

Remembering...

Christopher Arthur Berger, born on August 4, 1974, at Fort Leonard Wood Army Base in Missouri, lived a life filled with adventure, love, and a deep connection to nature. As the son of Army parents, Chris spent his early years moving around, calling various places home, including Burlington, Wisconsin; Glyndon, Minnesota; and Union Grove, Wisconsin, where he graduated from high school in 1992.

After high school, Chris pursued studies in wildlife management, though his academic journey took a different path. During this time, he began his career in construction, all while immersing himself in his love for the great outdoors. Whether fishing, bow hunting, or exploring nature, Chris's passion for the natural world was evident.

He traveled extensively, making memories across the globe in places like Jamaica, Thailand, Cambodia, China, and Mexico. An occasional scuba diver, he embraced every opportunity to connect with the world's natural beauty and wonder.

In 2003, Chris returned to Fergus Falls, Minnesota, where he began working for Terry Welle Construction. It was during this time that he met Melissa, the love of his life. The two moved to Barnesville, MN, in 2004, where they built a life together with their daughters. In 2010, Chris and Melissa were married, marking the beginning of a beautiful chapter as a devoted husband, father, and later, a beloved papa to his three granddaughters, whom he affectionately called his "little birds." He was eagerly looking forward to adding two more little girls to the family next summer.

Chris is survived by his loving wife, Melissa; his daughters, Rhiannon Thorsteinson (Austin) and Destiny Swenson (Jacob); his granddaughters, Averly, Aubree, Emdyn, Alena and Hadley; his father, Arthur Berger (Linda); his brothers, Danny Berger (Rhiannon) and Aaron Berger; his stepfather, Jim Conway; as well as several aunts, uncles, cousins, and a niece and nephew. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, MaryLou and Walter Pender, and his mother, Mary Conway.

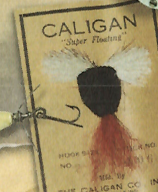
Chris's legacy will live on through the love he gave, the adventures he shared, and the memories he created with his family and friends. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

May His Memory Be Blessed

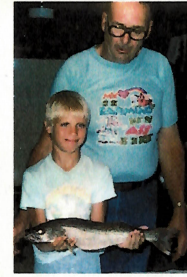
In Celebration For The Life Of



Christopher A. Berger
August 4, 1974 ~ September 4, 2024



Memories...



~Christopher Arthur Berger~

Chris had a way of being discretely intentional. It all started when he took on the role and the responsibility of being a father for an 8 and 14yr old. He was there for you whenever or however you needed him without ever saying so. He helped move both of his daughters on multiple occasions, 3 flights of stairs or 3,000 miles; he showed up even if he didn't particularly want to.

Chris's love for adventure and the outdoors kept him occupied on his days off. You could find him driving down back roads with his wife, pointing out deer 300 yards away, or out on any lake fishing for walleyes, notably Sauers Lake. Along with fishing he liked to cook. His beer battered fish & chips were the best! Also, his cornbread casserole. It was a family favorite!

Chris was great at making people laugh or being outright goofy. Just recently, while working on his house, his wife looked out the window to find him strumming his air guitar. He made sure to really get into it by throwing a few headbangs in too.

His "little birdies" captured his heart, from the very moment he held each of them in his hands. He proudly accepted his new title as "papa". However, I don't think he anticipated all the dress-up and Barbies he'd be playing.

Chris was a 6'6", 250 lb. teddy bear, though I can hear him saying, "I'm more like a bangle tiger" (his favorite animal). He had a heart of gold, his belly hugs could heal just about any amount of pain, and his humor could make you crack a smile even if you tried your hardest not to.

We will eventually learn to process and accept Chris's loss. We won't ever forget his love for us, and how he made us feel is something we will never forget. Chris is irreplaceable and will be forever missed.

A Son, Brother, Husband, Father, Papa and so much more.

Arrangements Entrusted to
Dobmeier Funeral Home
Barnesville, Minnesota

