



Anthony "Tony" Rischling

June 9, 1980 - June 17, 2016

Anthony William "Tony" Rischling, 36, of Grand Island died on Friday, June 17, 2016.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. Father Todd Philipsen will officiate. Burial will be in Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery with military honors provided by the Army National Guard and the Grand Island Veterans Honor Guard.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday at the church with a Rosary at 7:00. All Faiths Funeral Home is serving the family.

Tony was born on June 9, 1980 in Ord, Nebraska to Dick and Gretchen (Todd) Rischling. He was raised and attended school in Alliance, graduating from Alliance High School, Class of 1998.

Tony married Marla Whitsitt on June 14, 2003. They made their home with their three children in Grand Island.

Tony was employed as a band director with the Grand Island Public Schools for ten years. Music was a big part of his life. For 16 years he was a member of the 43rd Army Band in the United States Army National Guard. He made the rank of Sergeant. Tony also played Trombone II in the Hastings

Symphony.

He loved spending time at the family's cabin at Johnson Lake and his greatest pastime was grilling for friends and family.

Tony came from a large, loving family. Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Marla and his beloved children, Audra, Lucas and Hadley; his parents, Dick and Gretchen Rischling of Alliance; brothers, Todd (Jill) Rischling of Lincoln and Tim (Jenny) Rischling of Omaha; sister, Amy (Andy) Schneider of Grand Island; grandfather, Jack Todd of Alliance; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Steve and Joyce Whitsitt of Lee's Summit, MO; brother-in-law, Greg (Mandy) Whitsitt of Lee's Summit; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews; and countless wonderful friends and students.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother, Berneice Todd and paternal grandparents, Bill and Maralee Rischling.

In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to the family.

Cemetery Details

Westlawn Memorial Park

Grand Island, NE

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 21. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
518 West State Street
Grand Island, NE 68801

Rosary

JUN 21. 7:00 PM (CT)

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
518 West State Street
Grand Island, NE 68801

Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 22. 10:00 AM (CT)

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
518 West State Street
Grand Island, NE 68801

Tribute Wall



“ Anthony "Tony" Rischling

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ Tony was the kindest most caring, humble and nurturing person. He thought nothing of working hard to go out of his way to help others. I spent a lot of time in high school with Tony in band choir and drama and enjoyed his spirit. My heart aches for his family but I know they are strong and will pull together.

Angie McClure - June 22, 2016 at 09:38 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Anthony "Tony" Rischling.



June 21, 2016 at 02:26 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Anthony "Tony" Rischling.



June 21, 2016 at 01:13 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Anthony "Tony" Rischling.*



June 21, 2016 at 12:10 PM



“ *Kathy Bartunek lit a candle in memory of Anthony "Tony" Rischling*



Kathy Bartunek - June 21, 2016 at 11:52 AM



“ *We knew the Rischling family through the Alliance Public Schools where my dad, Byron, taught industrial arts/woodworking/mechanical drawing for many years. Tony's dad permitted me to conduct the high school band for a few minutes one day while I was visiting teacher friends at the high school. The Rischlings are known for their working well with school kids. Tony was taken from us way too soon. Happy memories and many appreciative students will honor his memory, as do I. Greg Nelson, Lincoln NE.*

Greg Nelson - June 21, 2016 at 11:43 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Anthony "Tony" Rischling.*



June 21, 2016 at 11:06 AM



“ *Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. God bless and keep you while you mourn your loss.*



*Sincerely,
Jeannette Schafer*

Jeannette Schafer - June 21, 2016 at 09:44 AM



“ *Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of Anthony "Tony" Rischling.*



June 20, 2016 at 02:30 PM



“ *Tony has one of the purest soles you could ever find... He was extremely dedicated in everything he ever did. He also comes from a wonderful family that is so lucky to call him your own. My thoughts and prayers go out to all that new him.*

Clinton Zurn - June 20, 2016 at 01:45 PM

CZ

“ Tony has a very pure sole.. One of the nicest people you could ever meet. Extremely dedicated in everything he did. He comes from a wonderful family! My thoughts and prayers go out all that knew him.

Clint Zurn - June 20, 2016 at 01:30 PM

TD

“ Our prayers to you each and every one of youwe will miss a great, faith-filled person and this world and life has been wonderfully blest by his generous giving of his God-given talents...what an inspiration and continuing reminder to us all of God's unique love for us and our response. Love and continued prayersTheresa John , Mark, and Dan Dykes

Theresa Dykes - June 20, 2016 at 12:13 PM

Marcus Dykes

“ Marcus Dykes lit a candle in memory of Anthony "Tony" Rischling



Marcus Dykes - June 20, 2016 at 12:04 PM

TD

“ Theresa Dykes lit a candle in memory of Anthony "Tony" Rischling



Theresa Dykes - June 20, 2016 at 12:00 PM



Dan
Dykes

“ I have lots of great memories watching Tony in the school plays/musicals and running with Tony in Cross Country and Track. Such a great guy who was taken too soon.

Dan Dykes - June 20, 2016 at 11:52 AM



Terri
Moore-
Gillespie

“ Hugs and Prayers to all the Rischling family in this time of loss!!

In Christ love, The Gillespie Family

Terri Moore-Gillespie - June 20, 2016 at 10:32 AM



JM

“ Our heartfelt hugs and prayers go out to all of Tony's family and friends. Gretchen, Dick, Todd, Tim and Amy we are so sorry for your loss. May God hold Tony's wife and children in His loving arms. Mike and Jane McConkey family of Alliance

Jane & Mike McConkey - June 20, 2016 at 09:57 AM



SH

“ Prayers being sent to the Rischling Family. So sorry for you loss.

Hipsag Family, Alliance

Sue Hipsag - June 20, 2016 at 08:50 AM

CM

“ I was blessed to spend a year of my life with Tony being his 5th grade teacher. His smiles and freckles were illuminating! He was so sweet, polite, and an excellent student with an outstanding work ethic--of course--that was genetic! It was the beginning of my relationship with "The Rischlings"--a household name in Alliance for great things happening! I have kept up with what was happening in Tony's life via his family here and have remained so proud of him and thrilled that he was carrying on the tradition of his family inspiring young people in music. His legacy will continue from all the beautiful memories all will treasure. My heart and prayers go out to Gretchen and Dick as well as his wife Marla and beautiful children as well as the rest of his family, friends, and all who loved him. God's peace and blessings to all.



Cathe McCaffrey - June 19, 2016 at 11:39 PM

GH

“ I'm so glad to have shared time with the Rischling family starting over 30 years ago. Tony was always a quiet reserved and polite young man. Just like you would want your own kids to be . He will be a wonderful memory for me. All my best to the whole family. Gene and Pam Holter.

Gene Holter - June 19, 2016 at 04:44 PM

TR

“ I am saddened to hear of the passing of Mr. Rischling on Friday. Mr. Rischling was my son Jordan's band teacher at Grand Island Northwest High School. He was one of the most influential people in my son's life, and that will never be forgotten. My sincere sympathies go out to the entire family of Mr. Rischling. Tom Rhodes

Tom Rhodes - June 19, 2016 at 02:20 PM