



## Christopher Duane Olsen

July 10, 1960 - January 1, 2022

Christopher Duane Olsen, 61, of New Castle, passed away on Saturday, January 1, 2022, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis following a rare viral non-covid pneumonia.

He was born on July 10, 1960, in Dearborn, Michigan, a son of the late MaryAnn (Mahan) and Duane Olsen.

Chris was a 1978 graduate of New Castle High School and had worked for Imperial Wall Covering, General Motors, and Nestlé USA. He married the love of his life, Tina Dolin, in 1985. Chris was an avid golfer and loved baseball. He coached T-ball, Little League, Babe Ruth, and traveling teams as well. Chris was a member of Elks Lodge #484. He had a deep love of the ocean but most of all spent as much time as possible with his grandchildren.

Those left to cherish Chris's memory include his wife of 36 years, Tina Olsen; a son, Kyle (Kaiti) Olsen of Noblesville; a daughter, Heather Baber of Indianapolis; three granddaughters, Laney, Lilly, Kinsley Olsen; one brother, David (Leesa) Olsen of New Castle; two sisters, Tara Hardwick, of New Castle and Nancy Olsen of Carson City, NV; his step-father, Robert Howard of New Castle, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Duane Olsen, and his mother, MaryAnn Howard.

A service to celebrate Chris's life will be held at 6 pm Saturday, January 8, 2022, at Sproles Family Funeral Home.

Friends may call from 4 pm until the time of the service Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be offered to the NC Babe Ruth League 1957 Fund in care of the Henry County Community Foundation. Donate by Clicking Here ([https://henryccf.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create?funit\\_id=1037](https://henryccf.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create?funit_id=1037)). You may send the family a personal condolence at [www.sprolesfamilycares.com](http://www.sprolesfamilycares.com).

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Christopher Duane Olsen.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 8. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Sproles Family Funeral Home  
2400 S Memorial Dr  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Christopher Duane Olsen.*



January 08, 2022 at 03:00 PM

PP

“ *Chris will be missed so much by all his Nestlé friends. And everyone was his friend. He was the most well-liked person I have ever met. He treated everyone equally & kindly, and his wit & humor made us look forward to seeing him. We enjoyed all the pictures of his family he shared with us - and he loved sharing them! The three granddaughters completely had his heart! His compassion and work ethic, humor and smiles - everything will be missed. There is a void in our workplace, and we feel fortunate to have known him, and regret those times ended way too soon. Our thoughts are with his loved ones. Praying that God gives you comfort and the immeasurable peace that only He can provide.*

**Penny Price** - January 08, 2022 at 12:24 PM



“ *52 files added to the album LifeTributes*



**Sproles Family Funeral Home** - January 08, 2022 at 10:34 AM

KB

“ *My heart goes out to his family. Chris was one of the nicest people I've known.*

**Kim Bentley** - January 08, 2022 at 08:18 AM

EC

“ *Prayers for peace and comfort as you remember Chris, from the Fike family.*

**Elisa Fike Coleman** - January 08, 2022 at 06:36 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Christopher Duane Olsen.*



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January 07, 2022 at 10:44 PM

TS

“ *My heart and prayers are with all the Olsen family. Chuck and I are so very sorry for your loss and pray God will keep you in his care and guidance as you grieve the loss of your loving husband, father, brother, grandfather and stepson. Peace be with you.*

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**Twyla Sumpter** - January 07, 2022 at 07:27 AM

MB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the Olsen family during this time of sorrow. May God provide comfort and healing in the days and weeks ahead.*

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**Mark & Lindsay Bates** - January 05, 2022 at 09:18 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Christopher Duane Olsen.*



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January 05, 2022 at 05:30 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Christopher Duane Olsen.*



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January 05, 2022 at 06:52 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Christopher Duane Olsen.*



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January 04, 2022 at 07:07 PM

“ *It's been decades since I last saw...hung out with Chris. I picture him as a 3-year-younger-than-me teenager who was always present in the group of friends I hung out with during my teen-into-adult years. I'm not surprised to see this photo of him...going by the look in his eyes..a gracious, compassionate middle-aged man.*

*Thinking back on those years, Chris was always in a positive mood. I can't remember hearing him angry or putting anybody down. He was always empathetic and supportive.*

*Those kids who've been coached by Chris have had the opportunity to be led by the greatest sort of teacher... one who teaches by example and not by words. who portrays the human behavioral qualities that can't really be put into words.*

*Through his behavior, Chris taught empathy and compassion and how it's threaded through any activity you're involved in. Sports is an excellent activity for that.*

*Chris had excellent teachers. At that time, I felt more comfortable being open with Duane and Mary Ann (his parents) than with my own parents. That's why the Olsen house seemed to be the favorite place for kids our age to hang out. Those same qualities are easy to recognize in Chris' siblings.*

*Again, it's been decades since I've seen Chris. This post picture is of a man I wouldn't recognize on the street, emanating an air of true compassion. I'm not surprised that it's Chris. Religious disciplines hover over this bright light and most followers live their entire life unable to recognize it in modern life ... unless it's dressed in biblical sandals and togas.*

*Chris's living example will remain very much alive in the hearts of all who were fortunate enough to know him. Most will take this unrecognized "good" for granted ... until it's taken away ... until it's gone. We will then feel that "missing" feeling in our hearts. It's love with no place to go... grief. All my condolences to his family.*

*I saw Claudia Stillwell's thoughtful posting of his death last night on Facebook. Chris' passing has tendered this feeling of "loss" deep in me. I woke up at 6:30 am in my van while passing through Tucson AZ with this on my mind...and it's been so long since we were around each other. Chris's air of compassion shines bright... it's eternal.*

