



Christopher Lee Chorpening

April 24, 2010

Christopher Lee Chorpening, age 51, of Torrance, California, passed away Saturday, April 24, 2010, at his home. He was born December 30, 1958, in Washington, Iowa, the son of Chuck and Joyce Steele Chorpening.

Chris graduated in 1977 from Shawnee Mission West High School in Overland Park, Kansas.

He served in the United States Air Force from May 1977 through May 1987, where he received mechanical training and held licenses in aircraft repair. His last MOS was as crew chief on C130's traveling with the airplane into other countries. Even as a civilian, he enjoyed taking machinery apart and putting it back together again. As a small child, he perfected that "talent", often dismantling a toy and repairing it. It was always amazing how he could put it back together and it would still work. His main interest was reading, and he had a great desire to learn, seeking knowledge on many subjects.

Chris has left behind his parents, Chuck and Joyce Chorpening of Laurie; a sister, Jennifer Fitzhugh, presently in Afghanistan; a brother and his wife, Jeff and Michele Chorpening of Laurie; and his nephews and nieces.

A memorial service with full military honors will be held at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, May 13, at the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel with Pastor

Michael Carter officiating. The family will receive friends from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m., Thursday, at the funeral home. Inurnment will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Building Fund for the Church of God. Expressions of sympathy may be left online at www.kidwellgarber.com. Arrangements are under the direction of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.