

Allen Ray Loring Jr

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Obituary for Allen Ray Loring, Jr. (Chip) - 8/21/1951-10/6/2020

Chip Loring, 69, passed away at home in Sandy, Utah on October 6th, 2020. He was a devoted ski teacher known for his uncanny ability to share the joy of skiing and beauty of the mountains. He knew instinctively how to keep his fellow adventurers smiling. Are your teeth dry yet? was one of the well-delivered sayings in an extensive catalogue of ‘Chip’-isms he was known for. Chip was born in Laconia, New Hampshire on August 21, 1951, and started skiing in his backyard at six years old. He taught himself and saved all his money to buy his first pair of skis. He also loved to hunt and fish. A favorite spring day was skiing in the morning and fishing in the afternoon. He was a member of the Lake Regionnaires Drum and Bugle Corp. He graduated from Laconia High School in 1969 and then attained his Associate’s Degree from Burdett College in Boston, MA. He then returned to his hometown and operated the family-owned Laconia Construction. In 1973 he left New Hampshire to seek adventure on the Alaska pipeline but detoured in Colorado where he found his calling. He taught skiing first at Estes Park and then at Crested Butte. During that time Chip joined the Professional Ski Instructors of America, and pursued certification through the association. He attained the highest level of certification while at Crested Butte. In the summer, he worked as a white-water rafting guide. He was sought out by boatmen and skiers alike because of the unique combination of his skill for navigating the natural world and his gift for connecting with people. In the 1980s, he returned to New Hampshire and became the training manager for the Loon Mountain ski school. In 1989, he met and fell in love with Maggie Sjostrom, who was later hired as the children’s program director. They joined forces and in 1992, left Loon to work for a new concept in ski teaching called Perfect Turn being rolled out at Sunday River, Maine. Both remained active as Examiners with PSIA. They married in 1995, with Maggie’s two children, Josh and Karin, standing as Best Man and Best Woman, and Gus, their Labrador as their stand-up dog. For the next eight years, Chip was part of the group who developed Perfect Turn at eleven resorts across the United States and Canada, influencing many programs and hundreds of instructors. After the children left for college, Chip and Maggie decided to head west again, eventually landing in Utah where they made their home. It quickly became the Red Sox Nation in



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Salt Lake City, as both Chip and Maggie were devoted lifelong fans. In 2002, Maggie became the Snowsports School Director at Snowbird and Chip became the Adult Program Manager at The Canyons in Park City. They worked at separate resorts until Chip decided to teach at Snowbird in 2007. He learned the mountain contours quickly and under the tutelage of the legendary Junior Bounous, developed his unique guiding persona (inventing names for secret powder stashes to share with kids) and continued to master the art of teaching. Throughout his teaching career, he could often be found in the locker room or at the bar, explaining technical concepts to less experienced teachers, or lending an ear and cheering them on if they needed encouragement. Chip loved old things and had a knack for arranging them into a story people could understand. Along with Keith Hanson, he created the Cottonwood Heritage Museum in Snowbird's Peruvian Tunnel, which illustrates the canyon's story from its early mining days. Chip spent many summers hunting for artifacts throughout Little Cottonwood Canyon and devising creative ways to transport them up to the tunnel. In 2013, Chip suffered a severe hiking accident and spent the rest of his life dealing with chronic pain. Chip was a free spirit and often connected with young people who were discovering who they were. He was a careful, compassionate listener and a keen observer of both people and the natural world. He will live in our hearts, especially as we enjoy a hidden powder stash, watch a river run, or see a loon spread its wings over a New England lake. Chip is survived by wife Maggie, stepson Joshua Sjostrom (wife Karyn Sjostrom), stepdaughter Karin Denholm (husband Andrew Denholm), grandson Miles Sheehan, brothers, Bret Loring (wife Krista) and Randy Loring, nieces Brittany Loring and Olivia Bartlett, nephew Jake Drouin, and great nieces Hailey Gilman, Nicole Bartlett, and Jordan Drouin.

He was predeceased by his parents Patricia and Allen Loring.

His family is working on an instructor scholarship in his honor and other ways to memorialize Chip's life. Details to be shared at a later date. Please consider donating to these funds in lieu of flowers. There will be a virtual service (due to Covid 19) at a later date to be posted on this site.

