



Christopher E. Martens

February 17, 1969 - March 7, 2018

MARTENS, CHRISTOPHER E., loving husband and father passed away in Richmond, Virginia, at the age of 49 after a long battle with cancer. Chris was born February 17, 1969 in Detroit, Michigan and grew up in Chesterfield Township with his two brothers, Jon and Thomas. Chris attended Michigan Technology University where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering and was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon. He went on to earn an Executive Masters in Business Administration from the College of William and Mary. Chris had a 26-year engineering career including 11 years with TE Connectivity as the Senior Manager of Project Management Excellence. Despite his successful career, it is his unconditional love to his wife Amber, their children Josh, Cassidy and Caitlyn, and his beloved dog, Thila, as well as his unwavering faith throughout his life, and particularly while battling cancer, that best define him. Chris will be remembered as an adventurous and incredibly positive lover of life who had a profound impact on all who knew him. His strong values and his physical, emotional and spiritual strength were an inspiration to all around him and present until the very end. Chris was a daredevil by nature and enjoyed taking on challenges that would scare most people. He completed many triathlons including a full Ironman in 2009 in Madison, Wisconsin. He loved water sports, skiing, hiking, and biking and lived a life filled with adventure, love and laughter. Chris had the unique ability to take on life's toughest challenges with calm, grace and humility but also with a sense of perseverance and keen preparation so that those he

loved would be safe, protected and taken care of beyond his time on earth. Chris is survived by his wife, Amber (DeRigo), and their children, Josh, Cassidy and Caitlyn of Williamsburg, VA; by his mother Sylvia (Bubak) Martens, of Chesterfield Township, MI; his brothers Jon(Dawn)Martens and Thomas(Callie)Martens. He was the loving uncle of daughter Leah Martens. Chris was preceded in death by his father, Ernest Martens. Memorial Visitation Thursday 4-9pm at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons 36900 Schoenherr Road at Metro Parkway (16 Mile). Memorial Gathering 10:00am Friday at Trinity Lutheran Church 38900 Harper Avenue (btw. Crocker & Metro Parkway) until time of Memorial Service at 11:00am. Per Chris' wish, in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Lackey Clinic (www.lackeyclinic.org/giving-options) or to Phil's Friends (www.philsfriends.org/give). Share memories with the family at their "On Line Guest Book" @ Wujek-Calcaterra.com

Tribute Wall

AM

“10 months have gone by and it seems like I miss you more and more. There are so many times I want to hear your voice, your advice, your touch. You just loved and understood me in a way that can never be replicated.”

Amber - January 21, 2019 at 12:00 AM

TD

“My deepest condolences, he will always be remembered.”

Tony Drommi - March 16, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SS

“Our condolences. We are thinking of you. Praying for you during this difficult time.”

Susan and Scott Singleton - March 16, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AC

“Having gone to grade school with Tommy, I only knew Chris way back then as his (much) older brother who we looked up to and who we thought was sooo cool. I wish the wonderful Martens family strength in this difficult time, not only in your grief but also in your celebration of Chris's life. The Trinity family spans oceans and continents, which enables me to send you my blessings and my hugs all the way from Bavaria.”

Adam Cory - March 16, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JG

“Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.”

John and Lynne Gutowski - March 15, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SZ

“*”My deepest sympathy to Chris's family. It's been many years since I have seen Chris, but I will always remember growing up on the water, going out skiing, boating, and just having fun. What a wonderful guy you were, I will never forget you! I am so sorry for your loss.”*”

Scott Zaslona - March 15, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CR

“*”May the Lord God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ - the God of all compassion - comfort you in this time of sorrow and trouble. For He is close to the brokenhearted and holds those that mourn in His strong Hand of mercy and grace. We have witnessed the testimony of faith Chris's parents - mother, Sylvia, and Father Ernie who has gone to glory - have shown. What a blessing this family has been to so many. We continue to pray that the hope Chris had in the risen Lord will be a comfort and hope to all of you. With love and prayers, Jim and Carlyn Roth”*”

Carlyn Roth - March 15, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AF

“*”So sorry for your loss. Jesus wept after the death of his friend Lazarus. John 11:35 We weep along with you. His example was written in the Bible to give us hope. Rom. 15:4”*”

A friend - March 15, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SP

“Chris impacted my life in so many ways. His loving, calming nature allowed me to always feel safe and just be who I AM without any judgement. His powerful zest for life allowed me to redefine the word "living" and reinforce "Life is Beautiful" in every moment, if you choose it. Chris enriched all our lives forever with his innate gifts, his courage, his strength, his trust and his love as he transcended in total Grace. "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people may forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them FEEL" - Maya Angelou"

Sandee Preslan - March 14, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RE

“My deepest sympathy to Chris'sFamily. It's been many years since I have seen Chris, but I will always remember what a wonderful, kind, gentle guy he was. I am so sorry for your loss.”

Ren - March 14, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RD

“My deepest sympathy goes out to all of you. Keeping you in my thoughts and Prayers. God Bless.”

REGIN DAHM - March 14, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CF

“I am so glad that I had the chance to meet Chris. He radiated such light and happiness. I was always inspired by his adventurous spirit and I know he is now inspiring all the angels up in heaven. My deepest sympathies to Sylvia, Amber, and the rest of Chris's family and friends. Much love.”

Crystal France - March 14, 2018 at 12:00 AM