



Chris Koppang

January 13, 1959 - November 1, 2014

Chris Koppang passed away Saturday, November 1, surrounded by his family. Service for the celebration of Chris's life will be held on Thursday, November 6, at 11:00 a.m., at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Bismarck, with Rev. Larry Giese officiating. Visitation will be held from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm Wednesday, November 5, at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway, Bismarck. Chris was born January 13, 1959, in Hillsboro, ND, to Alton and Frances Davidson Koppang. He was the only boy in a family of three girls. Chris and his family moved to Bismarck in 1964. He attended Saxvick Elementary, Simle Junior High, graduated from Bismarck High School in 1977 and attended Bismarck Junior College receiving an associate's degree in power plant technology. Chris was a Boy Scout with Troop 123 in Bismarck, where his father was a scout master. Chris achieved the distinction of becoming an Eagle Scout in 1974. He married Doreen Fischer in 1994 and recently celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary. Chris had a strong love for family and spending time with them. His several nieces and nephews called him "Uncle Bug" and he always had "bug hugs" for them. He loved being around his children and especially around his grandchildren. They all loved their papa as much as he loved them. Chris enjoyed many hobbies, including cruising in his Firebird with the top down and the music loud, hunting, fishing, camping and driving around with his furry kids, Alley and Mojo. Chris had a lot of friends. We all know Chris loved to talk and everywhere he went there were people he knew. He was always willing to listen and help someone in need.

When Chris was diagnosed with cancer, he said he wanted to spend as much time with his family as he could. As a family over the past 20 months, there have been 2 trips to Deadwood, SD, many weekends camping and time spent together for family birthdays and holidays. Chris was a huge Green Bay Packers fan and loved to watch his favorite team play. His sons took him on a "bucket list" trip to Green Bay, Wisconsin, where they toured Lambeau Field and saw the Packers play. Throughout his journey with cancer, he was overwhelmed by the continued support from family and friends. Chris will be deeply missed by all of his family and friends as he left us way too soon. Chris is survived by his wife Doreen and his children, Wendy Arik Spencer, Jessica Warden, Melissa John Chalupa, Cj Andrea Koppang , Cory Angie Koppang, Brandon Fischer and Joey Pam Fischer; his grandchildren, Christian, Ciara, Kasie, Arin, Claire, Lily, Dylan, Mason, Ryan, Justin, Jax, Lia, and Kaitlyn and his sisters, Angie Koppang, Lorraine Ken Weber and Kathy Mark Baerlocher; his nieces and nephews, Courtney, Lucas, Alyssa, Amanda, Norah, Landon, and Adam honorary. Chris was preceded in death by his infant granddaughter, Sophia Koppang; his mother, Frances Koppang; and his father, Alton Koppang.

Tribute Wall

DJ

“ Cory, Angie and Family. We are so sorry for the loss of your precious loved one! You are all in our hearts and prayers. "You will hold him in your hearts until you see him again in heaven."

David and Anita Johnson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ They say you can tell a lot about a young man based on how he treats animals/pets. While that is an absolutely true statement, As we age, It goes much deeper to say "you can tell everything about a man based on the family that surrounds him". While I have known this for a long time, what I observed these past couple of days, speaks very highly of my life long friend Chris "CiscoKid" Koppang. I say to you Doreen, all seven Children, the countless Grandchildren and Sisters, that you were all blessed to have Chris play the Husband, Father, Grandfather and Brother roles that he filled so well with the utmost integrity. There is no question that having him taken away so premature is a "difficult to accept" emptiness for each of you. In my observation today; it is satisfying, in my heart to know, that he was a very blessed man with a very fulfilled life. Proven by the fact that his family unit is so tightly knit with a lot of love to go around. God bless each and every one of you for the special place that you held in his heart and may you find peace knowing that he no longer has to suffer his battle. He is in a much better place now waiting to re-unite with each of you once again.

Jayden Veil - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Our deepest sympathy to you Doreen and family - will remember Chris with a smile and kind words for all his "boys" over the years!! Our prayers, Jeff, Cindy and Mike Thomas

Jeff-Cindy Thomas - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *With deepest sympathy, keeping you in our prayers.*

Darnell and Michelle Bohrer - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ *My condolences to the Koppang family. I remember when Chris was staying at Victor's farm for part of one summer and I would talk to him when I brought gasoline with my Dad's Standard Oil truck and hoping to pay a visit to my future wife Naomi. Chris always was my messenger and would tell Naomi to come out for a chat. Chris was such a friendly guy a young kid at that time and just loved the country life on those visits. I'm an in-law but Chris and the rest of the Koppangs have always been an extension of my own family - I am blessed to know you all, peace be with you!*

Mark Owen - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *May God's love surround you and give each of you strength and peace. Our deepest sympathy.*

Bev and Don Satnan - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ *So sorry for your loss! I remember when he named Lilly's bedroom, the "Lilly Pad". He had a great sense of humor. I can only say that he is no longer in pain, and is now safe in the arms of God. We have the promise of meeting him again in paradise. Until then, there will be a hole that, I hope will be filled with good memories, as time goes on. Our prayers are with you all during this difficult time. Blessings, Tom and Karla Thompson*

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“ *CJ and Cory and family, I am so sorry for your loss. You all are in my heart and prayers. My deepest sympathies.*

Tiffany Gress Austin - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *This is a very sad time as we all mourn the loss of a wonderful, kind, considerate man who has always been there for everyone. I will treasure my years of memories. Chris always had a smile for everyone no matter the pain he was suffering. His family meant the world to him and You, Doreen, had the hardest job of all and did it with courage. I admire you. May God be with you all during this time. And hold you close when the going gets tough. And you, Chris, my friend, rest in peace...until we meet again*

Myron and Denice Mutzenberger - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *Angie, I am so sorry for the loss of your brother. Please take care.*
Barb Fix

Barb Fix - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I'm glad I had the chance to meet and visit with you and Chris when you stopped by my parents' house to visit my dad, Lee. What a great guy! It didn't take long to see that. We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers. Jamie & Devin Sailer

Jamie & Devin Sailer - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Doreen and family. And my other 2 sons C.J and Corey and wives. I am so saddened to hear about your husband and father"s passing. What a wonderful man. sending love, hugs, and prayers your way. Melody Schwehr Bender

melody schwehr bender - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Hi Doreen. I am sorry for family loss. Although I never met Chris, I remember you talking about him sometimes at your workplace Waterford. Again, sorry for your family loss and God bless all!

Kelly Berg - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ LouAnn Sandau I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your families.

louann sandau - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

IM

“ Doreen, Cory and others - thoughts and prayers are pouring out to you, Hugs - memories will last forever.

Irene Merck - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Oh, Doreen, I am so very sorry to hear of your loss. Prayers for you and your family.

Mary Fetch - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MI

“ My condolences go out to the family. You'll be in my thoughts and prayers.

Michelle Isaak - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PO

“ Doreen and Family, So sorry to hear of your loss. Take Care and God Bless. Rest in peace Chris. Arlyn & Patti Olander

Patti Jo Olander - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MF

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Melissa Killgore and family - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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DS

“ My sympathy to the entire family. I was a classmate and also knew Chris from Boy Scouts. May the joyful memories of the past replace the sorrow of the present. Chris was a great guy and gone too soon.

Dan Schwahn - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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