



Christopher John Kerperien

February 20, 1980 - September 23, 2022

At the core of Chris Kerperien was love. Love to his many friends and family, but especially to his treasured wife of 22 years, Shawna, and their three beloved daughters, Savanna, Cheyenne and Cailie. Although Chris's tough exterior would make any elderly woman cling tightly to her purse, he would be the first to win them over with his gentle kindness, selfless love and a heart to put others before himself.

After a wonderful childhood full of love and laughter with his parents, Gerald and Mary Ann Kerperien, and brothers and sisters, Chris graduated high school in Mount Morris, Michigan, and faithfully served his country with the United States Army for 21 years.

Although Chris only lived 42 short years, his energetic, live-life-to-the-fullest attitude held more love and meaning than most men could pack into 80 years. He stayed on the go with hobbies and house renovations - all centered around building quality time with the people he cared about most. Never one to sit on the sidelines, Chris loved many hobbies, including racecar driving, hockey, golf, bow hunting, softball, bowling, and tattoo artistry. And he would do it all with Carmex in his pocket, because God knows he couldn't go a day without it.

When Chris would slow down, you could find him working on his car with

Savanna, online shopping for new Croc charms for he and Cheyenne, or singing Miley Cyrus and dancing with Cailie before crashing on the couch with her blanket. He loved grilling steak and potatoes for dinner. However, an important part of the grilling process included talking about it all day long. He was most known for his honey steaks, which were sweet and tender, much like Chris himself. And while most dads would discourage tattoos, Chris was always helping the girls plan their next tattoo design. Chris loved making Shawna feel loved and cherished; whether buying her a dream Jeep or taking her to multiple Nelly concerts. He did anything to make Shawna happy; and he did make her happy. He made everyone happy. That was who Chris was.

Chris was preceded in death by his father, Gerald Kerperien, in February of 2022. He is survived by his wife, Shawna Kerperien; three daughters, Savanna Kerperien, Cheyenne Kerperien, and Cailie Kerperien; mother, Mary Ann Kerperien; two brothers, Matt Kerperien & wife, Kristi, and his twin, Daniel Kerperien & wife, Stephanie; two sisters, Monaca Elston & husband, Duane, and Jennifer Coutnryman & husband, Bobby; and many more people who loved him and will miss him dearly.

The family will be hosting a Celebration of Life Party in Missouri and Michigan at a later date. The date and times will be announced by the family and through the funeral home website. Finally, the family asks that you honor Chris by eating some pizza, drinking a cold beer, and devouring a bag of Twizzlers. And most importantly, they ask that you please focus on driving the speed limit... because everyone knows Chris couldn't stand a slow driver.

Tribute Wall



“ *Christopher John Kerperien*

October 09, 2023 at 12:27 PM



“ *Christopher John Kerperien*

October 09, 2023 at 04:09 AM



“ *Christopher John Kerperien*

October 05, 2023 at 11:14 PM



“ *Christopher John Kerperien*

October 05, 2023 at 05:41 PM



“ *Christopher John Kerperien*

December 20, 2022 at 10:20 AM



“ *Purple Open Rose with White Mums (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Christopher John Kerperien.*



September 28, 2022 at 02:27 PM

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“MSG K I see you smiling brother. 557 Maintenance a family of Soldiers rolling in Iraq. You use to say Top I want to get promoted. Brother I see that you achieved what you desired. You are an amazing father to your beautiful girls. One heck of a Soldier. God will watch over you family and embrace them with love. I see you with that smile on your face Brother keep smiling K. 557th forever Brother. Much love to you and your family.



1SGT Retired David Williams - September 28, 2022 at 02:18 PM



“I played softball with Chris in Schweinfurt. I was deeply saddened to hear of his passing. Shawna and family you are in our thoughts in this trying hour. May he rest in peace.

*Mike Dehart
Schweinfurt Germany 2011-2014*

Mike Dehart - September 28, 2022 at 10:28 AM

SA

“One of the best people you would ever meet! Loved his family and it showed in everything he did. RIP Chris and know we will finish all those projects you got started and didn't have time to finish. Until we meet again! Forever in my heart! Love, “Mother”

Sharon Allen - September 28, 2022 at 10:03 AM

PB

My nephew Chris put me to shame, I wish I could have been as good a girl dad as he was.

Patrick J Bullard - September 28, 2022 at 10:30 AM