



David Charles Christian

April 3, 1957 - September 11, 2020

David Charles Christian, 63 of La Plata, passed away Friday, September 11, 2020 at his home.

David was born April 3, 1957 in Jamestown, New York to the late Louis T. Christian and Marilyn Holm Christian. A graduate of Cassadaga Valley Central School, he graduated from Fredonia State University and University of Buffalo with Bachelor's Degrees in physics and electrical engineering, respectively. He later earned a Master's Degree in engineering management and a Doctorate Degree in computer science, both from George Washington University.

He worked as an electrical engineer for the U.S. Department of Defense, Navy, at Indian Head for more than 20 years and he most enjoyed his work with foreign militaries, primarily the German, Australian, and Spanish navies. He taught as an adjunct instructor for both the College of Southern Maryland and George Washington University, both in math and computer science.

He was proud of his Swedish heritage and was a member of the Vikings Lodge #65 in Jamestown, New York. In his spare time, he enjoyed traveling, playing guitar, and listening to music of all kinds. He also enjoyed taking his boat out and spending time with friends. Dave was very creative in the kitchen and on the grill and enjoying trying unique cuisines.

He was most proud of his two children, Geoffrey Anders Christian, 22, and Heather Anne Christian, 19, of Bel Alton, Maryland. He thoroughly enjoyed taking his children to museums and galleries in Washington, DC and traveling with them to places such as Bar Harbor, Maine, Hawaii, and England.

He is also survived by his brother, Darrel (Sue) Christian of Jamestown, New York; his nephews, Michael, Tim, and Andrew; and niece, Brittany. He was preceded in death by his older brother, Douglas.

Funeral services will be private.

Tribute Wall



“ *David Charles Christian*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *David Charles Christian*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *3 files added to the album Memories Album*



conni james - September 24, 2020 at 10:54 PM

AW

“*Dave and I were brothers by choice, or maybe by accident, depending how you look at it. We first met in 1978 when Dave popped in at the Goede's house on Bard Road in Cassadaga, NY. I was the foreign exchange student at the local high school, and he was curious and wanted to get to know me, my country (Sweden), and also more about his own ancestry. During that year we met on many occasions when he wasn't too busy with college and he took me along to rock concerts, to high school dances where he was the DJ, to skiing in Cockaigne, but we also met up to just listen to records at his parents' house and talk about what we were going to do. And Dave had plans, a vision of what he was going to do and where he was going.*

Dave was curious and inquisitive about all sorts of subjects, technology, culture, languages, food, music, and so on. For example, he liked to pick up useful phrases in foreign languages. He also asked me and years later he remembered what I had said, like he had an almost perfect recall or a superfast algorithm which could just pick it up from some faraway corner of his memory. His Swedish phrases tended to be linked to English words, such as "Hey door", and they came close enough to be well understood. And he then taught his friends these phrases too, like "Arigato gozaimasu" from his trips to Japan.

Dave was in so many ways a unique lifeform. He loved Star Trek, most of all I think because of the visionary ideas about technology that they showed, and over the years he sent me various ST gadgets, phasers, communicators, tricorders, and of course models of the Enterprise. I have them all in my study and he sent them because he wanted to share them and he knew I would appreciate them.

Those of us who were fortunate enough to get to know Dave, treasure our memories of the times we spent together. One of the many trips we made together took us to York, England, where Dave had learned that they have a Viking festival, in February. And he

came there with his Viking helmet, as Randy's picture shows. I don't know how he got it on the plane from the US, with those horns and all, but maybe the 90's had something to do with it.

One of the highlights of this festival was the burning of a Viking ship, which in the past was how an important Viking was sent off to meet their maker in Valhalla. While we don't have a burning Viking ship to be sent into the darkness of the night for Dave, instead we can picture such a ship our minds for this loving and caring man who's flame burned so high and bright and whose spirit lives on inside all of us who loved him.

