



## Eric Ryan Tench

July 11, 1979 - May 24, 2018

In Loving Memory of Our Son,  
ERIC TENCH

Walhalla, SC — Eric Ryan Tench, 38, of 199 Amy Lane, Walhalla, passed away, Thursday, May 24, 2018, doing what he loved best, training bear dogs in the Georgia/South Carolina mountains.

Eric was born in Charleston, SC on July 11, 1979 to Douglas Eugene and Sandra Lee Nicholson Tench. He was a 1997 graduate of Walhalla High School. Eric was an avid outdoorsman and bear hunter who traveled all over the U.S. He was very passionate about the training of bear hunting dogs and enjoyed sharing that love with others.

In addition to his parents of Mesa, Arizona, Eric is survived by his sister and brother-in-law: Lisa Michelle and Antoine Bernier; nephew and niece: Ayden and Chloe Bernier, of North Augusta, SC; and grandmother: Wilma Katherine Kelley of Walhalla.

Eric was preceded in death by his grandparents: Claude and Lillian Rankin of Seneca.

A memorial service will be held at 3:00 PM, Saturday, June 23, 2018, at the

Walhalla Depot, 211 S. College St., Walhalla, SC 29691. Dinner will be served following the service.

The family would like to express their sincere gratitude to the Rabun County and the State of Georgia EMA Teams and all volunteers and family members who supported the relentless search and rescue effort by giving of their time and showing their compassion and care during this difficult time.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Rabun County Office of Emergency Management, 145 Syrup City Road, Tiger, Georgia 30576. (706)-782-5821.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUN **23**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Walhalla Depot  
211 S. College Street  
Walhalla, SC 29691

# Tribute Wall



“ *Eric Ryan Tench* ”

January 28, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *Judy R Childs lit a candle in memory of Eric Ryan Tench* ”



**Judy R Childs** - June 23, 2018 at 05:58 AM



“ *Lynn Kennemore lit a candle in memory of Eric Ryan Tench* ”



**Lynn Kennemore** - June 21, 2018 at 10:31 AM



“ *3 files added to the tribute wall* ”



*and whispered,  
"Come to Me."  
With tearful eyes  
we watched him suffer, and  
saw him slowly fade away.  
Although we loved him dearly,  
we could not make him stay.  
A golden heart etched forever.*



**Sandra Tench** - June 08, 2018 at 01:36 AM

ST

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Sandra Tench - June 08, 2018 at 01:29 AM

LM

“ Prayers to all family and friends it don't seem right to go so young but the good Lord promises with the loss and pain of losing ,something will be born ,God bless its so hard to realize at a time like this be we rest assure that God makes no mistakes.

Lawton McCall - June 06, 2018 at 06:33 AM

PS

Doug and Sandra:: I am so sorry for your loss! I can honestly say, I know how you feel, because, ad I'm sure you know, I've lost both of my twin sons, Donald and Douglas. But we know, God doesn't make mistakes, we just have to trust Him!! Your family is in my prayers!! Love you all!!

Phyllis Shirley - June 23, 2018 at 09:19 PM

BS

“ Bennett Building Systems purchased the Memorials to Treasure for the family of Eric Ryan Tench.



Bennett Building Systems - June 05, 2018 at 04:30 PM

JU

“ We sure did have some adventures, didn't we? I'll see you again one day, pal.



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**Julia** - June 05, 2018 at 12:27 AM

Wendy Kussmaul

“ Wendy Kussmaul lit a candle in memory of Eric Ryan Tench



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**Wendy Kussmaul** - June 02, 2018 at 02:43 PM

MW

“ Martha Wilson lit a candle in memory of Eric Ryan Tench



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**Martha Wilson** - June 02, 2018 at 01:45 AM

CS

“ Charles, Linda And Matthew Smith lit a candle in memory of Eric Ryan Tench



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**Charles, Linda and Matthew Smith** - June 01, 2018 at 08:26 PM

CC

“ *Such a tragic loss of such a great guy. He was one of a kind and will be missed.* ”



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**Chrystal Cherry** - June 01, 2018 at 07:07 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Eric Ryan Tench.* ”