*You don't meet too many people like Chris.*

*With Love and Thanks Chris ... Rest in Peace!*

TH

*Thank you David well said*

**Tara Hardwick** - January 05, 2022 at 08:53 PM

DF

“ Thank you, Mr. Olsen for sharing family, wisdom & athletic insight! I told you and I've always thought you missed your calling as a game show host, with those looks and that great voice! 🤔 You are truly going to be missed at the Bunny Ranch. ☐ Thank you for sharing your beautiful family with us and always updating the grandbabies' pictures on the work computer. We are heartbroken but hopeful that we will see you again one day soon! ❤️☐ Praying for family, friends & work family! Love ya, Mr. Olsen! #Gone2Soon 😭 Sincerely, Damon.

**Damon L. Fleming** - January 04, 2022 at 02:30 PM



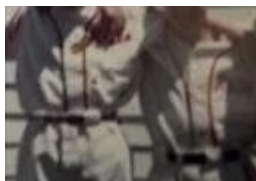
“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Christopher Duane Olsen.



January 04, 2022 at 08:08 AM

BC

“ Chris and I were best friends through 4th grade until his family moved from Middletown to New Castle. Seemed so far away. We stayed overnight with each other for a year or so then kinda drifted apart and lost contact. I still hold many childhood memories of our time as kids. So sorry to his family as well as David, Tara, and Nancy  
Picture is me and Chris in Minor league. He was a very good baseball player



**Brad Cole** - January 04, 2022 at 07:12 AM

GW

“ I am saddened and surprised to hear of Chris’s passing. When I think of Chris I remember the strong athletic young man on the swim team with me all those years. We practiced before and after school and traveled all around central Indiana for meets. The overall team was pretty good, But Chris was excellent. He almost always won, elevating the rest of us. Chris always had a positive, upbeat attitude and was supportive of his teammates. I slept over with him several times in the barn behind his house and we always had a great time. We were not the best friends, but we were good friends and spent a lot of time together at a very formative time of my life and I am a better person for those times.

Thank You Chris

Gilbert Webb MD

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Gilbert Webb - January 03, 2022 at 11:04 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Christopher Duane Olsen.



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January 03, 2022 at 10:06 PM

TS

“ Words cannot express the sorrow I feel for the Olsen family. My heart is breaking. Please know I will keep all of you close in thought and prayer.

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Truda Strange - January 03, 2022 at 08:47 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Christopher Duane Olsen.



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January 03, 2022 at 08:19 PM

KC

“ You sure will be missed around Nestle. One of the best supply guys we had. Definitely will miss listening to you and Hite give each other a rough time in the morning ( as you eat your daily donut) as well as throughout the day . You will never be forgotten! RIH my friend .

Katina Christy - January 03, 2022 at 07:53 PM

JA

“ Rest easy, my friend. I sure will miss talking to you and hearing you brag on those granddaughters of yours, keeping me updated on what they are doing! I will really miss our birthday wishes each year for our "shared" birthday! You will be missed! Prayers for your family

Jamalee - January 03, 2022 at 07:23 PM

LA

Tina, I am so very sorry for your loss.

Lana Ammerman-White - January 04, 2022 at 06:03 AM

MA

“ Tina & Family,

I was so saddened and shocked to hear this news.  
You are in my thoughts and prayers and may you find comfort  
in the days ahead.

Marlena @ Bill Baker Insurance Agencies

marlena - January 03, 2022 at 04:24 PM



KC

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Chris' passing. He was also such a nice person. Prayers to all of you and may God embrace you all during this time.

Kathy D Craig - January 03, 2022 at 03:17 PM

DD

“ I keep expecting to see you pull up on your fork lift and bring our caps. It's been quieter without you here. I'll be thinking of your family, wish we all would have had the chance to tell you goodbye. You will be missed a lot! It was an honor to get to work with you for so many years.... rest easy my friend.

Deena Douglas - January 03, 2022 at 02:57 PM

SC

“ So sorry to hear of your passing. Such a great person you were very glad to have gotten to know and talk to you these past few years at Nestle. You will truly be missed by all your coworkers and wonderful family. Will be a tough one every day to not see you deliver caps and say hello on your fork truck. Prayers to your family through these hard times. Will miss ya buddy..



Scottie Clark - January 03, 2022 at 02:30 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Christopher Duane Olsen.



January 03, 2022 at 01:44 PM

CH

“ R.I.H Chris, you will be missed! I had the pleasure to work with you for several years while at Nestle. I can tell you one thing, there was never a dull moment when you were around!



Chris Hite - January 03, 2022 at 09:08 AM



No words my friend, every shift , I would talk with you after taking my last break, always kind, funny and hard working, I already miss you . I feel awful. Maurice Anderson.

Maurice Anderson - January 03, 2022 at 06:14 PM

RD

“ My heart hurts for you Tina and kids .. David and Tara .. so sorry.. I'd worked with Chris at Imperial wall coverings for a while along with David & Tara we were like family for years and like family we had our ups and downs 😭, but I liked working with Chris .. he very knowledgeable of machinery he operated and if you were willing to learn.. C.O. Would be willing to teach you . Good person with a big heart and very strong willed : 1:we had a lot of good times at C.V.C . I'll miss those days and I'll miss Chris . May Gods peace and comfort be with Tina , Kyle and his grand babies . R.I.P. Chris .: 1:❤️🙏

Ricky Davis - January 02, 2022 at 10:09 PM