



Christopher James Lester

August 31, 1970 - January 8, 2026

Christopher James Lester, 55 passed away unexpectedly on January 8, 2026 at U of M East Bank Hospital.

He is survived by his two sons, Austin Lester and David Lester, his mother, Debra Lester, his uncles and aunts, Wally Carlson Jr. (Delilah), Pam Demmer, Pat Carlson (Sue), Bill Lester (Brenda), many loving cousins and his grandfather Wally Carlson who was like a father to him.

He is preceded in death by his daughter Sarah Fink, Uncle Ron Carlson, Father Richard Lester, and Grandparents Patty Carlson, Howard and Marion Lester, Aunt Betsy

Born on August 31, 1970 in St. Paul, MN at St. Joseph's Hospital to mother Debra Lester and his father, Richard Lester. Chris grew up playing football, hockey and riding all sorts of outdoor toys. He loved working on anything with an engine alongside his uncles, Wally, Ron and Pat who were like brothers to him. He became a father at 28 to his son, Austin and then again at 32 with his second son, David. He'd spend the next 28 years pouring as much love, hard work, and determination into his two boys as he could, along with his joys of sports, fishing, and lake life. He spent the last few years of his life doing what he had always dreamed of, sitting lakeside with his dog Maggie enjoying the wind blow and the waves lap on the shore. Chris will be deeply missed by

many and we can't wait to see him again one day.

For the rest of our lives, every bobber drop, every engine stop we'll never forget what you taught us Dad. Thank you for always being our biggest supporter - Your Sons

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Coon Rapids Chapel
1827 Coon Rapids Blvd.
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Celebration of Life

MAR 13. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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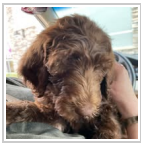
Tribute Wall

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“ *The Gutz family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Christopher James Lester.*



The Gutz family - March 12 at 12:08 PM



“ *I met Chris when we were both working at Aveda. He was always polite and kind. Found out later that Deb, his mom, actually graduated from Anoka the year before me. Chris actually asked my permission to ask my daughter out. Imagine that! Even though they didn't work out, I got two fantastic grandsons out of the deal. Chris and I stayed in touch and when the boys moved down to the cities, He told me how lonely it got. I invited him down and we went and picked up Maggie! My cure all for loneliness--a slobbering puppy. He always welcomed me to the lake and we visited often. Miss you big guy! Way too early!*

Betty Hoover - February 12 at 11:18 AM