



## Timothy St. John

October 8, 1980 - February 20, 2012

Timothy (Tim) Craig St. John, 31, died unexpectedly on Monday, February 20, 2012 in Hopkins, MN.

Born October 8, 1980 in Neenah, Wisconsin, son of Randall & Pat St. John of Kingsford, Michigan. Tim was raised in Kingsford and attended Kingsford Public Schools.

Tim will be best remembered as a strong, passionate man with a generous heart. He deeply loved his family and was very protective of them. He was a son, brother, husband, & a father. Tim loved his parents very much and often spoke highly of them & of the deep respect he had for them because of their faith in Jesus Christ – a faith Tim also shared, despite the struggles he faced in life.

Tim also loved to laugh and had a beautiful smile. Both family & friends have fond memories of Tim pulling pranks, doing silly voices and making funny faces just to get a laugh.

He was passionate about a few things in life besides family: music & cooking. Tim was a very talented percussionist. His love for percussion instruments started at an early age when he would bang on five gallon buckets in his parent's garage before he was old enough to join the school band & learned how to play a real drum set. At various times in his life, Tim played percussion in church both in Iron Mountain & later in his adult years in Minnesota. As talented as he was with a set of drum sticks in his hand, he was equally talented in the kitchen. Tim worked as a chef for various restaurants in the

Minneapolis/St. Paul area. His family always enjoyed when he would come home for a visit and quickly whip up something gourmet from whatever was in the refrigerator and cupboards.

Those who knew Tim well knew that he struggled in life but they also know & believe, as Tim did, that God's mercy & grace are limitless. It was God's mercy & grace that made Tim the wonderful man he was & that same mercy & grace comforts those closest to him now.

Tim is survived by his parents, Randall & Pat St. John of Kingsford. Two sisters, Amanda (Stuart) Hunte of Green Bay, WI. and Alyssa (Andy) Schmidt of Two Rivers, WI. His wife, Chelsea Orr-St. John and four children Jaydon, Brennon, Kelsie, & Chase St. John & one step-daughter, Tekasia Bogan-Orr of Winsted, MN. His grandparents, Wallace & Phyllis St. John of Iron Mountain and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Gerald & Joan Rose and Darrel & Adeline Land. One aunt, Debbie St. John and an uncle, Timothy Paul St. John

Visitation & funeral services will be held on Saturday, February 25th at Northern Light Christian Church N4089 Pine Mountain Rd. Iron Mountain, MI. Visitation from 11:45-1pm. Funeral service will begin at 1pm. Pastor Kent Angeloff will officiate. A luncheon will follow at Grace Baptist Church 1295 Pyle Dr. Kingsford, MI.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Minnesota Teen Challenge, a ministry very near to their hearts & to Tim's. For more information on Teen Challenge or to make a donation, please visit <http://www.mntc.org/>.

Condolences to the family of Timothy Craig St. John can be expressed online at [www.ernashfuneralhome.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhome.com).

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home with arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 25. 11:45 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Northern Light Christian Church  
N4089 Pine Mountain Road  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

## Funeral Service

FEB 25. 1:00 PM (CT)

Northern Light Christian Church  
N4089 Pine Mountain Road  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

## Gathering

FEB 25. 1:45 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Grace Baptist Church  
1295 Pyle Dr.  
Kingsford, MI 49802

# Tribute Wall

CH

“ he was my dad.... my name is chase, i am the youngest out of the four children he had.... I still cant sleep to this very day (october 8th 2021) yes it has been 9 years already and i still cant get over it.

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**Chase** - October 08, 2021 at 11:16 PM

SM

“ Dear Randy & Pat,  
I just read your son's obituary. I did not know Timothy but I feel now that I know him very well; what a beautiful description of his life, faith in Christ and his personality and talents! Oh how blessed you were to have him for those 31 years. Oh how I do wish it could have been more.  
He sounds like he was quite the amazing man and I can tell just how proud of him you were.  
In your grief I pray that you will find peace in Timothy's faith in Jesus Christ and that Timothy is in those loving arms. You will see him again some day.  
Hang on tight to your own faith as you will need God's love and strength in the days ahead.  
God bless you,  
Samantha

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**Samantha Coron - MI** - May 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ So sorry for your loss. Class of 99 has lost too many special people. You will always be remembered for your humor & always making us laugh in class.