UPDATE:

Please consider a gift in Chip's memory to the Education Foundation

<https://thesnowpros.org/who-we-are/foundation-gifts/>

It may be easier for people who are not members of PSIA/AASI to mail donations (but certainly possible to do online by creating a profile): specify "PSIA-AASI Education Foundation: in memory of Chip Loring"



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KD

Kimberly Boothby-Downing posted:

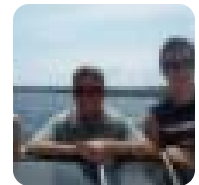
Dear Maggie and family, We (my husband, Mike and I) send our sincere condolences and many thoughts and prayers regarding Chip's passing. We are so very sorry for your loss. We have such fond memories of our visits together. We loved skiing with you at Sunday River in Maine and Snowbird in Utah. We were so happy when you came back to Maine for our wedding in July of 2017. We send positive thoughts, big hugs, and lots of love for healing! Xoxoxo Much Love, Kimberly Boothby- Downing and Mike Downing

January 4 at 10:17 AM

LM

Lisa Marquis shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Remembering Chip's great sense of humor, smile, joyous times at the lake with Maggie, and several wonderful family ski vacations in Utah to visit Chip and Maggie.



December 14 at 5:49 AM

RB

Ronald J Blackhurst posted:

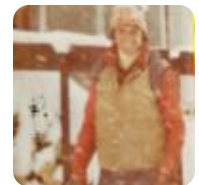
Maggie,I was blown away when learning that Chip was no longer with us yesterday! We, my wife Shawna and I, are so saddened by this news, but remember, with great fondness, Chips wonderful smile and his very gracious way. I will never forget the times he took us up on the early morning tram to get the fresh snow before the crowds. And I'll always remember his kind and motivational words telling me to lift my head and look farther down the hill when making turns. We feel your loss and send our love and wish you a better day every day! We will miss Chip greatly!With heart felt love,T he Blackhursts

December 9 at 4:58 AM

BR

Bret shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

My brother Chip, around '73 I think, Estes Park Co. He said it was his first time as a hired ski instructor. Always smiling...yes, his teeth were dry.I miss him.... 😊



October 29 at 11:51 AM



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SS

Suzanne Steele posted:

As the cold wind blows and the leaves continue to fall, there is still beauty all around me. This is normally the time of the year when the excitement of training is upon us...rejoining dear friends and moving back "up north" for another year on the hill. It does seem like just yesterday we were all sharing that locker room at Loon and Chip's infectious smile and laugh could provide just what we all needed after a long rainy or cold day of teaching. He may have been smaller in stature, but his spirit was great and the awesome picture on the hill inspired many to continue to learn and strive closer to that "Perfect Turn". That sparkle in his eye with that smile will stay with me in these upcoming weeks and if it does snow as predicted in the Lakes Region and here in Southern NH on Friday - I know it will be Chip sending down his love to all. Maggie, my heart ❤️ goes out to you and the family. Only you know the pain you are experiencing now as you start this next chapter of your life without your ski buddy. Please know we are here for you -- in thoughts, prayers and love -- and only a phone call (or zoom) away. Thank you for the most beautiful obituary and photos - they brought happy tears and fond memories to both of us. I hope this passage will help you; it was shared with me a while ago: When tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart. For everytime you think of me, I'm right here in your heart. With Love ~ Suzanne

October 27 at 5:46 AM

MK

Marjorie King posted:

I have had my share of loses and there is nothing worse than losing someone whose job was to bring light into everyone else's life. There was nothing better than trudging up to the East side ski school house at Loon as a part timer, leaving the work week behind and being greeted by Chip's great big smile as he would say "welcome back to the great white mountain playground". He made work fun because it was just plain old fun being around him. He seemed to find joy in everything. While training for level 2, and getting frustrated with my skiing, one day he simply said, skiing is a series of linked recoveries. Of course he made me laugh....and I'm sure I said something like, I think I need to make the recoveries a bit less noticeable - but never the less, as usual he made me laugh. I have used that with many a client as well as with in staff training. As always, skiing is a microcosm of life - life is just a series of linked recoveries as well. Chip, my heart is saddened that you were not able to recover from your final challenge, but it was a long one and a painful one and I understand why you chose to leave. But now when I pray to the snow gods...for whatever the reason, I know you will be right up there with them - knowing full well that with every blue bird sky, your smile is shining down on us all. Maggie, words can not ever express deep sadness. I can only hope you can find a way to live your life with the same light that Chip carried throughout most of his. Namaste. Margie King

October 24 at 6:14 AM



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DB

Dave Beckwith posted:

