



Chris John Alberti

December 25, 1948 - March 9, 2022

Chris John Alberti, 73, passed from earth to join Our Heavenly Father and his son, Christopher John, in Heaven on Wednesday, March 9th, 2022, in the ICU at Bellin Hospital in Green Bay, WI, surrounded by his beloved wife, Sheryl, and family members.

He was born December 25, 1948, to the late Robert & Dorothy Alberti. He had many good memories of growing up in Quinnesec with family, neighbors and friends who impacted his young life. He could still mention by name all of the 128 customers he delivered the Iron Mountain News to!

He graduated from Kingsford High School in 1967 where he excelled in many sports, especially football when he played for the Flivvers in the infamous Iron Mountain vs. Kingsford game of 1964 when Iron Mountain won 6-0! He went on to attend Northern Michigan University and work at Kimberly Clark Paper Mill in Niagara while attending NMU Residence Classes.

In 1970 he met the love of his life, Sheryl Soderberg; the couple were married August 14, 1971. They celebrated 50 beautiful years of loving, living and creating cherished memories together this past August.

In 1974 Chris graduated from NMU with a BS Degree in Education and taught Industrial Arts and coached football at Minooka High School in Minooka, IL for

2 years, moving back to Kingsford where he began teaching drafting and was the assistant freshman football coach at Kingsford High School in 1978. Eventually, he began teaching woodworking, where he thoroughly enjoyed teaching his students how to build and create with wood. The students were able to make many small and large projects, which they would display at a spring woodworking arts fair held in the woodshop. He also taught woodworking in the evening for Community Schools. He had fond memories of many of his students through the years! Chris was also Athletic Director at KHS and Driver Education Instructor for Kingsford and North Dickinson High Schools. During these busy years he attended Viterbo University in La Crosse, WI where he earned his Master's Degree in Education in 1996. At the end of his teaching career, Chris taught social studies for the eighth grade Kingsford middle school. Chris retired from Breitung Township Schools in 2002 due to health reasons and was on dialysis for ten months when he received "The Gift of Life" (a kidney from his wife Sheryl), which gave him 20 more years of loving, laughing and enjoying life.

Chris & Sheryl were avid travelers and enjoyed wonderful trips to Israel and Egypt, ten countries in Europe, where they enjoyed dinner in London, England on their 25th anniversary, San Francisco on their 35th anniversary, along with Hawaii, Cancun, Nashville, New York, Washington DC and cruises to the south Caribbean and Alaska.

Chris enjoyed hunting, especially deer hunting at the log cabin he and his father built near Foster City, and he was a member of Immaculate Conception Church in Iron Mountain where he formerly taught 9th grade CCD and was a Eucharistic Minister. Chris was a caring, generous man who loved talking and sharing his stories and sense of humor with everyone he knew or met. He was a loving husband, devoted father, son, brother, brother-in-law, uncle and grandpa. Most of all, he was a gentle giant who will leave a void in all of our lives and a treasure trove of precious memories.

Chris is survived by his wife, Sheryl; his daughter, Aubrey; grandsons, Charlie and Jamesson Hawkins; his mother, Dorothy Alberti; sister, Sharon (John) Dougoveto; sister-in-law, Ginny (Dave) Sanders; many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his son, Christopher; his father, Robert; his father and mother-in-law, Harold and Colleen Soderberg; and son-in-law, Shane Hawkins.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Marjorie Funtanilla, Kelly Floriano and staff, Fresenius Dialysis nurses, Dr. Mathias Fuchs, Dickinson Home Health Care, Art Spera from The Drug Store, DICSA, and Arms of Angels Transportation. A special thank you to Mark and Michael Michaud, Brian Phillips and John Proudfit, who went above and beyond to assist Chris; and to the many wonderful people who offered up prayers for him during this difficult time.

Visitation will be 9:00 - 11:00 am on Thursday, March 17th at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. Msgr. Kaczmarek will offer the Mass of Christian Burial at 11:30 am at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Iron Mountain. Burial will be at a later date.

Condolences to the family of Chris John Alberti may be expressed online at www.ernnashfuneralhomes.com

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home with the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Quinnesec Cemetery

Menominee Street
Quinnesec, MI 49876

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 17. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home
901 Carpenter Ave
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 17. 11:30 AM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
500 Blaine St.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Tribute Wall

RV

“ I remember Chris first as our Little League baseball teams met at a field in Brieting Township. I was on the Norway team. When I heard that they were on our schedule that summer I feared having to face the fastest pitcher in our league. I hardly slept for the week prior in anticipation of having to face him at the plate. And as you would expect I went 0 for 2, fanning horribly. I'm not sure what transpired after that because I went to Norway High School (1967), but I remember Chris coming by on his Big Hog and picking me up at my house. That would have been in the mid to late 60's. I remember him as a big brawny easy going friendly guy. I was sorry to hear of his death and my condolences go out to his wife and family. Richard Visintainer

Richard Visintainer - July 18, 2023 at 12:52 AM

RU

“ RIP Mr. Alberti you were an awesome teacher! Class of 1982

Robert Uren - March 21, 2022 at 10:35 PM

TF

“ The Kempf Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Chris John Alberti.



