



## Justin Daniel Tangen

November 8, 1989 - May 13, 2017

Justin Daniel Tangen, beloved son, brother, and friend, passed away on May 13, 2017, at the age of 27. Justin was born November 8, 1989, to Todd Tangen and Leah (Etzell) Tangen in Valley City, ND, and was raised in Kathryn, ND. Justin was preceded in death by his paternal grandmother, Faye Tangen; maternal grandfather, Melbourne Etzell; his uncle, Daniel Tangen; and his aunt, Melody Hetland.

Justin was active in many activities throughout his school years in Valley City including Boy Scouts, wrestling, golf, and football. Justin joined the United States Marines in 2007, left for training shortly after his high school graduation, and was honorably discharged in 2013 at the rank of Corporal. During his time in the US Marines Justin was trained in Virginia, stationed in California as well as Washington, and completed a tour in Afghanistan in 2012 as a part of operation Enduring Freedom. Justin had great love for the friends who became his US Marine family. During the time he served he touched many lives with his ability to befriend anyone. Justin had a unique way of not only seeing the good in people but finding a way to bring it out in them.

Justin returned to Valley City in 2013. He enrolled as a student at Valley City State University, where he studied Environmental Sciences and later Nursing and was placed on the Dean's List in 2013, as well as the President's list in both 2014 and 2015 for grade point averages of 3.5 and 4.0. Justin made many friends throughout his college time and greatly enjoyed various hobbies including fishing, hunting, setting up fish aquariums, gardening, working on

cars, and computers. Justin dedicated his life to improving the lives of others from his time spent in the US Marines to his studies of ways to improve the ability to grow crops in countries with poor soil quality as well as his plans of becoming a nurse.

Justin was an incredibly kind soul who will be deeply missed by all those who knew him. He had a sense of humor that was unparalleled and an uncanny ability to bring laughter and smiles into the lives of anyone he talked to. He was the kind of person that everyone was proud to call son, grandson, family, or friend. Justin's life will be celebrated and remembered Thursday, May 18th, during a prayer service at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Valley City with visitation beginning at 5 p.m. and the prayer service starting at 7 p.m. His funeral service will be held at Waldheim Church 2 miles east of Kathryn on Friday, May 19th, at 2 p.m.

Justin is survived by his parents, Todd and Leah Tangen of Kathryn, ND; his brothers, Jake Tangen and Michael Tangen (Sidney Falstad) of Kathryn, ND; his paternal grandfather, Neil Tangen of Kathryn, ND; his maternal grandmother, Elizabeth Etzell of Valley City, ND; his significant other, Sarah Rippley of Valley City, ND; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

# Cemetery Details

## Waldheim Cemetery

Kathryn, ND

# Previous Events

## Prayer Service

MAY 18. 7:00 PM (CT)

Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
138 3rd St. NW  
Valley City, ND

## Visitation

MAY 19. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Waldheim Lutheran Church  
5100 119 AVE SE  
Kathryn, ND

## Funeral Service

MAY 19. 2:00 PM (CT)

Waldheim Lutheran Church  
5100 119 AVE SE  
Kathryn, ND

# Tribute Wall

FF

“ God bless your family. Thank you for your service defending America. We lost our son at 32 years old. Kathy and I feel your pain.god bless  
Fred and Kathy funk

fred funk - May 21, 2017 at 06:50 AM

SK

“ I met Justin when he was excelling as a student in my chemistry class. That was more than a year ago, but he still made it a point to routinely stop by my office to chat, which is something I always appreciated. I don't know that Justin ever walked by anyone without a kind word. It was his academic promise that initially attracted my attention, but it was his personal character that made him such a special member of the VCSU community. Justin will be deeply missed.

Sam Keasler - May 20, 2017 at 04:44 PM

KM

“ My deepest condolences go out to all the family of Justin Tangen. He visited his Aunt Deb in Gillette when he was younger and met my son. They are close in age. He was a fine young man. This is such a loss to family, to your community, and to our country. May he rest in peace. God bless. Karyl Meyer



Karyl Meyer - May 18, 2017 at 11:53 PM

SC

“ Sharon Clauson lit a candle in memory of Justin Daniel Tangen



Sharon Clauson - May 18, 2017 at 08:21 AM

Gloria Ohlhauser Pederson

“ Gloria Ohlhauser Pederson lit a candle in memory of Justin Daniel Tangen



Gloria Ohlhauser Pederson - May 17, 2017 at 12:53 PM

LF

“ Leslie Uecker and family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Justin Daniel Tangen.