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**Michele Bussiere - Lansing, MI - Classmate** - March 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Our love was so strong. Anyone who knew us could see we were in love. Tim had a big heart that brought so much love to so many people. I miss you so , I am lost without you. I know how much you love your kids and I will give them that love for the rest of their lives.

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**Lauri Wahl - hopkins, MN - girlfriend/best friend** - March 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ The story Tim and I have shared; is the best memory anyone could have, and I will cherish it forever. From the time we were just young teenagers and loving life, we still have not lost touch throughout the last 12 years. I remember him telling me his love for ketchup, the road rage we had with my parents minivan while moving to the our new apartment, then my parents giving the van to me after the back window was shattered. Also, his passion for music was something he would never live without. There are so many more memories to list and I could spend all day writing them. I always looked forward to the unexpected phone calls, when he needed a favor or just anyone to talk too! I will truly miss you, the impact you have is an amazing quality and I will never forget you!!! Tim, you have made a great impact on my parents, brothers, sister and my life and again we will miss you!

*Your great friend- Jen*

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**Jennifer Croschere - Norway, MI - loyal friend** - February 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Tim, I remember many fun times working at the old Country Kitchen in Iron Mountain together, singing "Eeeeeeeeeeee!!!" in the kitchen(no body would understand this unless they worked with us at that period of time), probably annoying the customers very much! Haha!! and hanging out at your and Brandon's house. You were always so funny, joking around, cracking jokes. You never judged anyone; got along with everybody. You really were one of a kind. To Tim's family: I am so sorry for your loss. I am sad that the kids have to grow up without their daddy. Keep his memory alive. He has left an inprint on everyone's heart who has ever met him. You'll be missed very much, Tim, and will be remembered for a long time.

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**Sue Ellen Ciepalowicz - Niagara, WI - Friend** - February 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

FC

“ We will all miss Tim more than he can ever imagine. Anyone who ever knew Tim just loved him. His silly faces, his sarcastic but funny remarks. He could walk into any room and make everyone smile. I am one of MANY cousins and he will be forever missed and spoke about.  
It truly breaks my heart to have him gone and I know his family is hurting beyond words in this time of sadness.  
I love you cuz and will always remember you for the great man you were.  
Love Faith, Arianna, and Hunter

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**Faith Matzen - Iron Mountain , MI - Cousin** - February 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ I remember when I first met "Timmy" in Burnsville, MN. He introduced himself and I asked where his was from. He said, "I know you don't know where this town is and probably have never heard of it. So why bother." I told him, "Try me. You never know." He said, "Kingsford, MI." I said, "My Dad's hometown and where my Grandparents, cousins, Aunts and Uncles live." We began to talk more, so he would believe me, about Kingsford and many of its attractions. It was the best conversation we ever had. He will be missed by me, Johnnie(his buddy) and Briana. Johnnie is still in shock over Tims passing but knows he is with the Lord and takes peace with that. My thoughts and prayers are with Cheslea, the kids and the St. Johns. May you find strength and comfort in the Lord as you remember the good times and heal from this tragic loss.

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**Julie Buck - MN - Chelsea's BFF and kids Godmother** - February 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Sorry about the lost of Timothy. Lois and I had very little contact with Tim, but know his mother who would be a neice of Lois Reitz-Fries

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**Don Fries - Decatur, AL - Distance Relative** - February 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ I am so sorry for your families loss. But so very happy that you all have the assurance that he is with the Lord. That is the best assurance any of us can have in a time like this.

