



Christopher A. Urschel

August 10, 2024

Christopher A. Urschel, 65, of Huntington, passed away at 5:02 am Saturday, August 10, 2024.

Chris was born on October 8, 1958, in Wabash, IN, the son of Marion “Junior” Urschel and Susan (Lancaster) Urschel. He graduated from Huntington North High School with the class of 1977 and continued his education at Ivy Tech where he earned his associates degree. Chris married his true love Rena Kay Keller on November 8, 1980, in Yoder, IN. They shared 43 years of marriage before she recently preceded him in death on July 13, 2024.

He was a member of the Single Action Shooting Society for over 25 years and member of the NRA. Chris was a faithful member of the New Hope United Church of Christ in Bippus, IN. He served on several boards for the community and currently was serving on the Bippus Regional Sewer District board. Previously Chris worked as the Maintenance Director for Norwood’s Nursing Home for 13 years prior to their closer. He then took a new position in transportation at Peabody Nursing Home in North Manchester for 3 years until his health forced him into early retirement.

Chris was a devoted husband, supportive father and an amazing storyteller. He enjoyed watching NASCAR, reading books and collecting magazines. Chris was a history buff especially when it was about WWII. He was

passionate about old westerns and was an avid gun enthusiast. Anyone that knew Chris understood there was no such thing as a quick visit with him, minutes turned into hours easily. He generally just adored people and would soak up their presence. He always looked forward to meeting new people and learning about their life's journey. His helpful personality radiated kindness and joy; he was a bright light that will be missed. Chris and Rena's love story truly was one for books and after a short month apart they reunited in heaven.

Survivors include his loving children; Elizabeth (Justin) Keefer of Fort Wayne, IN, and Philip (Melissa) Urschel of Huntington, IN; sister, Amy (Mike) Frick of Zanesville, IN; brother, Eric (Kay) Urschel of Leo, IN. He is preceded in death by his wife, Rena Kay Urschel, father, Marion "Junior" Urschel, mother, Susan Urschel.

Visitation will be from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Saturday, August 31, 2024, at New Hope Church of Christ of Bippus. Funeral services will follow at 1:00 pm Saturday, August 31, 2024.

Preferred memorials to the New Hope United Church of Christ of Bippus, IN. Memorial Fund, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN, 46750.

Please sign the online guest book at www.baileylove.com.

Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of Christopher A. Urschel.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **31**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

New Hope Church
9160 West 800 North
Bippus, IN 46713

Service

AUG **31**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Stacey Stetzel lit a candle in memory of Christopher Urschel



Stacey Stetzel - August 30, 2024 at 07:12 PM

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“ Kathy Raymond lit a candle in memory of Christopher Urschel



Kathy Raymond - August 27, 2024 at 03:35 PM

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“ Marine Corps League Detachment #1435 Pride and Purpose of Fort Wayne extends our deepest condolences to Elizabeth, Justin, and family. Chris was not a member of our Detachment, but Elizabeth and Justin are Associate members. Fair winds and following seas. Chris, rest in eternal peace. Semper Fidelis.



Terrence L. Taylor, Sr. (Adjutant) - August 14, 2024 at 05:28 PM

SB

*Amy, Erik, Philip and Elizabeth,
We are so very sorry for the loss of Chris and Rena. Chris was always smiling & a joy to talk to. We can't imagine the loss you feel but we know they're together now & in no more pain.
Love & prayers for you all Steve & Ramonda*

Steve and Ramonda Bickel - August 16, 2024 at 09:22 AM

SM

“ *It is Sandra Morr not Mort
Chris would chuckle at this.*

Sandra Morr - August 13, 2024 at 07:21 PM

SM

“ *Chris was a great guy wonderful husband to Rena and a caring relative of Rena cousin. Through all of this Chris would take my calls on how Rena was doing. Would take his time to keep my informed as how him and Rena were doing. When had cousins supper Chris would have stories to tell and a good listener to what you had to tell him. Made the supper a very special time or relating to the past*

Sandra Mort - August 13, 2024 at 07:20 PM

MD

“ *misty dolby lit a candle in memory of
Christopher Urschel*



misty dolby - August 13, 2024 at 06:15 PM

LF

“ *Love Aunt Esther and family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Christopher A. Urschel.*



Love Aunt Esther and family - August 13, 2024 at 06:11 PM