



Christopher Leyh

February 21, 1961 - December 20, 2022

Arthur Christopher Leyh, 61, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2022 at his home in Spring Grove. He was born Feb. 21, 1961 in New Haven, CT and had lived in Spring Grove for many years. He was a graduate of Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology and was employed for 40, years with Motorola Solutions as the Chief Electrical Engineer and a distinguished member of the technical team.

Surviving are his wife Olgica (nee Dimitrijevic) Leyh; 4 children, Tiffany Conley (Sean Swoboda), Natasha Conley, Amy Leyh and Christopher Ryan Jr. 2 grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 pm with a funeral service at 7:00 pm on Friday, Dec. 30, 2022 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Avenue, (Rt. 176, one block west of Milwaukee Ave.) Libertyville. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to either Whiskers and Tails Foundation or Paws, Chicago. Formal Forty Day Prayers will be held in February. Info: 847-362-3009 or please share a memory at www.burnettdane.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 30. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Burnett-Dane Funeral Home
120 West Park Avenue
Libertyville, IL 60048
(847) 362-3009

Funeral Service

DEC 30. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

TL

“ Chris was a genuine person, even across thousands of miles. His demeanour was exemplary and he was a gain to all who knew him. Even in small things he managed to come across as a great personality, and even with a depth of knowledge, was humble to no end. Our deepest condolences for your loss, from Malaysia.



Titus lee - January 25, 2023 at 10:18 PM

DM

“ I was a patent committee member with Chris at Motorola. Over the course of many years, I found Chris to be extremely knowledgeable in a broad range of technologies. He was able to dependably formulate his thoughts and address the key aspects related to the novel features of emerging technologies. His demeanor and style of communication was both respectful and inviting. He had a calming personality and was the type of person that you would look forward to meeting in non-professional settings, just to pass the time and get to know each other better. Thank you, Chris, for setting a high bar of intellectual breadth in your profession and for being engaging, respectful, and kind in all of your personal interactions. You will be missed.

Dave McClintock - January 25, 2023 at 11:58 AM



“ I worked with Chris at Motorola for many years. He was very kind, willing to drop what he was doing to answer any and all questions, and well versed on a wide variety of topics. We had a mutual interest in brewing which resulted in many interesting conversations. His influence helped me lighten up and have more fun. Chris will be missed.

Joe Robin - January 01, 2023 at 01:57 PM



“ Chris and I worked together at Motorola for years. He taught me so much about RF. He was always willing to help his coworkers learn and treated everyone as an equal with an important perspective to offer. During the years we were in the same department, we would frequently visit at each other's desks to talk about motorcycles and life. Chris was instrumental in helping me get into a new department when a layoff hit me in our old one. He fundamentally shaped who I am as an engineer and as a person. He will be missed and I am thankful for the blessing of knowing him!

Micah Albers - December 31, 2022 at 02:01 PM

LF

“ Chris did whatever was necessary to get the job done right. He was always there to help you out, let it be work or home related. Even when we hauled manure to our gardens. We had some real fun times and memories that I will always treasure. A true friend in every aspect. I will miss him. One day we will meet again and share a drink or two. Our condolences go out to Olga and the entire Leyh family.



Luigi Flori - December 31, 2022 at 10:00 AM

DR

“ Chris had a significant and positive impact on all those he worked with at Motorola Solutions. His gentle, kind, and helpful spirit was evident in everything he did. He solved some of the most difficult engineering problems and he excelled at guiding new engineers. He will long be remembered for his presence and helpfulness at many, many fun events throughout the years at Motorola Solutions. He was an outstanding colleague and a great friend, he will be greatly missed by all, and his family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Dale Rublaitus - December 30, 2022 at 04:36 PM

EE

“ I worked with Chris for many years at Motorola and besides the countless conversations we had while working, we did quite a few things together on our own time. Besides never losing to him in tennis and playing basketball on a Motorola team together, we enjoyed getting together occasionally with the kids when they were growing up. Chris also was always ready to help with anything you needed. Besides helping replace a leaky radiator many years ago in exchange for three beers, he helped me move from my Lake Zurich home in 1999. As gratitude, I gave him my whole large collection of vinyl records. I hope he's still enjoying the music just as much as he did here . .

Eric Eppley

Eric Eppley - December 30, 2022 at 03:23 PM

“ Chris. I have no words to express my love for him. I have inadequate words. When we were small, I was under the impression he was "my" brother. Not my brother but "my" brother. In kindergarten I wanted to bring him in for show and tell because he was the most beautiful child -- people stopped our parents in the street to exclaim over him. All the time. You'd think I wasn't standing right there but that didn't bother me. I took all such comments with personal pride because he was "my" brother. And look at his baby pictures! The bluest of eyes...cherub lips...and the cutest chubby baby knees. You really could just eat him up!

We really didn't compete with each other. I'm lucky we weren't the same gender because that would have been hard on me. We got along well. Evidently playing house and school and "Lost in Space" weren't his first choice of games but he played along. When we played house, I was the mom, our friends Bobby and Danny were the father and child, and Chris was the dog. OK I may have been a little bossy but I still insist Chris wanted to be the dog. He did!!

Chris was smart--so smart! He read something once and it was committed to memory immediately and forever. Me - not so much. But he was "my" brother and I took full credit for his scholastic achievements. At one time we decided to help each other out -- he'd do my history and math homework and I'd do his English and essay work. It was a great plan but we forgot one thing -- the teachers noticed the drastic and sudden change in handwriting and skill and we were nabbed. Later after the furor died down (you'd think we stole the crown jewels!) we still helped each other to a smaller degree but taking the time to copy over each others work before handing it in.