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**Cindi Ashbeck - Manitowoc, WI** - February 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Dear Randy, Pat and all Tim's family -  
There are no words. My heart breaks for you. I pray for peace for you in these days and love and memories to comfort you. I haven't seen you in recent years but think of you often -I'm so sorry - Paulie Williams

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**Paulie Williams - Iron Mountain, MI - friend** - February 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MI

“ Randy, Pat and family;

*I am deeply grieved with the news of the loss of your son Tim. I can't begin to feel the pain you both must have. I can only pray that the pain will be replaced by the love from freinds and family.*

*Mark archambeault*

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**Mark Archambeault - Zion, IL** - February 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ I had the great pleasure of getting to know Tim through mutual friends. We didn't spend much time together, but the times we did share left a lasting memory in my mind. He always did and said the silliest things to make me laugh. I can remember a time when he stood up right into the ceiling fan!! Of course he just laughed it off. => My thoguths and prayers are with Tim's family and friends!! GOD BLESS! RIP TIMMY!! You will be missed.

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**Lynn Johnson - Iron Mountain, MI - Friend** - February 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ *My deepest sympathy and prayers go out to your family.*

*God be with you all and may he grant you peace and strength through your time of sorrow.*

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**Pamela Boyd "Grandma Pam" - Minneapolis, MN - Friend via Chelsea and Children** - February 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ *We send our sympathy & concern to you Pat & Randy. We have not seen each other for some years but still think of you folks & the Land family & often wonder where everyone is & what they are doing. We reside in Fl. during the winter months & at the lola Pines Campground in lola, Wi. during the summer. We know that the Lord is your rock & refuge during this time & he want's you to lean on & abide in him. May the Lord's presence be with you. Wesley & Jeanette Bowers.*

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**Wesley & Jeanette Bowers - 5861 Wisconsin Ave. Bokeelia, Fl. 33922, FL - friends** - February 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *Chase said "Now we have 3 daddy's in heaven... God, Jesus, and daddy". How Tim, do we say good-bye? We love you sooo much. You will be in our hearts and minds always, and we will remember your heart and dreams for our lives. We will let our tears be memories of our time we got to have you, and we will cry much... We will remember the laughs and fun you brought, the way you always wanted and tried to do what you believed in, how you were not afraid to stand up for anything, and how you taught us to believe in Jesus... Our hearts are so very broken. You were a special kinda Hero, we will never forget, we will love you always..... and we will see you when we get there... Love forever, Chelsea and kids*

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**Chelsea Orr-St. John - Winsted, MN - wife** - February 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Tim was a good friend and I spent a lot of time with him talking about his plans and future desires. He had a strong desire to start a Teen Challenge some day in Upper Michigan. I sensed he had a special love for the Lord. He loved to pray and was always hungry to hear the Word of God. He will be greatly missed.

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**Rich Scherber - Minneapolis, MN - Minnesota Teen Challenge CEO** - February 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RI

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to everyone who knew Tim. May the memories gradually give you peace that your loved one will be with you always in your heart.

*Alyssa, I will as shocked and saddened when I heard about the loss of your brother. My thoughts and prayers to you during this difficult time.*

*Your cousin(-in-law),  
Rebecca Van Zuiden*

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**Rebecca Van Zuiden - IL** - February 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to everyone who knew this young man. We pray that the St. John family and all relatives, friends and anyone who's lives he touched may find peace. Our deepest condolences in such a sad time.

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**Liz & Eric Locke - Scottsdale, AZ** - February 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *May God be with each of you in this time of grief. Words can not say how sad i am for all of you. Remember his smile and the love he gave to each of you and remember he is with you always. Sending you lots of love and prayers. God bless and be with you in this hard time.*

*Love you cuz  
Mary Ann and family*

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**Mary and Richard Forseth - cousin to pat** - February 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Our family was saddened to hear of Tim' passing. We got to watch Tim grow up attending church together. He was a kind hearted person, who was quick to laugh, have fun and help out wherever needed. The last time we got to see Tim was on a visit back home several years ago; he was in church with his kids and so proud of each one of them. Now he is in Heaven waiting for all his family and friends to join him there.*

