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Christopher Martin Priddis, “Grandpa Grump”, 68, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, and brother passed away at home from complications of Parkinson’s Disease on August 18, 2018. Christopher was born in Fullerton, CA on February 7, 1950 to Alfred William Robert Priddis and Venice Martin Priddis. At the age of 5 his family moved to San Lorenzo where he grew up. As a youth, he developed a love of painting, working outdoors and the gospel of Jesus Christ. He was active in the Boy Scouts of America achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. For years he had a paper route for the Oakland Tribune, winning several awards including a college scholarship. He also worked as a lifeguard at the Hayward Plunge. At the age of 14 he met Kristin Lindsay at the Oakland Temple Pageant. He attended Arroyo High School, where he lettered in Cross Country and graduating in 1968. From 1969 – 1971, Chris served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in the Gulf States returning home with honor.

Christopher Priddis married Kristin Lindsay in the Oakland Temple on January 29, 1972. He attended Brigham Young University where he completed the Air Force ROTC program and earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Art. Chris entered the Air Force in May 1973, seven days after his twins (Mike and Marie) were born. He served during the Vietnam era being stationed many places within the U.S. and a two-year assignment in Iceland where his next son (Billy) was born. Chris enjoyed his service in the Air Force. He was very proud to wear the uniform and serve his country as his father had done before him. He received the rank of First Lieutenant.

Chris was an everyday missionary. Everywhere he lived he searched for friends ready to receive the gospel, with great success. While in Iceland he was called as a branch missionary; the first missionary in 125 years to that country. At one point, Chris and his companion were the top baptizers in the Denmark, Copenhagen Mission, which at the time included Iceland.



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After receiving a medical retirement from the Air Force, Christopher moved his family to Orem, Utah where they added two more sons (Tom and Mark) to their family. Christopher enjoyed running, coaching soccer and home construction projects. He remained active in scouting and missionary work. He was very proud that his 4 sons all earned the rank of Eagle Scout, served full time missions and graduated from college. He adored his daughter, who was the light of his life and could always make him smile.

In 2008 Chris and Kris moved to Sasebo, Japan. Kris had taken a job teaching elementary school for the Department of Defense. They lived in Japan for 7 years. During these years each of their five children were able visit Japan with their families. Since returning from Japan, Chris and Kris spent much of their time traveling with friends and visiting family.

Christopher is survived by his wife, Kristin; children: Christopher Michael (Nicole Lynn Pierce), Kristina Marie (K. Jeffery Mendenhall), William Martin (Tara Allsup), Thomas Lindsay (Renee Rasmussen), Mark Daniel (Adelina Victoria Greene), 24 grand children and one great grandson. He is also survived by his three brothers, Robert (Annette Scherbel), Ronald (Gary Bergera) and Richard (former wife Sandra Cook); many beloved nieces, nephews and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be held on August 22, 2018 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, located at 1485 North 800 West in Orem, UT. The viewing will begin at 10:00am with the funeral at 11:00am. Internment will be held at the Utah Veterans Cemetery and Memorial Park, 17111 1700 W, Bluffdale, UT, 84065, beginning at 2:00pm. In lieu of flowers Christopher would like you to donate to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research or The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Missionary Fund.



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Mark Shea posted:

Chris was a realtor at the Century 21 Golden West office on University Ave in Provo. So I knew him professionally first and then became friends with him. This was back around 1978-1979-1980, somewhere thereabouts. Later he was the buyer of my first sale in real estate when he bought the old BYU Academy Women's Gym on the corner of 500 N University for \$105,000.00, in 1979-1980, across the street from BYU Academy. As a realtor Chris didn't really sell real estate much to clients seemingly, but instead he just seemed to buy real estate for his own portfolio. Chris was also one of the regulars at the trading & exchange groups for real estate, where land, buildings, and houses were sold to their new owners using the barter system, seemingly so as to avoid having to pay taxes on the gain. He was pretty good at using this system and he seemed to enjoy the horse trading aspect of it. I later lost track of Chris but as I drove by the old BYU Academy Women's Gym today I remembered Chris and looked him up and learned of his passing. I am sorry for his family's loss as he was a good man and I learned today that with his wife, he procreated quite an impressive line of descendants. I hope heaven has been good to you Chris as you deserve it. Mark Shea 385-722-7165

January 27 at 3:17 PM



Rosalin Priddis posted:

I loved my Grandpa and I still love my grandpa he will always hold a special place in my heart. He died when I was in 3rd grade and when I had no idea what death was. Although he never complained about his condition and he always had a smile on his face. I love my grandma and grandpa. Thank you for all your service.

