Chandler Francis Archibald

February 2, 1970 - April 30, 2025

Chandler F. Archibald, 55, or Shoreview, passed away peacefully on April 30, 2025, after a courageous 15- year battle with brain cancer. Born on February 2, 1970, Chandler lived a life of quiet strength, purpose, and deep love. He served as a Naval officer for 20 years in both active and reserve duty before becoming a devoted history teacher. His travels during his service fueled a deep knowledge of world history, which he passionately shared with his students, believing that understanding the past was key to preventing its mistakes in the future. Following the discovery and treatment of the brain tumor in 2010, Chandler enjoyed 14 vibrant years before his health began to decline in late 2024. He spent is final months receiving hospice care at home, with the support of his loving family.

Chandler was a lifelong learner with a deep passion for history. He loved traveling to historically significant places around the world, combining his love of history with his adventurous spirit. Chandler also enjoyed golfing, playing strategy games, and above all, spending quality time with his family.

Chandler is survived by his wife of 31 years, Carolyn; his daughters, Elise and Maren; his parents, Bruce and Jeanne Archibald; his siblings, Aimee Archibald, Brandon Archibald (Janet), and Kaylee Dugan (Tim); his brothers-in-law, Doug Eng (Lisa) and Mike Eng (Karen); four nephews and a niece; dear friends and extended family, and his two loyal dogs. He was preceded in

death by his grandparents, Louis and Vernice Archibald, Gladys Archibald, and Frank and Eleanor Ulman; his cousin, Andrea; and his father-in-law, John.

Celebration of Life Service will be at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, 900 Stillwater Road, Sanctuary Building Door 1, Mahtomedi, MN on June 6th at 3pm. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service, with a funeral reception following the service. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to Minnesota Public Radio (MPR) or Public Broadcasting Service (PBS).

Tribute Wall

KA

Mr. Archibald was my son's high school history teacher. We were so sorry to learn of his passing. He was a kind and encouraging teacher, and I'll always remember how he described my son as a Renaissance man. Peace to his family.

Katie - December 14, 2025 at 10:18 PM

AY

Alecia Y. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Chandler Francis Archibald.

Alecia Y. - June 06, 2025 at 02:51 PM

KB

I met Chandler when I interviewed him for a teaching job at TLC Middle School. I insisted that the principal hire him that very day! I wasn't wrong - not only was Chandler a great teacher, but he became a treasured co-worker and friend. I loved talking science fiction with him, as well as hearing about Caroline and the girls - he was so proud of the three of you. I will miss him; please know that I will always remember him fondly. My condolences and love to your family.

Kirsten Bighia - June 05, 2025 at 09:20 PM

NE

He was a great friend. Though we didn’t see each other very often, I always looked forward to getting together to laugh and talk and laugh. We last hung out three(?) years ago with Dave Davis — we were hanging out and telling stories on my patio and I don’t think any of us wanted the night to end. He was good soul. He was always fun, funny, entertaining, upbeat, and had a great laugh. So many great memories. My condolences to his family. I’ll miss you, Chandler Archibald

Nick Everhart - June 04, 2025 at 12:47 PM

DB

Like Nick, I was so fortunate to call Chandler my friend. Honestly don’t think I would have survived high school without you, Chandler. I always thought we would find time to sit down and share stories of our life’s adventures together. We reconnected briefly during COVID - and seeing you online brought back so many powerful memories. My condolences to the whole family. Thinking of you; Chandler, and missing you deeply.

David Benson - November 14, 2025 at 03:00 PM

BE

Mr Archibald was a great teacher he taught us for a little bit of the year we all loved Mr Archibald. he was a nice man but I don't think he liked our class that much.

benett - June 03, 2025 at 11:13 AM

WE

One of my favorite memories was when he first started dating Carolyn, the summer after we graduated high school, he Carolyn and I went to Como Park and enjoyed the afternoon hanging out and taking pictures. I also was honored to share in their wedding day, being a bridesmaid in their wedding. I also have liked having discussions with him about our Christian faith and he had an amazing faith in God. Above all else - my favorite memories was seeing what a wonderful, supportive, loving husband and father he was to Carolyn and the girls. He will be greatly missed!

Wendy - June 04, 2025 at 11:11 AM