Anders Warne - September 20, 2020 at 03:07 AM

CA

“ *To Geoffrey and Heather,
I'm so very sorry for your loss! David was a very special guy who has left us way too soon. I'm so sorry I've never had the pleasure of meeting you but I certainly wanted you to know that you have my sympathy.
Cheryl Adams (grandma Marilyn was my mom's cousin and Darrel is my godson)*

Cheryl B. Adams - September 19, 2020 at 08:20 AM

NH

“ *I met Dave when I was living in the US in the nineties. We made friends as he supported my work, took me to places I never would have gone to by myself, and introduced me to his friends and family. For more than 30 years I enjoyed a great friendship with one of the kindest and gentlest people I have ever known.
I was deeply saddened to hear of my good friend's passing. I will cherish the great memories of our time together and never forget him.
God rest his soul.*

Norbert Hoefler - September 17, 2020 at 05:31 AM

PT

“ David will always be remembered as one of the three Christian boys that lived on the next street over. If you were fortunate enough to be a member of the Christian family, you were recognized as someone that not only maintained the model family standards but one who could raise the bar. David did, and as a family friend I fully appreciated that quality in him. He was always will to help others without judgement. He gave me my first guitar lessons where he laid out the fundamentals and was very patient at that!
To the entire Christian family, you are in our prayers and thoughts.
Rest In Peace David.

Phil Tederous - September 16, 2020 at 01:25 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Charles Christian.



September 16, 2020 at 05:34 AM



“ Sending lots of love and prayers to David's family. Rest In Peace David.

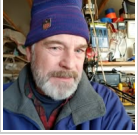
Lynn Swanson-Watson - September 15, 2020 at 02:28 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David Charles Christian.



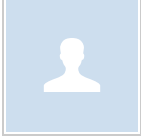
September 15, 2020 at 02:23 PM



“ I have never had a stronger, more caring and thoughtful friend like Dave in my life. I have strong doubts there may be another like him, He was definitely a soulmate on many aspects of our lives and I will miss sharing on nearly a daily exchange whats going on and the qualities of the experiences, good and bad. I suspect he was a better friend than I as I struggled to keep up on what ever our exchange was, be it introducing people, relating a memory or making each other laugh harder. He always had an abundance of positive and helpful suggestions when I had an tough issue, as I had for him. We always tried to make some quality time for each other and to share our resources to pull or help push each other when we could. Dave's work took him all over the country and the world and when I had the time and money to do so I would tag along and broaden my knowledge and enjoy things new and challenging in some way. There will be a deep void felt by many people in his passing, Dave had so many people I could relate to in his life that he connected me with in our 42 year acquaintance, the sadness of his passing will be suffered by literally hundreds, if not thousands of those he made a wonderful impact on during his frolic on this green earth. I will miss our adventures- The tours of major cities, the historic places, the great restaurants, drinking holes, cafes and places where the elements of our shared diversity originate. The boating and fishing in the Potomac and Chesapeake, the Blue crabs, lobster, clams and sushi. The Alpine skiing adventures and the Apres skiing fun, The Plane flights and road trips, sights, sounds tastes and people along the way were always better when Dave was there and engaging people with his unique charisma and humor. It was a great run and I am so lucky to have had the Amazing Dave with me as a best buddy for such a long time. I can truly say he helped me be a better person on so many levels. I regret that our time together has come to cease on worldly channels, but the memories and goodness will live and be passed on in gratitude whenever an opportunity presents itself. We often spoke in the various broken languages we had picked up along the way, I will miss these exchange's too. Cheers, Adjo, Adios, Tschuss, Auf Weidersehen, Arrivederci and Sayonara, Dr. Dave, until we

meet again.

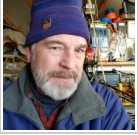
Randy Crawford - September 15, 2020 at 01:42 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of David Charles Christian.*



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Randy Crawford - September 15, 2020 at 01:18 PM



Hi Randy. I'm David's cousin. Just wanted to let you know how much I enjoyed the photos that you posted. Condolences on the loss of your good friend ❤️

Lynn Swanson-Watson - September 15, 2020 at 02:27 PM

RR

I worked with Dave on a number of occasions at IH. Always thought he was competent, gave great advice, was unassuming and a pleasure to work with. He left this earth far to soon. Rest in peace.

Rich Rudnicki - September 15, 2020 at 05:25 PM

RF

“ I met Dave back in kindergarten in 1962 and were good friends all through school...after, we went our own ways, but always stayed good friends...I will always miss his antics !!!

Richard Fredrickson - September 15, 2020 at 08:19 AM

JS

“ I always enjoyed his company. He was a caring and competent engineer and a good friend. God rest his soul.

JOE SHANNON - September 14, 2020 at 10:18 PM