Chris was wily. For example, when we were 7 and 8, our Nana served us leftover take out Chinese Food -- soup. It had gone rancid. It was inedible and said so. Chris, on the other hand, told Nana that she made such a great breakfast that he ate so much and now didn't have room for lunch. He spent the afternoon playing with

our cousins while I sat at the kitchen table in front of that bowl of rancid soup until dinnertime. He was pretty sophisticated for a kid.

Skating! He was excellent at hockey. Chris was several years older than our brother Brian and they were bonded in many ways. Brian says Chris was in some ways like a father -- reminding him to do homework and such. Chris taught Brian to skate. They were so connected in their love of hockey. When I see people skating on a remote pond, I see my brothers in them.

Chris made our parent so proud. He was the first in our family to graduate from college, the first homeowner and he presented them with their precious grandchildren, Chris/Ryan and Amy They died too early so they never had the opportunity to meet Tiffany and Natasha. I know they would have loved them as well.

Chris was so incredible capable. He could garden and can his own crops. Home repair and remodeling came easily to him. Auto work was a particular love of his. He was pretty much excellent at anything he chose to do and he passed this gift along by helping pretty much everyone he knew.

I'm so proud of "my" brother.

Linda Leyh - December 30, 2022 at 02:40 PM



Linda, this is beautiful! You brought back many memories! I remember playing at your parents house, inside and outside, riding bikes, running upstairs. Being teased as "Mary-elephant." Chris was so smart and independent, growing up so fast. I think I always had a secret crush on him. He is such a blessing to 3 you and Brian. I will miss knowing he was around.

Maryalyce Bell - December 31, 2022 at 08:25 AM

LS

“ Chris was a hard working, stubborn man who provided me and our 2 children with many memories. He coached both in basketball and attended their soccer games and Amy's skating competitions. Even though we parted ways several years ago, Chris will always have a special place in my heart. I hope the rest of his family can find peace. May God rest his soul. Condolences and prayers to all who loved him.

Lori Stironek - December 30, 2022 at 11:15 AM

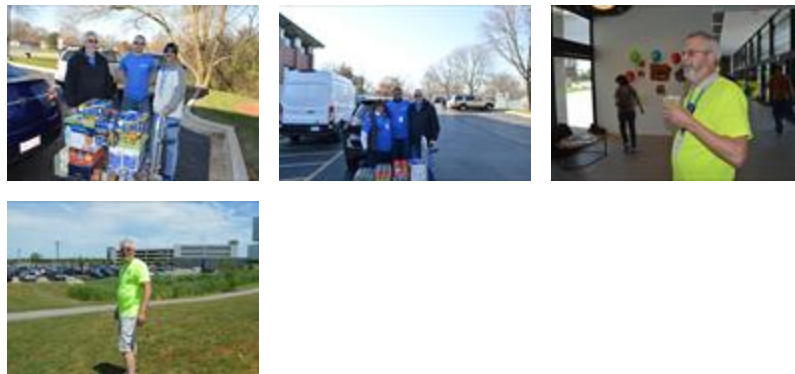
NP

“ Our prayers are with family during the difficult time, sorry for the loss. We worked together at Motorola Solutions and he was part of the Fun Team for many years. Lots of work he did in background quietly that helped many participants who enjoyed all fun activities. He helped Fun Team for food drive, bring your kids to workday, picnic and many other events. We will miss you and thanks for everything you have done for Motorola Solutions.

Narendra Patel - December 29, 2022 at 06:12 PM

NP

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Narendra Patel - December 29, 2022 at 06:05 PM

CL

“ Road trips, playing catch, soccer practice, driveway basketball games, frisbee sessions, working on the VW, playing video games, fixing electronics, ... There are too many impactful memories to share of my dad and I on this forum.

I am who I am today because of him. In an attempt to be a better human, I will continue to demonstrate extreme hardwork and discipline.

Christopher R Leyh - December 29, 2022 at 05:48 PM

GS

“ Chris and I have been colleagues at Motorola for the past five years. He was an exceptional technical expert, mentor, and a teacher who was always willing to help. His deep knowledge and passion for inventing were tremendous assets to Motorola. Because of these qualities, Chris was sought-after to solve the most difficult problems. He has taught me much and was instrumental in making our projects successful. I will miss him dearly. My sympathies for his family and for everyone who has been touched by him.

*With best regards,
Gino Scribano*

Gino Scribano - December 29, 2022 at 10:17 AM

TS

“ *The Chris Leyh family..
With heavy heart, I offer condolence. My Cousin Chris...when our family lived in Cheshire for 2 yrs, Chris and I were like Brothers. Little League, Scouts, Hockey on Mixville Pond. Then, many yrs later, out to IN and Rose Hulman he comes. 4 more great yrs together, though he was too busy studying, and I was busy chasing my future wife. After school, we went different ways to start our adult lives. I wish we had kept better contact. So very sorry for your loss.*
Tom Smith

Tom Smith - December 28, 2022 at 07:53 PM

AB

“ *I remember all the lovely parents dinners where I got to chat with Chris and Olga. My heart aches for Olga and hope to give her a hug Friday.*

Alejandra Belmonte - December 28, 2022 at 06:39 PM

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Patents not parents, autocorrect

Alejandra Belmonte - December 28, 2022 at 06:40 PM