Maggie and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Know that your Killington family is sending you love and good thoughts during these tough times. Dave Beckwith & the crew from Killington

October 21 at 2:29 PM

KB

Karen Bobotas shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Chip's smile will forever be in our hearts. Sending love and strength to you Maggie. Love, Jim and Karen

October 21 at 9:43 AM



RD

Rik Dow posted:

Maggie, Josh, and K-Bear, I think about Chip whenever I'm in my workshop tuning skis, drying out and sorting out fishing gear, or pretending to be a carpenter. That's because the centerpiece of my shop is an old work bench that he gave me just before he and Maggie headed West. Chip's smile is what I remember most. It was a smile that really lit up a lot of lives and it will be missed.

October 19 at 11:16 AM



Maggie October 21 at 11:05 AM

Thanks Rik. Trying to keep that smile in my head.

CH

Chris posted:

Maggie I am so sorry to hear about Chip. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

October 17 at 3:49 AM

SH

Sherri Harkin posted:

Maggie, our hearts go out to you and your family during this difficult time. I don't know exactly what to say, I want you to know that we are with you in thought and wish you comfort and peace as you remember Chip. Sherri Harkin and Tim Wolfgram

October 15 at 10:07 AM



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MW

Mike Wells shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Chip and I became friends at Hidden Valley where we taught people on a hill of snow . In the Spring of 76 Chip , Dutch and I (Uncle EMO) went to a hiring clinic in Crested Butte and the fun and friendship continued . He was a happy and knowledgeable Man. I will miss you my dear friend . The picture of "The Boys" was at Uncle Al's house with Moby , Chip front and always open arms, Uncle Al, Dutch and Uncle EMO , Rud and Crum (pictured had to work that day but joined us the night before with Don and Gary Coleman for a night of tall tales .That was the last time Chip and my paths crossed and we all had dry teeth that night and morning . I blessed to have had Chip along my journey . He will be loved and missed by many .



October 14 at 1:56 PM

BL

Bret Loring shared 5 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

April 2019, Chip and Krista Loring along with myself skiing Snowbird and Alta! One of the best days of my life!... Next, early 2000's with his true love, Maggie.Next, random "smiling" ski pic! Next, 60's family pics.. Love you Chip & Maggie



October 13 at 11:02 AM

BO **Bettyann Ouellette** October 21 at 6:21 AM

Brett, Randy and families, My thoughts and prayers are with you in your loss. Chip was extraordinary! Bettyann Ouellette

EZ

Erin Zegarra lit a candle in honor of Allen.



October 14 at 10:54 AM

AA

Allen Arms shared 5 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

A few photos of Chip and friends.



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Maureen Drummey posted:

Remembering Chip while working for Perfect Turn. His sense of humor and devious smile will be remembered. Sending love to Maggie and the kids. ❤️

October 14 at 9:18 AM



Robin Barnes October 17 at 5:12 AM

I never knew Chip without a big smile on his face! He had a way of always making everyone feel so welcome with his graciousness and generosity of spirit. To Maggie and the rest of Chip's family, you are supported and loved by all of us who remember Chip this way. Wishing you comfort and peace.



Bob Stenquist October 15 at 9:22 AM

Chip is the most kindest caring man I ever knew. He would literally give his coat off his back if it would make you more comfortable. Hiking working and visiting with Chip will be a tender memory to me. Chip till I see you again thank you.



Lance Fairbanks posted:

The first time I met you, was at a nice evening party at Ed Heinrich's place. We had a great conversation about the season, favorite runs, best days, snow totals and on... then as a beautiful lady approached us, you asked, "Have you met my wife?" I admit I was connecting the dots... When she spoke, "Lance, have you met my husband?" YES and... YES! I couldn't help but feel the Love between you two as I watched you make eye contact and smile. May that loving connection be Everlasting!

October 14 at 9:11 AM



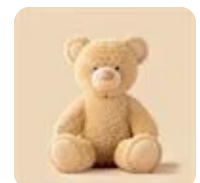
Janell O. sent a sympathy card to the Loring family.

October 14 at 7:36 AM



Janell Owens sent a virtual gift in honor of Allen.

October 14 at 7:03 AM





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ME

Matt Evans lit a candle in honor of Allen.