*Randy, Pat, Amanda, Alyssa, and all of Tim's family; we are so sorry for your great loss and pray that God would shield you, comfort you and wrap His loving arms around you during this tragedy in your lives. Take time to grieve for yourselves knowing Tim is happy and your time of separation is temporary and getting shorter everyday. Keeping you all in our prayers, Mike, Brenda, Kyle and Kaylee.*

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**Mike and Brenda Caldwell - Prescott Valley, AZ - Friends** - February 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Randy, Pat and family;

*Pam and I are deeply grieved with the news of Tim, he was a friend of our whole family. I looked forward to having Tim phone me about once a year and he would let me know how his life was going, and then we would spend some time in prayer together. I know that he is now in the arms of his loving Heavenly Father, and for Tim there will be no more sorrow. It is only those who are still here on earth that must live through this time of grief. So I pray that the Lord help you through this time of great pain, and give you His comfort and peace. You are all in our hearts and prayers. With much love, the Hohman family.*

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**Rev. William and Pam Hohman - Merrill, WI - Friend** - February 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Tim I was always remember the first time you talked to me and all the great food! My final memory with you was the best of all; riding with you from MN to MI hearing your heart for God, the confidence you had in His love and the love you and He shared for your family. I will think of these things often while I wait to see you again.

*I love you all Randy, Pat, Amanda & Alyssa (and all of you), I don't have the words but I pray and hope you know how much I love you all!*

*Love, Sarah*

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**Sarah Ann (Moore) Dukes - Kingsford, MI - family friend** - February 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ I met Tim when he was just a little guy. Not knowing him very well, but still a family member. I am so sorry that he is gone at such a young age. He was very much loved I know. I cannot begin to feel the pain that Pat and Randy are feeling nor his wife and children, but please know that I am praying for you all. God will be there every step and may His Holy Angels be with you always. Love you Pat and Randy!

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**Gale Imig & family - Normal, IL - Cousin** - February 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ You always made me feel important, playin video games with me when we were a kid all the way up to your suprise visits to me at my apartment...Tim you were always a VERY good guy...im gonna miss that amazing smile of yours. you will never ever be forgotten. i love you so very much...and aunt pat and randy, and amanda and Alyssa, i love you guys so very much god bless you.....

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**Elizabeth Stritch - neenah, WI - Cousin** - February 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Tim,,

*You were a great brother. You and I shared a very special bond. I always felt protective of you and loved you so much. :You brought joy to many people.*

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**Amanda - Sister** - February 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Pat, Randy and family,

*We can't imagine your grief, but please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. We love you and pray God's blessing on you.*

*Keith and Connie*

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**Keith and Connie Clifford - Bloomington, IL - Cousin** - February 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VU

“ My little "Timmers"

*One of my favorite memories of you, was age 4. When Uncle Rick was not even your uncle yet.. you ran to your momma and said... (trying with all your might to sound like you were from Texas).*

*"Momma, I can talk like Uncle Rick, listen... Bubble gum, bubble gum in a dishhhh, how many pieces do you wiiiisshhh?" it was the cutest thing ever.*

*How about the time you talked your little cousin, Sean into rubbing his mashed potatoes all over his head in the restaurant, he did and made a mess all over his sunday clothes, and you laughed. hahaha I never got you back for that one.*

*Thank you for all the wonderful memorable talks you had with Chelsea, she loved that. You my handsome Nephew will be missed. Randy, Pat and girls... I am praying for our great big God to pour down His Love and Peace and saturate you in it. I love you sis, and family.*

*Rick and Vicky*

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**Vicky Croteau - Clermont , FL - Aunt and Uncle** - February 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ *Randy and Pat,*

*Please know that our prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

*Love,*

*Pierre and Eliane*

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**Pierre and Eliane Archambeault - Hot Springs, AR - Cousins** - February 22, 2012  
at 12:00 AM