The Kempf Family - March 17, 2022 at 03:13 AM

“ Sheryl, Dorothy, Sharon, and family,

Words cannot describe how sorry I am at this loss. Even though we are cousins, I really didn't know Chris until I started junior high school. He was 20 years my senior and 12 years into his teaching career, when fortunately for me, he was assigned to be our drafting teacher. For the next 2 years, he taught my closest friends and I how to split a 3D objects into 3 views and how to assemble 3 views into 3D objects. As anyone would expect, lessons were always presented with the wit and humor with which he was so gifted. We heard countless stories of his past experiences, and he was always ready with an age appropriate joke. He used his humor to capture our attention, allowing him to engage our young minds to focus them on the things that had potential to shape our futures. When I reached out to my friends from KHS that I'm still in contact with, each was saddened to hear of his passing and relayed their memories of the times we shared. It was obvious to me that he had influenced more students than just myself.

My personal experience, however, went beyond just drafting class. Before I entered high school, Chris approached me and asked if I would be interested in becoming his student aid during my study hall sessions. I am not sure if he did this because we were family or if he truly enjoyed my company, though I always believed it was the latter. Regardless, I was honored to have had been asked. For the next 4 years of high school, I was able to spend an hour every day with Chris. Sometimes in a classroom setting and sometimes just he and I. I saw his "teacher" side, and his "personal" side. It did not take long to realize that these were one and the same. I soon came to realize that he treated all the students with the same respect he treated me. That he was reaching out and connecting with them. Showing them their potential, and of what they might be capable. He was truly an exceptional teacher. He made his students feel important and valued.

Over the many hours Chris and I spent together, he gave me the

freedom to decide what I wanted or needed to do. I could work on my own projects, I could help him, or I could help the students. It was up to me. Most of the time I helped the students, which I realize now, gave me the most satisfaction and also indirectly helped him. He was always supportive, treating me as an equal, and listening to the things I had to say. He was a true friend and confidant. He did not judge or try to impose his views. He has influenced my career and life decisions beyond what I am able to comprehend. I feel fortunate that I was able to visit him on the occasions when I was home, and that I could introduce him to my wife and children. I want to relay to you how much respect I have for Chris and how much I will miss him. I will never forget him.

*Sincerely,
Kevin Kempf*

Kevin Kempf - March 17, 2022 at 03:10 AM

GS

“ *I graduated with Chris and just recently learned he was responsible for teaching 3 of my 4 children to drive. That alone qualifies him for sainthood in my mind. But, what I remember most is facing him as a batter in little league. He had a curve ball that Babe Ruth would have bailed out on. 61 years latter and I can still see that ball coming at my head and then at the last minute breaking over the heart of the plate. What a talent!!! RIP Chris.*

Gordon D Sorensen - March 15, 2022 at 02:40 PM

RF

“ Rob, Lyn, Erin, Jim, Bob, Krissy Forstrom purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Chris John Alberti.



Rob, Lyn, Erin, Jim, Bob, Krissy Forstrom - March 14, 2022 at 08:49 PM

PL

“ I want to Kingsford high school with Chris. He was a great guy. Will always have memories of him. Prayers coming to all. God bless you Chris.

Pat Lund - March 14, 2022 at 04:47 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Chris John Alberti.



March 14, 2022 at 04:25 PM

CT

“ I met Chris in high school and enjoyed being in classes with him and watching him play football. He was a great guy who helped me with biology at the NMU center. So sorry for your loss. Cheryl Thornberry

Cheryl Thornberry - March 12, 2022 at 10:43 PM

MR

“ I was very sad to hear of the passing of Chris. The years we grew up together in Quinnesec were filled with adventures and friendships with the other “Quinnesec kids”. Too many have passed - their memories will be cherished by many.

Marilyn Mann Reed - March 12, 2022 at 09:59 PM

GD

“ Our deepest condolences for your loss. Chris was a kind person. I remember the football game well even though I was young. Prayers to you all.

The family of Ginny Drake Brajdic

Ginny Drake - March 12, 2022 at 09:09 PM

OW

“ Sheryl and family and friends,
My deep and sincere sympathy in the loss of your loving husband and friend. God has held the door wide open to welcome Chris to his heavenly home already prepared for him.

My prayers are with you.

Orice Walters



Orice Walters - March 12, 2022 at 04:35 PM

PL

“ Rest In Peace Chris. Sorry to hear about your passing.
—Ed Langin

Pat Langin - March 12, 2022 at 11:19 AM

RS

“ Chris meant a lot to all of the people he encountered. I was so bless to grow up in Quinnesec and know Chris my whole life and got to see his love for the Cubs and I am a huge Cubs fan even as I got older he still would say hi and talk with me. God now has a another great one.

Ryan Sanders - March 12, 2022 at 06:03 AM

PP

“ Deepest sympathy to the entire Alberti Family! RIP Chris from your classmate KHS 1967! Pat Visintainer Pearman

Pat Visintainer Pearman - March 11, 2022 at 06:14 PM

RV

Hi Pat! I was searching for info about Chris and came across your name. I hope you are doing well and that life has been good to you. I remember our occasional visits as kids in Norway. Your cousin, Dick Visintainer.

Richard Visintainer - July 18, 2023 at 12:39 AM