

# Richard (Dick) Christensen

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President Christensen was the best! From the moment he saw you, you felt like you belonged. He was an amazing mentor and was always concerned about your well being. Love and prayers to the family. He was a giant among men!■

- Russell Clove

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I feel so blessed to have known such a kind, humble man. He was always asking everyone how they were doing and if he could do anything to help them. I get tears in my eyes just reflecting back and realizing how much everyone is going to miss this Special Son of God! I'm happy he's home with his sweetheart. I think anyone who has lost their sweetheart looks forward to this day with anticipation. I know I do.

- Dawnette Clyde

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So sorry to hear about him leaving. I can't remember my mission without thinking of and Sister Christiansen They were the best and always enthusiastic about who we were teaching. Because we were serving so close to the mission home, he attended several of our baptisms. He confirmed one of the children we baptized. We always felt loved when we met with him at zone conference. I was looking forward to one last mission reunion with him. There were many people we taught that felt the love of the church because he influenced the missionaries to love those we taught. I remember my last night in the mission home when when 2 families I had taught showed up unexpectedly. He invited both of them in to join our testimony meeting. What a blessing it was to have them stand and bare their testimonies. I will always remember the love we felt from them both.

- Candyce Barrett Nowers

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I only "know" Dick through his incredible daughter and my new friend Suz. One of the the things I love about her besides that she was my friend when I was lonely and new to Heber City, is that she adored her dad. She talked about him with such respect and love. It was so easy for her to tell stories about his impact for good on her and others. She beamed when she spoke of him - and called herself "the luckiest" to be his daughter. She cared for him

with such unselfishness and with his best interests in mind. From reading his obituary, his character, generosity and goodness will love on in many. To all those that knew and loved him I send my love and I pray for your peace as as you learn to live here without him. I hope you see glimpses of his footprint living on, reminding you of his love for you. You are blessed to have known such a special man.

- Kiersha Wheeler

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Dick was a great man. We loved the times we got to share at his ranch in Axtell! He loved showing our grandsons his “deadhead shed” and we had so much fun. He was a great example, full of warmth and love and I’m grateful to be a cousin.

- David Alten and Kathy Christensen

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We both were so lucky to have Dick as our Bishop while in the Cottonwood 10th ward. Our fondest memories were of our youth trips to Disneyland and San Francisco which he made possible. Steve also served with him as sealers at Jordan River temple. He was always such a good example in everyway. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

- Dr Stephen Carter and Bonnie

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The things I learned while serving under the leadership of President and Sister Christensen have continued to bless my life all these years later. I was always grateful for his willingness to listen during interviews and the words of wisdom he would share-sometimes just, Sister Jensen, I think it will work out. He was a great teacher, a great leader, and always made me feel like I could be a good missionary. Thanks for sharing he him and your mom with us for those years. ❤■

- Carole (Jensen) Holland

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The neatest, most humble guy I've ever known. Wise in so many ways... Dick left the World a Better Place. I'm honored to have known him. Craig Purse

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Blessings to you and your family, Suz. No matter how long we have our parents, it's never enough time. Your father sounds like a remarkable man who lived life to the fullest. Hopefully, you can spend your time remembering all the love and good times he brought to you and your brothers. ❤■

- Ginger McNary

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Dick was a special part of our lives and a good friend to our dad, Dick Money, since they were kids. It was so fun to visit his cabin in the valley during New Years and see the whole gang hang out each New Year’s when we were growing up. We know that he is having an amazing reunion with Diane and our Dad and Mom and all the family and friends as well. I’m sure there’s some chuckles over the good old days happening in heaven. Sending all our love to the family.

- Money family kids

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As soon as we moved to Sandy, Dick and Diane surrounded us with love and friendship. They introduced us to people and places. They filled our hearts with ice cream, new brooms and good chats. They were both so wonderful and we will miss them every day but they will stay in our hearts.

- Bill and Janet Heumann

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It was a great honor to have served under President Christensen I remember going on splits with President Christensen while serving in PennYan Branch. He also gave me the opportunity to present to the First presidency a trunk of and old tree from the Sacred Grove. But most of all his love of the Gospel and his Missionaries. My condolences to his Family

- Tom Derrick

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We are saddened to learn of Richard's passing. How we loved this gentle giant. Bill and I got to know Richard (as we called him) while he was a resident at Spring Gardens in Heber City. We became fast friends and he and Bill had a lot in common. Since Richard loved to read, Bill gave him a couple of interesting books that he enjoyed. Rest In Peace!

- Bill & Caprice Benz

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I am sooo sorry to hear of President Christensen’s passing! I have such fond memories of him and Sister Christensen in the New York Rochester mission! I remember. Him putting his arm around me and telling me “ Now don’t you let this bother you! Just go back to your area and got to work ! All will be well! “ This was at the airport dropping off companion that needed to go home early! He didn’t want me to worry anymore! I’m grateful to him for his guidance and love!

- Denise (Parke) Koudelka

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Wonderful bishop, great friend, mountain of a man. One day after I did some yard work Dick called me out for an unacceptable result, which was humbling but also a sign that he cared about me. What a great smile, a cheerful countenance! The world has lost a great one.

- Greg Carter

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I just heard the news today about your sweet Dad, and I have such mixed emotions. I am so happy for Dick to be with his sweetheart again, and yes, the world is a much better place because he was here and affected the lives of so many in a positive way! I am so blessed to have been able to know him, and will always treasure the Subway days, Maggie and her roast beef, sledding at the ranch and Dick’s kindness and Christlike spirit. God bless!

- Janell Braithwaite