



*In Loving Memory Of  
Steve Christensen  
February 6, 1943 – March 21, 2025  
Beloved husband, devoted father, and cherished grandfather*

Steve Christensen, 82, passed away Friday, March 21, 2025, at home.

Born February 6, 1943, in Audubon County, Iowa, Steve grew up with a strong sense of family, faith, and community. He dedicated his life to supporting his family, being a friend to many, and building a lasting legacy of hard work, devotion, faith, and love.

Steve was baptized at Ebenezer Lutheran Church and attended the one-room schoolhouse in Douglas Township through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. He was an active member and leader in his 4-H club for 10 years. Steve graduated from Audubon High School in 1961 and went on to earn his BS from Northwest Missouri State University in 1965. During his time at N<sup>W</sup>M<sup>S</sup>U, Steve founded the AKL Fraternity chapter, which continues to thrive today. He was a devoted lifelong fan of the N<sup>W</sup>M<sup>S</sup>U Bearcats, the Missouri Tigers, and the Kansas City Chiefs. He was a charter member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Kearney and held several committee and officer roles there over the years.

Steve shared a beautiful 59-year marriage with his devoted wife, Adylene, whom he loved dearly and was the love of his life. They met through their respective Lutheran church youth groups, becoming sweethearts as teenagers. Together, they created a home filled with warmth, laughter, and unconditional love. Steve was a proud "girl dad" long before the term became popular. Adylene and Steve raised 3 strong, independent women, Gwen Mayes, Jenni Skiba, and Nanette Stout. Steve was a steady presence in their lives, always offering wisdom, support, and a listening ear. He was actively involved in their growth, instilling financial literacy, guiding them through 4-H projects, and teaching farm management. Steve found satisfaction in the crackle of a good fire and was a steadfast supporter of his daughters throughout high school and beyond, remaining actively engaged in their professional careers, always cheering them on with unwavering pride and love.

Steve's role as a grandfather brought him immense joy, and he embraced it with unwavering love and dedication. Whether cheering from the sidelines at athletic events, applauding proudly at school plays, celebrating milestones like graduations and confirmations, or sharing special moments at college family weekends, Steve's presence was a constant source of encouragement and pride. Steve would proudly wear the hats of all his grandchildren's schools. His 8 grandchildren will forever treasure his captivating stories, infectious humor, and affection.

Steve worked as an accountant at Farmland Industries for over 30 years in 3 different states. He was respected for his dedication, hard work, and integrity. Following his retirement, Steve worked at Vocational Services Incorporated, an organization focused on helping special needs adults, for over 10 years. Steve also owned and operated Holt Mini Storage for over 25 years, providing trusted service to those in need of storage solutions.

Outside of work, Steve found joy in square dancing, where his warmth and lively spirit shone. He was known to gift yellow rock hugs generously. He and Adylene spent 25 wonderful years with the Ramblers Square Dance Club and proudly served on the National Square Dance Convention Board, welcoming over 2,000 dancers to the Kansas City Convention Center in 2018.

Steve and Adylene loved exploring the U.S., enjoying the New England coast and the deep historical ties to the beaches of Hawaii to the wilds of Alaska. Yet some of their most cherished getaways were to Branson and Silver Dollar City, where they found joy in lively shows, endless entertainment, and simply being together.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Adylene Christensen; daughters, Gwen (Curt) Mayes, Jenni (Chris) Skiba, Nanette Stout; grandchildren, Gretchen (Jake) Shrewsbury, Jensen Mayes, Delany Stout, Thomas Skiba, Caroline (Ryan Wilmes) Mayes, Brock Stout, Jack Skiba, Samuel Skiba; great-grandchildren, Eleanor Shrewsbury and Juliana Shrewsbury; brother, Delbert (Mary) Christensen; brother-in-law, Byron (Holly) Clemens; nieces and nephews, Melanie (Randy) Larsen, Jason (Tracie) Christensen, Katie (Jon) Merk, Alyssa (Tom) Roberts, Alex (Lindsey) Clemens; godchildren, Michelle Hjelle and Brett Nissen; and many extended family members and dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents Marion and Dagny Christensen; in-laws, Russell and Jane Clemens; son-in-law, Stacy Stout; and sister-in-law, Beverly Clemens.

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***Funeral Service***

*Tuesday, March 25, 2025  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
Kearney, Missouri*

***Officiant***

*Pastor Drew Newman*

***Music***

*Special Selections*

***Burial***

*Fairview Cemetery  
Kearney, Missouri*

***Pallbearers***

*Jensen Mayes Thomas Skiba Brock Stout  
Jack Skiba Samuel Skiba Jake Shrewsbury*

***Honorary Pallbearers***

*Brett Nissen Jason Christensen Alex Clemson  
Gretchen Shrewsbury Delany Stout Caroline Mayes*

*Jesus answered him, "I am the way the truth, and the life.  
No one goes to the Father except by me.*

***John 14:6***

*Steve truly loved numbers. He lived for 29,996 days, over  
43 million minutes, and nearly 2.6 billion seconds. The  
alignment of those numbers—43 for his birth year and 2.6  
for his birthdate—was an accountant's dream of perfect,  
ticked-and-tied figures.*