tell you how much he did for others. He will be sorely missed, there is a hole left that cannot be filled, no more friendly hellos, how you doing, from Tony. He is in our hearts. I cannot understand the pain his wife, Diane and her family are going through. He had a pure heart and he found a partner in his wife who has such a sweet loving heart too. We are so sorry for your loss.*

Linda Drogue - August 07, 2020 at 04:13 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Anthony Craig Christensen.*



August 06, 2020 at 04:38 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Anthony Craig Christensen.*



August 06, 2020 at 11:04 AM



“ *165 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services Inc. - August 06, 2020 at 10:56 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Anthony Craig Christensen.*



August 06, 2020 at 10:18 AM