Leslie Uecker and family - May 17, 2017 at 11:49 AM

CT

“ Cindy Thoreson lit a candle in memory of Justin Daniel Tangen



Cindy Thoreson - May 17, 2017 at 06:46 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Justin Daniel Tangen.



May 16, 2017 at 10:50 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Justin Daniel Tangen.



May 16, 2017 at 10:17 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I will keep your family in my prayers. "It is Okay To Be Sad, It is Okay To Cry, But It Is Also Okay To Smile And Remember The Good Times!"  
My deepest sympathies,  
Deb Feuerherm



Deb Feuerherm - May 16, 2017 at 09:46 PM



“ My heart goes out to everyone. Justin was taken much to soon, i cant remember ever seeing him without a smile. He will truly be missed.

Chadwick Larson - May 16, 2017 at 09:03 PM

CM

“ My Heart goes out to the Tangen Family. Justin was such a sweetheart. He always was smiling when I seen Him, and I always got a hug from Him. We have many happy memories through out His school and wrestling years ! God Bless You All and I will keep You All in my Prayers. Carrie Maresh and Family

Carrie Maresh - May 16, 2017 at 07:11 PM

HB

“ Heidi Baasch lit a candle in memory of Justin Daniel Tangen



Heidi Baasch - May 16, 2017 at 05:50 PM

MW

“ Mike And Randi Watterson lit a candle in memory of Justin Daniel Tangen



Mike and Randi Watterson - May 16, 2017 at 03:57 PM

SM

“ Solveig Magnuson lit a candle in memory of Justin Daniel Tangen



Solveig Magnuson - May 16, 2017 at 02:48 PM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Justin Daniel Tangen.*



May 16, 2017 at 02:47 PM



“ *Jody Dahl Pfaff sent a virtual gift in memory of Justin Daniel Tangen*



**Jody Dahl Pfaff** - May 16, 2017 at 01:34 PM



“ *DEBBIE MAGNUSON lit a candle in memory of Justin Daniel Tangen*

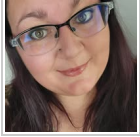


**DEBBIE MAGNUSON** - May 16, 2017 at 01:30 PM



*A sweet person who was always friendly and kind- you will be dearly missed!*

**DEBBIE MAGNUSON** - May 16, 2017 at 01:31 PM



“ *Allisha Hamilton lit a candle in memory of Justin Daniel Tangen*



**Allisha Hamilton** - May 16, 2017 at 01:28 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Justin Daniel Tangen.*



May 16, 2017 at 12:16 PM



“ *Nancy Botner lit a candle in memory of Justin Daniel Tangen*



**Nancy Botner** - May 16, 2017 at 10:58 AM



“ *Kristie (Plecity) Duell lit a candle in memory of Justin Daniel Tangen*



**Kristie (Plecity) Duell** - May 16, 2017 at 08:03 AM

CL

“ *Corri Lang lit a candle in memory of Justin Daniel Tangen*



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**Corri Lang** - May 15, 2017 at 11:26 PM

TG

“ *Travis Gray lit a candle in memory of Justin Daniel Tangen*



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**travis gray** - May 15, 2017 at 10:56 PM

DB

“ *He always made you smile no matter what he was talking about, he will be missed.*



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**Denise Beaver-Eslinger** - May 15, 2017 at 08:27 PM

LB

“ *Only wonderful, amazing memories!!! Such a good, loving kid. Will be so missed by so many.*

*Laura Becker*

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**Laura Becker** - May 15, 2017 at 02:22 PM

JF

“ *Jenrich Family lit a candle in memory of Justin Daniel Tangen*



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**Jenrich Family** - May 15, 2017 at 12:59 PM

SK

“ *Justin was one of the first students to introduce himself to me when I started teaching at VCSU three years ago. He was in many of my classes, and he was always a joy to teach, and chat with outside of class. Justin was an incredibly bright student, and a genuinely kind person. I offer my sincere condolences to his family and friends.*

*-Susan Kilgore*

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**Susan Kilgore** - May 15, 2017 at 09:33 AM

RD

“ *Semper Fi Marine. May God bless and comfort your family now and forever. You will be missed!*



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**Ruth Danuser** - May 15, 2017 at 03:20 AM

JR

“ *Janel Richman lit a candle in memory of Justin Daniel Tangen*



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**janel richman** - May 15, 2017 at 02:46 AM



“ *Stubby Stubby lit a candle in memory of Justin Daniel Tangen*



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**Stubby Stubby** - May 14, 2017 at 10:54 PM



*A true Gentleman and good hearted soul. Our hearts are heavy at this tragic news. 😭*

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**Laura Johnson** - May 15, 2017 at 11:27 PM