



## Christopher J. Butts

May 6, 1950 - July 8, 2021

Christopher J. Butts, 71, of Laurie, passed away peacefully on July 8, 2021, surrounded by the love of his three daughters.

Chris was born on May 6, 1950, to Charles and Rosemary (Purvis) Butts. As a boy, Chris enjoyed spending time with his grandparents at the lake, raising snakes, running track, and playing drums in a band with his friends. After graduating from California High School in 1968, Chris was drafted to Vietnam. There, he served his country by working on a supply barge that traveled up and down rivers, reinforcing the troops.

After moving back to the lake, Chris opened a True Value hardware store in the Laurie Mall. It was during this time in his life when he married and had three daughters: Jennifer, Angie, and Jessica. Upon the close of the hardware store, Chris became a brick mason with the local bricklayers' union. There, he flourished and even served as union president for a number of years.

Upon his retirement, Chris enjoyed fishing, reading westerns, watching TV, visiting with friends and family, and raising his second generation of children (dogs, pigeons, and fish). Chris enjoyed a spirited debate, whether in person or on Facebook, and was passionate about causes he believed in.

Chris is survived by his daughters, Jennifer, Angie and Jessica; 7

grandchildren, Christian, Casey, Noah, Nate, Makayla, Mason, and Khloe; his mother, Rosemary, 3 siblings, Philip, Debby, and Randy and many beloved nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon, Sunday, July 18th, at the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel with a celebration of life to follow at Noon. Graveside services and inurnment will follow in the Ozark Chapel Cemetery in Laurie.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.

# Cemetery Details

## Ozark Chapel Cemetery

305 North Main Street  
Gravois Mills, MO 65037

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home - Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel  
417 Silvey Rd.  
Laurie, MO 65038  
(573) 374-7688

## Celebration of Life

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# Tribute Wall

KD

“ Chris was one of our first Laurie Terrace Mall tenants. If you remember S-mart took almost half of the upper floor of the Mall. Such a huge part of our Mall. I am sure it was his parents, but Chris was the one in charge. We had a wonderful new hardware store because of he and his beautiful family. I remember giving him a huge fish from a trip Dick and I had taken. That fish graced their store for years. Then don't know where it went from their. Fish was too large to go on my wall. Then I remember years of school when my son and his girls were riding the school bus together. Such a GOOD MAN! so glad our lives crossed. His mother is one of my Favorite people plus his Aunt Nona, Aunt Eva, Aunt Mary Ann, Les Moore and Bob Hibdon and cousins Jay, Tom, George Cousins too many to mention all. Dad Chuck Butts who I am sure made S-Mart possible...Thank you to all your family Chris whose family made Laurie, and made Laurie a better community to live in! Thanks Chris ....Rest in Peace....see you soon. Karen Dobbins

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**Karen Dobbins** - July 17, 2021 at 09:13 AM

BH

“ Rest In Peace, Chris. Praying for your family.  
Bettie Hunnius  
Rosemary's neighbor at the Lake.

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**Bettie Hunnius** - July 15, 2021 at 02:23 PM

TG

“ Angie and family  
May God continue to hold you in the palm of his hand at this difficult time. You are in my prayers for peace and comfort.  
Tiffany Gannan

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**Tiffany Gannan** - July 15, 2021 at 01:32 PM

CA

“ Chris was my first childhood friend. He, Jack Lehman, and I were the three mouseketeers. We spent many week-ends at the lake and swam and fished and water skied. Chris and I were alcolytes at church and sat in the front pew. One particular Sunday we were acting up and forgetting that Chris's mom, Rosemary, was watching our every move from the choir. We learned to behave. You will always be dear to me and I will never forget you. Rest well my friend.

Charley Alexander - July 14, 2021 at 09:42 PM

NR

“ Rest in peace, old friend. Prayers for the family at this difficult time.



Nancy Rau - July 11, 2021 at 10:51 AM

CE

“ Carol Dziadosz Eddy lit a candle in memory of Christopher J. Butts



Carol Dziadosz Eddy - July 10, 2021 at 09:30 PM

CE

Classmates since the first grade in California, MO. RIP Chris

Carol Dziadosz Eddy - July 10, 2021 at 09:32 PM

JC

*My friend from the first grade. A good friend and a good man. Rest in peace, Chris.*

**John Cook** - July 12, 2021 at 09:38 PM

DV

“*Darles Vernon lit a candle in memory of Christopher J. Butts*”



**Darles Vernon** - July 10, 2021 at 09:03 PM

HF

“*Hannah Fitzhugh lit a candle in memory of Christopher J. Butts*”



**Hannah Fitzhugh** - July 10, 2021 at 06:21 PM