



Christopher G. McClain

September 10, 1956 - July 22, 2021

Christopher G. McClain, 64, passed away unexpectedly on July 22, 2021. He was born Sept. 10, 1956, in East St. Louis, IL to Elmo and Margaret McClain, and spent his childhood in Quincy, IL. He was a resident of Palatine, IL and Grayslake, IL, and has resided in Lincolnshire, IL for the last six years. Chris was a devoted husband, father, brother, son, uncle, Papa and friend, who lived life to the fullest. He never met a stranger, and was loved for his generosity, kindness and wonderful sense of humor, with a huge, infectious smile for everyone. Chris was an avid golfer, a world-traveler and a huge Illini fan. The only time his family ever saw him angry was witnessing their losses. He was happiest spending time with his friends and family, from backyard barbecues to big family reunions, to quiet dinners at home with immediate family. He especially loved playing with his two young granddaughters.

He attended Catholic Boys High School in Quincy, was a proud graduate of University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and held an MBA from Loyola University. He held numerous financial leadership positions for the Motorola Corporation from 1979-2007, most enjoying his position at MCSI. In 2008 made a career change, taking the role of Assistant Superintendent for the Glenbard School District, retiring in June 2021. He also served on the school board for Grayslake Community High School District 127 from 1995-2007.

He is survived by his loving wife of 42 years, Mary Lou Schutte McClain; 3

children Laura Elizabeth McClain, Tyler James (Kristen) McClain; and Brian Patrick McClain; 3 granddaughters Avery Clara, Harper Margaret and Elle James McClain; 2 brothers Michael McClain and Kevin McClain; 4 sisters, Kathy Henigan, Molly Stroot, Mary Grant and Anne Sidrys, and brother-in-law Philip (Flip) Schutte, He was also a loving uncle and great-uncle to 34. He is preceded in death by his father, Elmo McClain, mother, Margaret McClain, and brother Patrick McClain.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, July 27 from 4-8 p.m. at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home at 120 W. Park Ave., Libertyville, IL. A prayer service will be held on Wednesday, July 28, at the same location at 11 a.m. A celebration of life will follow at the North Bay Pavilion at Independence Grove at 16400 Buckley Rd, Libertyville.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to organizations near and dear to his family's heart, including the Northern Illinois Food Bank, The Alzheimer's Association and The American Cancer Society.

Cemetery Details

Lakeside Cemetery

500 W. Lake Street
Libertyville, IL 60048

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 27. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Prayer Service

JUL 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SS

“ *The McClains are lifelong friends of my family. Chris will be greatly missed by family, friends, and community. I send my sincere sympathy and hold you in my thoughts and prayers.*

Sunny Straub - August 31, 2022 at 09:39 AM

RG

“ *Chris always had a smile on his face and great sense of humor. I consider Chris a great friend and truly looked forward to seeing him on the annual Galena golf trips in the fall. Chris organized a golf trip to Scotland in 2012 for eight of us which made one of my life long dreams come true...play the Old Course at St Andrews. Your tee Chris....play on!!*

Reiny Grasmick

Reiny Grasmick - July 28, 2021 at 12:23 PM

GD

“ *So sorry for your loss. Thinking of you and family. Steve and Glori Duesterhaus*

Glori Duesterhaus - July 28, 2021 at 10:34 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Christopher G. McClain.*



July 27, 2021 at 03:35 PM

RR

“ I was a high school friend of Chris. He had a wonderful sense of humor and playfulness that made us all love and admire him. He always entertained us with a new prank or wisecrack. Everyone wanted to hang with Chris and be his friend. He was never shy and didn't mind being the center of attention. At our high school basketball pep rally, in front of the entire student body, Chris, of course, volunteered to have a shaving cream pie smashed in his face and the kids went crazy! He was a good friend who helped me feel that I belonged and had a place and in the circle. I will always remember him. May he rest in peace and may God bless Mary Lou, his children, grandchildren and family.

Randy Roberts

Skokie, IL

Randy Roberts - July 27, 2021 at 02:32 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Christopher G. McClain.



July 26, 2021 at 10:52 PM

RH

“ MaryLou, Tyler, Laura, and Brian, we were so devastated to hear the news. Chris was a friend and colleague. We spent hours and hours together coaching our kids in sports and doing what we could to make Grayslake a great place to live. The time we spent together on the GCHS school board was something I will never forget. No matter what we were working on it was a joy and an honor to work with Chris to do what we thought was best for all. I treasure the time we spent together and the long talks we had. He could always get me to listen and consider another perspective.

He will be missed.

Russ Hager - July 26, 2021 at 08:52 PM

MS

“ I worked with Chris at the District Office and I appreciated so much his kindness, compassionate heart, hearing his loving and fun stories about his wife, children, and sweet granddaughters. He loved bringing in his wife's cookies to work to share. Always so proud of her. Chris was one of the most down to earth people I have ever known and had an infectious smile for everyone he came in contact with. He always looked for the good in others. He was the best of the best! I am lifting his family in prayer for comfort and peace as they grieve and try to move forward.

Marcia Sommerfeld

Marcia Sommerfeld - July 26, 2021 at 11:09 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Christopher G. McClain.*



July 26, 2021 at 10:55 AM



“ *Ben & Evie Morrison, Susan & Jeff Hebble purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Christopher G. McClain.*



Ben & Evie Morrison, Susan & Jeff Hebble - July 25, 2021 at 06:10 PM



“ *MaryLou and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. Chris was absolutely one of the nicest guys I've ever known. Deepest sympathy. Dan O'Donnell*

Dan O'Donnell - July 25, 2021 at 04:54 PM



“ *MaryLou and Family, your family in Quincy was deeply saddened to hear about Chris, know we are with you in thoughts and prayers cousin.*



Deb Street - July 25, 2021 at 02:00 PM

SC

“ I worked with Chris at Glenbard District 87 for many years. He was a respected colleague and such a kind man. We had many conversations about grandchildren, golf, and retirement. He was so proud of his children, talked about his wife and grandchildren often. I will remember Chris with great fondness. He’s gone too soon. God bless and prayers to his family. Sandy Coughlin

Sandy Coughin - July 25, 2021 at 12:19 PM

RR

“ I was only a colleague through LEGAT Architects and recently attended Chris’s Retirement Party. Chris and I were discussing how we both loved to play golf. His advice “Choose your golfing partners wisely and they will become friends for life”. I know he was a kind person and had many friends for life and in death. So sad to loose him too soon.

Robin Randall - July 25, 2021 at 11:05 AM

MC

“ Chris was not only a colleague of mine in the DuPage County School District System, but a friend as well. We worked on several projects together and he always was professional and willing to do what was necessary to make everyone be a part of the process. Chris brought a unique perspective to school finance. His passing is truly a tragedy. He and his family is in our prayers.

Michael Cushion - July 25, 2021 at 08:52 AM

MH

“ I met Chris in June 1994 after I moved to thecSiuth Creek sub-division. Playing basketball with him at Tooterville Park on day he made a pass that I've only seen Magic Johnson make - from that day forward I called him Magic!!

Rest In Peace brother!!

Mike Hutchins

mike hutchins - July 24, 2021 at 11:11 PM