Chip, I was deeply saddened to hear of your too soon passing. Your warmth, patience and dedication to the mountain made early morning trams and instructor workshops at Snowbird Mountain School all the more enjoyable. The tips and techniques you imparted sit concretely in my tool box whenever I head out to make turns. This tool box makes every mountain I head to today all the more enjoyable and understandable as you've helped me learn to read the terrain and thus how to control my body and skis. As I finished workshops and thanked you for it you were nothing but humble about the experience you'd just provided. In a testament to those you touched, it was part of my Snowbird family which you have so much of your time to that reached out from the US to Sweden where I live today. Inspirational in so many ways you will be deeply missed. My thoughts are with your family at this difficult time and I wish that you are able to take care of them and the mountains you loved so much.



October 14 at 5:59 AM

DG

Dennis Gallant posted:

I'll never forget being in the top of shockwave on a bulletproof day, me on my race board, chip on skis. I looked down and told him I was going to hike up and take obsession. He looks at me and tells says "You're better than that" and drops in. Miss you.

October 14 at 2:55 AM



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Jon Hildreth posted:

What a beautiful tribute to Chip. After my initial sadness, I wanted to add to the tribute. I met Chip when I was young, maybe 9 or 10. I think he was my older sister's first boyfriend. Then, a year or so later, I joined the Lakes Regionaires Drum and Bugle Corps as I had been taking drum lessons. I started on tenor drum and soon moved up to snare drum where Chip was the lead drummer. He was a mentor and wrote some of the drum intros to the songs. I can still play them. We played in many competitions and parades across New England, New York and many in Quebec. On Colorguard competitions, only a few drums were needed and he chose me to go with the few. I remember an overnight in Drummondville, Quebec. He was like a cool older brother. I remember sleeping over at Beamon street a few times with a bunch of guys from the drum corps, and one night, somehow Chip and I ended up out late at night and decided to run back to his parents house. He told me that he could run longer than anyone. I knew I could keep up and we ran probably a mile or two when a cop saw us and stopped us, asked our names and told us to go home. A couple of years later, as a freshman in junior high, I ran successfully on the cross country team and was asked to join the high school team for the Winter track season. Chip was a senior and ran the mile and the two-mile in Spring. I was faster and pushed Chip at every race, but he would will himself to stay ahead of me at the finish. Twice we recorded the same time but he finished barely ahead of me, never wanting the wrath of his buddies if he were beaten by a skinny junior high kid. He probably ran 5-10 seconds faster than he would have without me. I ran faster in later years, but he would always say, many years later, that I never beat him and I agreed. Fast forward more years, and, when the Crested Butte alumni would come back to New Hampshire for the summer, our mutual friends would get together, and he was immediately that cool, older brother to me. I remember going to his uncles place on lake Winnepesaukee for barbecues and fun on the water. I visited Chip at Sunday River with my kids and Chip invited my son and I to join him for a couple days on the hill. Jonathan was maybe 7 or 8 and enthralled with Chip's skiing. (of course) We visited his craftsman home there, and it would be years later that I would see him again. When he came back to NH each year to help Brett with bike week, he would always call a few of us, from the track team, the drum corps or from skiing and we would go to dinner. He was always that same big brother to me. I'm not sure he knew that. Miss you, buddy.

October 13 at 11:02 AM



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LD

Loraine Duclos posted:

Chip always had a knack for making people smile and for making them feel good about themselves. Paul & I would look forward to his calls & our visits to his Red Sox shrine whenever we were in Utah. He even accepted that I was a lifelong Yankee fan. My friend Jill & I quote him often when skiing, "we ski it slowly because we can". I treasure my last memory of him this fall at our Maine condo sharing pizza, his warm reminiscences of his days at Sunday River and his dreams to snag some big fish at Sebec lake. My heart goes out to Maggie and the rest of the family for your tragic loss. May the memories of so many wonderful days carry you through this difficult time.

October 14 at 12:09 AM

GB

Gracie Barton posted:

Our deepest condolences to Chips family and friends. Rick had a great time reminiscing with Chip about the old days when he came home and I enjoyed listening to them and laughing at all their stories. Chips smile would light up the room and his positive outlook made him a joy to be around. Our hearts are broken but the memories will always be there to lift us up. We love you Chip and we will never forget you! 🧑🏻‍🦲😭❤️💙 Rick & Gracie Barton

October 13 at 5:41 PM

RB

Rick & Gracie Barton posted:

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October 13 at 5:40 PM

MB

Mike Boudreau October 21 at 2:45 AM

Still can't get a grip and understand how a person with such vitality, optimism and a joy for life can be gone. Chip's smile and good humor was a gift to everyone he knew. Who didn't look forward to a visit from Chip and Maggie. They were so looking forward to spending time at their cabin in Maine. So sad, gone far too soon. Rest In Peace Brother. Our hearts are broken. Mike Boudreau



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Krista Loring sent a virtual gift in honor of Allen.



