



Christian Uppleger

August 27, 1940 - July 28, 2020

Christian Uppleger, born August 27, 1940 in Pontiac, MI to Melvin and Helen Uppleger.

On July 28, 2020 Chris unexpectedly passed away at age 79. Beloved husband of Margaret (Ostrow) Uppleger of Royal Oak, MI. Father of Donald (Kelly) Uppleger of Casper, WY and Jeanne (Michael) Lutzky of Bloomfield Hills, MI. Grandfather of Mason and Madison Lutzky. Brother of Gwen Cook of Royal Oak, MI. Chris was a proud veteran of the United States Air Force, past Master of Berkley Masonic Lodge #536, member of the First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak and happily retired in 1999 after 39 years of employment at Consumers Energy. Chris remained active throughout life and was an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed camping, fishing, hunting and travel. Chris also had a passion for restoring classic cars, including his 1929 Model A Ford Huckster truck and his 1971 Chevy Chevelle. Chris was devoted to his family, cherished his grandchildren and loved his granddogs. A private celebration of life will be held at a later date. Memorial gifts may be made to the Michigan Humane Society - Donate Now (https://www.michiganhumane.org/donatenow/?sl_tc=zotabox_donate)

Tribute Wall

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“ I met Mr. Uppleger around the time his son and I lost our friend Mike, in the mid 80's. Chris and Don were “Up North” buddies, hunting partners, a car restoring team, and football fanatics. I didn't think he was crazy about any girl, especially one who came from a divorced family, hanging around his around his son. Well, it turned out this big, intimidating, fierce father, with a deep voice was really a Giant Teddy Bear (there is a picture of him sitting in front of a Teddy Bear wall hanging that makes me giggle). This no judgment, Teddy Bear, with a sense of humor and his sweet wife, took me in like a lost kitten. I was there often, probably too much. They showed me another side of what family life was. My mom and I were usually working opposite schedules, so they had me for sit down, no distractions, traditional family dinner and let me do homework at their home several afternoon and evenings. I found this family absolutely beautiful. A strong dad, a lovely mom, a treasured son, an adorable daughter, a well-behaved dog and I think there was even a cat. Chris was a great father figure and ran a tight ship, I was in awe.

Funny story, one time I was mad at Don, and yelling at him through his window. Embarrassingly, much later, I found out later Chris heard the whole thing. Instead of him coming out and telling me to go away, he watched me and realized that lost kitten had some claws. I think that is when I gained his respect.

I send my deepest sympathy to his friends, family, and especially his treasured grandkids who will miss out on even more fond memories.

Julie - August 11, 2020 at 02:32 PM

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“ *Jennifer Herman lit a candle in memory of Christian Uppleger*



Jennifer Herman - August 11, 2020 at 07:31 AM

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“ *So sorry for your loss. We are thinking of your family often and you are in my prayers.*

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