



# Christopher Travis Mortensen

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**C**hris Mortensen (Christopher Travis Mortensen) passed away unexpectedly on the morning of February 20, 2025 in West Valley City, Utah. Chris died peacefully in his sleep of natural causes. Chris left us way too soon into his loving Heavenly Father's arms at 53 years young.

Chris was born on August 28, 1971 in Sat Lake City, UT to parents Bruce R Mortensen and Regina "Gina" Kip. He graduated from Kearns High School in West Valley City, UT. Chris was a very talented artist, painter and wood carver having done cherished commissioned works for many people. His specialty was drawing dogs as he loved animals and especially dogs. Chris was also a very talented bowler, bowling in various leagues and having recently just bowled a "300" game.

Everyone who knew Chris will remember him for his overwhelming compassion and empathy for others. Chris was very simple and always put others first in his life and would do absolutely anything for anyone. His door was always open and he welcomed anyone and everyone with an open heart, listening ear and desire to help. Chris exemplified Christ-like attributes and behavior in everything he said and did. Chris never turned away anyone (including a stray animal) in need. He had unconditional love for everyone.

Chris was preceded in death by his father, Bruce Mortensen and his beloved dog "Gumpy" who was waiting for him on the other side. Chris is survived by his mother Gina Mitchell, step father Glen Mitchell, brother Shane Mortensen, half-sister Ashley Mortensen, several step-siblings and his sweet dog, "Fred", who is now in his mother's care.

Funeral services for Chris will be held on Monday, March 3, 2025 at Premier Funeral Services Mortuary, 67 E 8000 S, Midvale, UT. There will be a viewing at 11:00 AM followed by the funeral service at 12:00. Chris will be laid to rest after the funeral at Elysian Burial Gardens, 1075 E 4580 S in Salt Lake City, UT. For those unable to attend the services in person, a video recording was made of the service that can be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/8KCE1RtnBTA> The family requests



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that donations be made to Best Friends Animal Sanctuary as that is what Chris would have wanted, [bestfriends.org](https://bestfriends.org).

The evening before Chris' passing, he said to his family over dinner, "The only king I will ever bow to is my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."



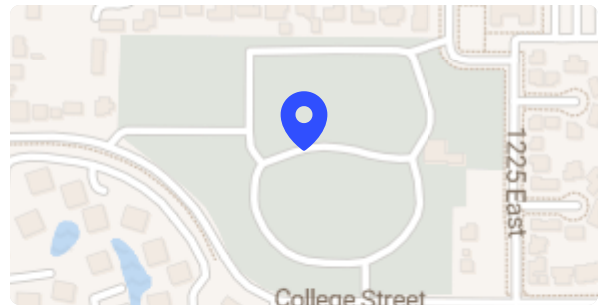
## Events

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### Cemetery Details

 **Elysian Burial Gardens**  
1075 East 4580 South, Murray UT





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**Premier Funeral Services** shared a **Christopher Mortensen Funeral Services.**



March 21 at 9:35 AM



**Marsha Kip** posted:

Chris, you will be sorely missed. You touched so many with your gentle and pure heart. You graced us all with your beautiful soul and your amazing art. Heaven has gained another beautiful soul.

March 11 at 7:18 PM



**Melody Kip** posted:

Though we didn't speak often, I knew the gentleness of your soul. The creativity of your mind and the kindness of your heart. You were so sweet and caring. You will be sorely missed. I love you cousin.

March 2 at 11:21 PM



**Laura Rough** lit a candle in honor of Christopher.

Chris, you were the gentle and quiet cousin to me. You were a hidden gem who would show up when we didn't know we needed you. You have supported me in hidden ways for which I am forever thankful. I had some fun times growing up with you. You will not be forgotten. In your love for animals, I donated in your name to <https://bestfriends.org>. Woof!



March 1 at 8:15 AM



**Michael Roark** posted:

So cris was a great artist i found this big price of wood and took it ro him and asked him if he would carve a dragon head head out of it and so I left it with him and when I got it back he had carved the most amazing dragon head wonderful artist he was

February 28 at 5:16 PM



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**Timi Rees** posted:

I have many wonderful memories with Chris. He and I doing charity work at best friends, or the times we went to Ogden and worked at utah Wildlife center. Then there are the many times we got together for puppy play dates. What I will miss the most is us just curling up and watching movies together. Me and my dogs will miss him forever. He will be in my heart always. I love you Chris.

February 27 at 8:05 AM

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**Sethplexico** posted:

I'm sooo sorry for your loss Regina if there's anything I can help with PLZ let me know!!!3855036701  
Seth Plexico

February 24 at 6:43 PM

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**Sethplexico** posted:

Until we meet again!!! Love you!!! Seth Plexico

February 24 at 8:34 AM



## Media

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