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June 01, 2018 at 12:49 AM

KB

“ *Kristy Bryson lit a candle in memory of Eric Ryan Tench* ”



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**Kristy Bryson** - May 31, 2018 at 07:03 PM

MA

“ *Prayers for peace and comfort during this time for Eric's family.* ”



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**Mandy** - May 31, 2018 at 08:26 AM

LS

“ *Lois Smith lit a candle in memory of Eric Ryan Tench*



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**Lois Smith** - May 31, 2018 at 04:20 AM

 Mike Kesler

“ *Mike Kesler lit a candle in memory of Eric Ryan Tench*



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**Mike Kesler** - May 30, 2018 at 06:41 PM

KB

“ *Kristy Billingsley lit a candle in memory of Eric Ryan Tench*



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**Kristy Billingsley** - May 30, 2018 at 05:42 PM

LA

*Dear Sandra.. Thinking of you at this difficult time. Thoughts and prayers Linda Abbott at Carolina Real Estate*

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**linda Abbott** - June 01, 2018 at 07:18 PM

Julie  
Allen

“ On behalf of the entire Walhalla High School Class of 1997, we extend our sincerest condolences. Eric was a one of a kind guy who will be surely missed.



Julie Allen - May 30, 2018 at 03:48 PM

CS

“ The Lord is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. Psalm 34:18  
Prayers of peace and comfort. Eric will be greatly missed.

Crystal S. - May 30, 2018 at 03:23 PM

NJ

“ Nina James lit a candle in memory of Eric Ryan Tench



Nina James - May 30, 2018 at 03:17 PM

LT

“ Louise & Clarence Towe lit a candle in memory of Eric Ryan Tench



Louise & Clarence Towe - May 30, 2018 at 12:56 PM

LA

“ To the family of Eric Tench,  
We extend our deepest condolences to your  
family during this difficult time. God bless each  
of you with strength.  
The LC Alexander family



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**LC Alexander** - May 30, 2018 at 09:34 AM

 Tracy  
Matheson

“ May your sweetest dreams be cherished and may you forever rest  
in peace. Prayers.

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**Tracy Matheson** - May 29, 2018 at 08:15 PM

TR

“ Eric was a Genuine, One of a kind Friend!! He  
will be missed!! Praying for the family!



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**Taima Ramey** - May 29, 2018 at 04:47 PM

KH

“ Eric you will be missed



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**Kay Harris** - May 29, 2018 at 03:20 PM

WC

“ Eric Tench will be greatly missed...

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**Walhalla Veterinary Clinic** - May 29, 2018 at 01:46 PM

Christy Blackwell

“ *Lit a candle in memory of*



Christy Blackwell - May 29, 2018 at 12:59 PM

UL

“ *Upstate-Super Lube lit a candle in memory of Eric Ryan Tench*



Upstate-Super Lube - May 29, 2018 at 11:39 AM

KH

“ *Kim Honea lit a candle in memory of Eric Ryan Tench*



Kim Honea - May 29, 2018 at 11:17 AM

MD

“ *Melanie Durham lit a candle in memory of Eric Ryan Tench*



Melanie Durham - May 29, 2018 at 10:53 AM

FS

“ While I did not know Eric, I was acquainted with his Dad, Doug. My husband, Jack Smith, worked with Doug in Charleston along with Tom Ferguson and others. Such a tragedy for a young life but yet God has His plans for His reasons. My prayers are for each of you during this time of mourning.

Franciena Smith - May 29, 2018 at 08:32 AM

JH

“ Joyce Hughes lit a candle in memory of Eric Ryan Tench




Joyce Hughes - May 29, 2018 at 07:10 AM

KS

“ Kathy Smith lit a candle in memory of Eric Ryan Tench



kathy smith - May 28, 2018 at 09:45 PM

 Kristy Deal Jordan

“ Praying peace on this family... He will be missed by all. ❤️



Kristy Deal Jordan - May 28, 2018 at 08:21 PM

AB

“ *Amy Boulton lit a candle in memory of Eric Ryan Tench*



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**Amy Boulton** - May 28, 2018 at 07:50 PM