November 12 at 8:34 AM



Shaun & J'anne Lundquist lit a candle in honor of Christopher.

I enjoyed seeing Mr. Priddis when I was over doing crafts with Marie and hanging out with her kids and Mrs. Priddis. He always was smiling and hanging out with everyone. He will be missed... I love Marie with all my heart as she is an amazing woman! So is Mrs. Priddis, so gentle and loving. Our hearts go to you and we are sending prayers to all of you at this difficult time and always.



August 21 at 3:37 PM



Janet (Austin) Cook October 6 at 4:16 AM

Sorry for your loss..Chris was my first boy..friend in San Lorenzo ward. We went to many dances together..what a wonderful life he had..I'm sure he is still serving the Lord on the other side of the veil..my heart goes out to his family and friends..he was a wonderful friend to me..



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Sandra Peppin posted:

I remember watching Chris paint the baby Eagles in the nest even with his shaking. He was very patient. I never heard him complain about his health. He always had a smile and a kind word to say to me and my family. I will miss him. I love the Priddis Family. I send my love and hugs at this time. I can't see him again with a perfected body. Oh joyful day that will be!

August 20 at 4:29 PM



Kristin Priddis shared a photo to the **Chris and friends** album.



August 20 at 4:04 PM



Kristin Priddis shared a photo to the **New Album Name** album.



August 20 at 4:01 PM



Kristin Priddis shared 12 photos to the **New Album Name** album.



August 20 at 12:19 PM



Ron Priddis August 21 at 6:32 AM

Beautiful photos, and beautiful eulogy that captures Chris's personality. Nicely done! It's good to remember him this way.



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August 20 at 4:04 PM



Lovely dinner in the home of Japanese friends.



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August 20 at 4:01 PM



"My favorite teams are BYU and who ever Utah is playing."



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August 20 at 12:19 PM



Rosalin Priddis November 10 at 12:30 PM

Ian is the one standing to the left. Jackson is the one laying down on the left, and Katie is the girl laying down next to Grandpa on the right.



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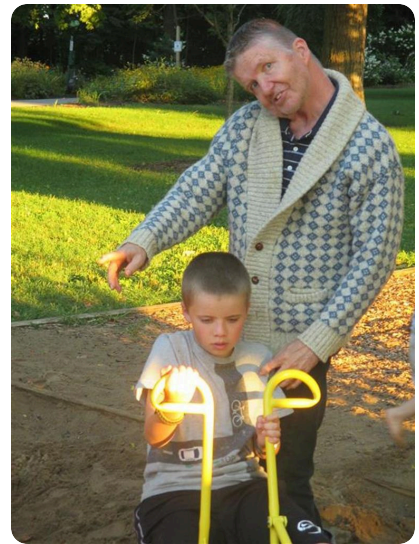




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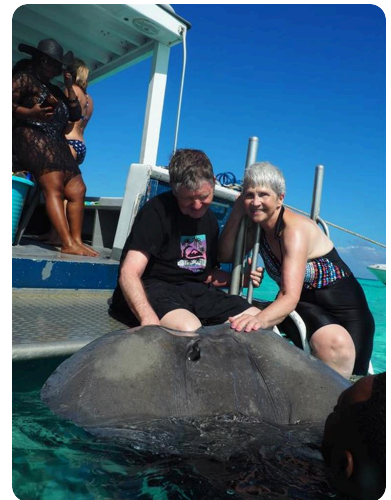




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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Christopher by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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