



Chad C. Cerinich

April 29, 2025

Chad Christopher Cerinich was born on April 18, 1967 in Whittier, California to Marjory and Stephen Cerinich. It is with great sorrow that his family share news of his passing at the age of 58 on April 29, 2025.

Chad spent his youngest years living and attending schools in Boulder, Colorado. He enjoyed spending summers at his sister's home in Utah camping, fishing, and exploring with his nephew, Jason. He spent 35 years with his former wife, Shannon. They loved to go to Las Vegas together. Chad always had a keen interest in trains and model railroads and a deep fondness, love, and enthusiasm for dogs.

Chad graduated from University of Colorado with a Bachelor of Science degree in Organization Management. It was said that when he handed his diploma to his father, he said, "So I finished what you wanted me to do, and now I'm going to do what I want to do: attend the Police Academy!"

Chad began his career with the Aurora Police Department in 1990. He has served in a variety of assignments as both an officer and a supervisor with the SWAT team, Field Training Unit, Emergency Response Team, Police Area Representatives, and Special Operations Bureau. He also served as the Commander of the Internal Investigations Bureau before his appointment in 2024 as Division Chief – Special Operations Division where his current duties

were comprised of the Homeland Security section, Traffic section, Strategic Enforcement section, Tactical Response section, and the Regional Antiviolence Enforcement Network of the Aurora Police Department.

Chad is survived by his sister, Macie Kathleen Wolfe, his former wife Shannon Arthur, his nephew Jason Wolfe and family, and his two rescue dogs, Lacy and Charlie.

A memorial service will be held at 10:00 am Monday, May 12, 2025 at Timberline Church, 2908 South Timberline Rd., Fort Collins, CO.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made by following instructions on the "Spirit of Aurora" 501(c)(3) site (auroragov.org) and specifying the "Aurora Police K-9 Unit."

Previous Events

Memorial Service

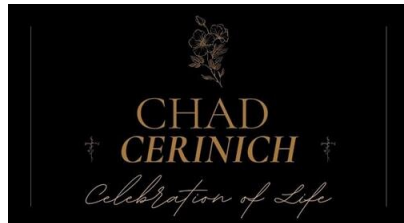
MAY 12. 10:00 AM (MT)

Timberline Church - Fort Collins Main Campus
2908 S Timberline Road
Fort Collins, CO 80525

Tribute Wall



“ Goes Funeral Care & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Chad C. Cerinich



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“ I met Chad through his mother, Marge. Marge had been my Dad's friend/companion for some years before his passing. Marge became a friend - a best friend. I was so very lucky to have had her in my life. I was, also, lucky to meet Chad & Shannon & in time Kathy & her son, Jason. I did not see Chad often, but I knew how much he cared for his family & how much he loved being a police officer. I was told a story about when he was a young boy he wanted to be a police officer. I always felt a bit intimidated by him. He was very aware of his surroundings & alert, even when in a relaxed environment. It was a lovely thing to see him laugh & tease & smile. Chad was a decent, strong, caring man. I am deeply saddened that he has passed. We extend our sympathy to his family, friends, fellow officers & to all who care for him & love him. He will be greatly missed. Vicki Rademacher

Vicki Rademacher - May 13, 2025 at 10:38 AM

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