



Christopher Howard Gustavus

February 2, 2022

On the morning of February 2, 2022, Christopher Howard Gustavus of Manassas, Virginia died at the age of 64. Chris was born in Washington DC, but grew up in Hawaii. He was a real kama'aina, running around barefoot and driving his parents, Daphne and Howard, crazy when he'd throw some pidgin English in a story he told.

After six years in the Navy and a short time in the "civilian world" Chris joined the State Department. He travelled the world, easily making lifelong friends wherever he went. He never shied away from a challenge, earning him many awards and recognitions. His long and very interesting career at State ended with him as a Senior Department Head. He loved his family with tremendous passion and had unquestionable love for all of his children. His joy in teasing his children, nieces, and nephews earned him the nickname "Duncle Chris" (Dad and Uncle combined). He was one-of-a-kind and could find something humorous to say about almost anything.

Chris will be remembered and missed for his intellect, sharp wit, wicked sense of humor, many stories, and his love of cooking. He leaves a hole in our lives that will never be filled. He is survived by his wife of 23 years Ellen Gustavus, his sisters, Dot Blain and Kathy Godden, and his four children Tami Tabish, Jodi Tingle, Alexander Gustavus, and Kyra Gustavus. He will be greatly missed by his many nieces and nephews; he was one of the best uncles. The

family will receive friends from 11-12:00 p.m., with a memorial service to follow at 12:00 p.m. on February 9, 2022 at Miller Funeral Home in Woodbridge, VA. The service will be streamed on Facebook.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Miller Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc.
3200 Golansky Blvd.
Woodbridge, VA 22192
703-878-CARE (2273)
<https://millerfuneralhome.net/>

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Christopher Howard Gustavus*

January 12, 2023 at 12:00 PM



“ *All the good memories we have. Not sure which one is the best...My favorite is throwing the deck furniture into the bonfire. Or is it scaring the sh** out of Puck?
Rest in peace, Chris*

Trish - February 09, 2022 at 08:51 AM



“ *My late Husband Jim Phillips and I knew Chris when he served in Kenya. We delighted in his friendship and shared many nights watching movies he had recorded on DVD's, quite an accomplishment in the early 1990's. His cleaver wit was shared widely, and his jokes could elicit groans from all assembled. One aspect of his generosity was when he would have the Peace Corp volunteers to his home when they were in Nairobi from their "bush" assignments and would have a marathon movie and snacks night, something they treasured after the deprivations of living in less than ideal conditions.*

Deni Phillips - February 08, 2022 at 06:04 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Christopher Howard Gustavus.*



February 07, 2022 at 08:36 PM