



Chad Anthony Kessler

February 4, 1971 - January 23, 2026

Chad Anthony Kessler, 54, passed away in Lakeland on Friday, January 23, 2026.

Chad was born on February 4, 1971 and was a lifelong resident Lakeland, the community he called home.

He was a hard worker and a loyal, wonderful friend to many. Chad had a deep love for the outdoors and especially enjoyed fishing, a pastime that brought him peace and joy throughout his life.

He was preceded in death by his father, Neil Kessler.

Chad is survived by his mother, June Kessler; his children, Marissa Blankenship, Chase Kessler, and Chance Kessler; his brother, Jason Kessler; and his grandson, Caden.

A visitation will be held on Friday, January 30, 2026, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., with a funeral service to follow at 11:00 a.m. at Gentry-Morrison Funeral Home, Serenity Gardens Chapel, located at 3350 Mall Hill Drive. Interment will follow at Serenity Gardens.

Cemetery Details

Serenity Gardens

3350 Mall Hill Drive
Lakeland, FL 33810

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Serenity Gardens Chapel
3350 Mall Hill Drive
Lakeland, FL 33810
(863) 858-4474
t.hall@gentry-morrison.com
<https://www.gentry-morrison.com/>

Funeral Service

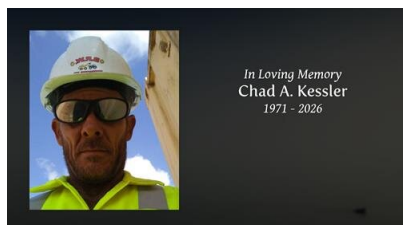
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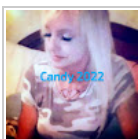
Tribute Wall



“ Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Chad Anthony Kessler



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - January 29 at 04:24 PM



“ Do not stand at my grave and weep, I am not there. I do not sleep, I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am a diamond glitz on snow, I am sunlight on the ripen grain. I am the gentle Autumn rain.
When you awake in the morning hush. I am the uplifting rush. Like quiet birds in a circle at flight I am the soft stars that shine at night. Do not stand at my grave and cry, I am not there, I did not die.

Elizabeth Allen and Candy Lyons.

Thank you Chad for the phone call you gave me at Tampa general hospital after I broke my neck and now I'm in a wheelchair. You told me to take some deep breaths that it would be okay I laid there and cried and said okay Chad whatever you say. Thank you for that phone call I meant the world to me I've known you since you were in fourth grade I'm known who your whole life and I'll never forget you. What a good friend you were to me all the love and all God's glory goes out to you and your family levels really see you through. The Lord will see you through. Thank you again Chad for being such a good friend



Candy lynn Lyons (Candy girl) - February 05 at 01:38 AM

SP

“ Chad was a great guy. He was funny at times he was fun to hang out with just so sad to see that he's gone way too soon. RIP Chad

Shantel Porras - January 30 at 02:20 PM



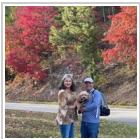
“ My memories of Chad was from school and the skating rink. We always went skating and had fun times.

Rhonda Easterling - January 29 at 06:55 AM

GJ

“ Genifer J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Chad Anthony Kessler.

Genifer J. - January 27 at 08:56 PM



“ Chad was one of my childhood friends, we had lots of fun together with great memories, Rest easy now my friend. May GOD continue to bless and comfort your family and friends in this time of grief & give them all strength and understanding.
Until we see each other again
Love you friend
Geny Skaggs / Johnson

Genifer Johnson - January 27 at 08:47 PM