October 13 at 12:15 PM



Kate McGuinness shared 6 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

A few images from the Snowbird archives. Our thoughts are with you constantly, Loring Family. ❤️



October 13 at 11:02 AM



Bret Loring lit a candle in honor of Allen.

My brother, My idol, my mentor, my hero...❤️😞 I love you Chip,.. you always had a glowing smile. You always had great words of wisdom.You always made everyone feel like a million bucks.You always gave me the best advise.And you always said..."If you've got something by the balls,... Don't let go for a better grip"!I'm going to miss you SO MUCH my brother. I will never ever stop looking up to you... I love you ❤️😞❤️❤️



October 13 at 12:04 PM

DG David Grygiel October 15 at 1:21 PM
David Grygiel 207-242-4422 cell text thnx

BL Bret Loring October 14 at 12:28 PM
Yes, there will be a gathering here in NH at some point. I will somehow let everybody know, well in advance. If you'd like, text me your numbers and names, and I will personally contact you for it. Bret 603-520-1346 Love to all.... So crushed 😞❤️

DG David Grygiel October 14 at 9:40 AM
Chip always had that smile on his face and some backhanded complement at the tip of his tongue! Always will be missed. Any gathering in NH happening? David Grygiel at Sunday River

GB Gracie Barton October 13 at 5:08 PM
We are heartbroken for you and the family Bret. We loved Chip and will never forget him. Thoughts and prayers being sent. 👤😞❤️. Rick and Gracie Barton



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Maggie Loring posted:

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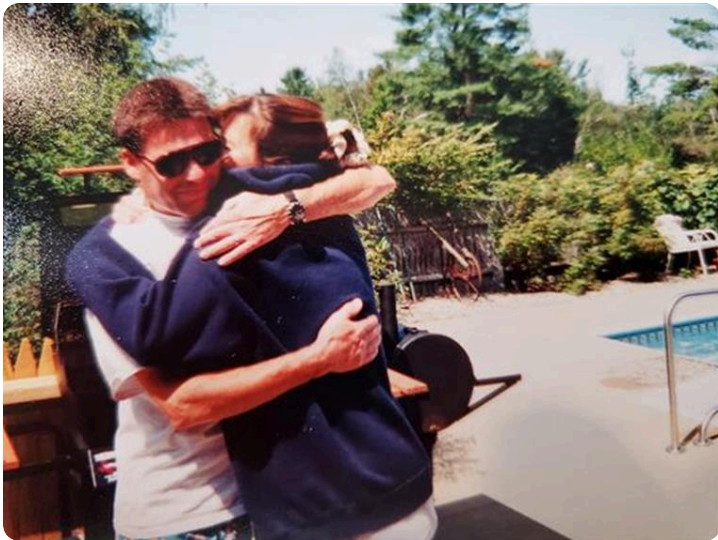




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BL





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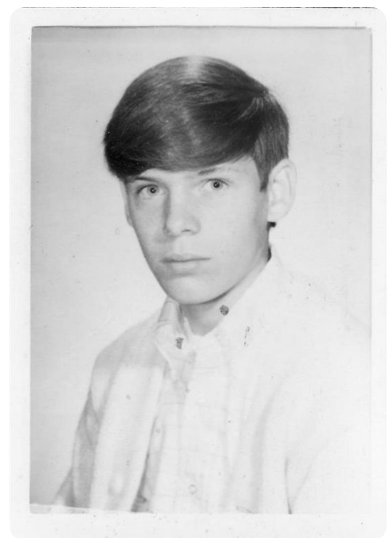
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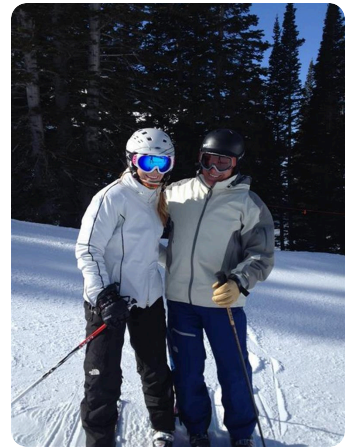
JO **Janell Owens** October 14 at 7:05 AM
❤️❤️ RIP Chip ❤️❤️





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Memories only last if you share them

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



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