JR

“ *Eric you were a good Man and a great friend. You will be missed my friend. Peace be with you in Heaven brother.*



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**Jeremy Ramey** - May 28, 2018 at 07:49 PM

CW

“ *Catherine Whiten lit a candle in memory of Eric Ryan Tench*



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**Catherine Whiten** - May 28, 2018 at 07:45 PM

CE

“ *Chad Edwats lit a candle in memory of Eric Ryan Tench*



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**Chad edwats** - May 28, 2018 at 05:56 PM

RC

“ *Rebecca S Cromer lit a candle in memory of Eric Ryan Tench*



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**Rebecca S Cromer** - May 28, 2018 at 04:15 PM

WB

“ *Wayne &Joyce Barnes lit a candle in memory of Eric Ryan Tench*



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**Wayne &Joyce Barnes** - May 28, 2018 at 03:56 PM

WB

*Roy ,Judy and family we are so very sorry. Please allow God to wrap you all in his great big arms and comfort your hearts in your time of sorrow. I will keep you all in our prayers.*

*Love Wayne & Joyce*

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**Wayne & Joyce Barnes** - May 28, 2018 at 04:00 PM

CM

“ *Caroline Moore lit a candle in memory of Eric Ryan Tench*



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**Caroline Moore** - May 28, 2018 at 02:51 PM

JS

“ *Joan And David Schmidt lit a candle in memory of Eric Ryan Tench*



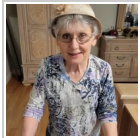
Joan and David Schmidt - May 28, 2018 at 11:44 AM

IC

“ *Irene Chapman lit a candle in memory of Eric Ryan Tench*



Irene Chapman - May 28, 2018 at 10:58 AM



“ *Judy Wood lit a candle in memory of Eric Ryan Tench*



Judy Wood - May 28, 2018 at 10:25 AM



“ *Lit a candle in memory of*



Kathy Addis - May 28, 2018 at 08:26 AM

MP

“ Mike Patterson lit a candle in memory of Eric Ryan Tench



Mike Patterson - May 28, 2018 at 07:52 AM

BB

“ Bradley Blackwel sent a virtual gift in memory of Eric Ryan Tench



Bradley blackwel - May 28, 2018 at 07:12 AM

SB

“ You are all in my prayers.



Steven “Mark” Blume - May 27, 2018 at 11:20 PM

SS

“ Sherrie Stratman lit a candle in memory of Eric Ryan Tench



sherrie stratman - May 27, 2018 at 09:59 PM

JS

“ *Joan Smith lit a candle in memory of Eric Ryan Tench*



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**Joan Smith** - May 27, 2018 at 09:36 PM

CM

“ *Charles Mazarky lit a candle in memory of Eric Ryan Tench*



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**Charles Mazarky** - May 27, 2018 at 08:29 PM

WT

“ *Always that smile..never saw Eric without smiling ..so many loved him..*

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**Wanda Thomas** - May 27, 2018 at 07:52 PM

KR

“ *Kristy lit a candle in memory of Eric Ryan Tench*



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**Kristy** - May 27, 2018 at 07:28 PM

WC

“ *Wilma H Cobb lit a candle in memory of Eric Ryan Tench*



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**Wilma H Cobb** - May 27, 2018 at 07:21 PM

LC

“ *I always enjoyed being around Eric. He was an all around genuine person. There was no pretense to him at all. He was a fun loving guy. Brent and LeeAnn always enjoyed his company. I pray God gives you all the peace and comfort only He can supply. I love you all, Linda*

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**Linda Cobb** - May 27, 2018 at 06:22 PM

NH

“ *Condolences to the family of Eric. Prayers to all the family. The Lord is with you. He will help you to br strong in this time of sadness.*  
*Nancy Hall*

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**Nancy Hall** - May 27, 2018 at 05:38 PM

LS

*Sandra and Doug my thoughts and prayers are with you may Eric rest in peace Lois Smith*

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**Lois Smith** - May 31, 2018 at 04:12 AM

FC

“ *Lit a candle in memory of*



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**Frank Judy Crowe** - May 27, 2018 at 01:20 PM