

Remembrance

Christopher E. McAdams, 58

April 15, 1951 - May 6, 2019

JACKSONVILLE, FL – Christopher E. McAdams, beloved son of James and Lucienne McAdams, was born on April 15, 1961 in Saint Augustine FL. He was the second son of three, between older brother James, and younger brother Alan. Forever in the middle, Christopher was always the peacemaker and was seldom without a sweet smile on his face and a little mischief in his soul. Born and raised in St. Augustine, Chris attended St. Joseph Academy.

He received a bachelor's degree in physics from Jacksonville University, a bachelor's in mechanical engineering from the Florida Institute of Technology, and a master's degree in industrial engineering from North Carolina State University. He was a founding member of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity at Jacksonville University. Immediately following graduation, Chris was offered a position as a Mechanical Engineer with the US Navy in Pensacola, FL. When the opportunity arose to come work for the Navy in Jacksonville, Christopher jumped at the chance to move closer to home and family while leveraging his skills in his chosen profession. His current position was as a Process Engineering Supervisor for Fleet Readiness Center Southeast.

His many hobbies included but were by no means limited to: collecting antiques, auto restoration, painting, researching family genealogy, and ballroom dancing, the last of which is how he met his wife, June, with whom he started his most important journey. On September 23, 1995, Chris was united in marriage to June Wingert at St. Mary's of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama. Three children were born to this union: Steven, Aaron and Nathaniel. A devoted father, Chris shared his love of creating and engineering with his three sons, spending hours together building, working on home restoration projects and tinkering. He loved reading and had a lifelong passion for learning. Never intimidated by a new project, Chris could find a solution to almost any problem and, as an avid conversationalist, he loved sharing his knowledge with others. It was in Jacksonville that he became an active member of St. Paul's Catholic Church in Riverside where he served as a member of the Parish Council, on the School Carnival Committee, and as a member and president of the Holy Name Society. Always involved in church projects, he led efforts from organ renovation to regular Saturday cleanups, and was considered by the Ladies Guild as an honorary member for his tireless involvement. His work extended to the school, assisting the teachers with science projects, and even building a dinosaur replica for one of the classrooms.

Chris was a respected colleague, a loving husband, father, son, and brother, as well as a friend to all. He will be dearly missed.

Christopher passed away unexpectedly on May 6, 2019.

Christopher is survived by his loving wife of 23 years, June (Wingert) McAdams; sons Steven (Victoria), Nathaniel, and Aaron McAdams all of Jacksonville, FL; parents James and Lucienne McAdams of St. Augustine, FL; and brothers James of Jacksonville, FL and family and Alan (Pamela) McAdams of St. Augustine, FL and family; brothers and sisters-in-law: Michael and Susan Wingert, Panama; Jamie and Mary Fahn, Portsmouth; Kirk and Sandra Rose, Onawa; Paul and Kris Wingert, Panama; Sergio and Jolene Nolte, Grimes, and families.

A Memorial Mass was celebrated by Fr. George Vaniyapurackal on Saturday, May 11, 2019 at St. Paul Catholic Church in Jacksonville, FL. In lieu of thank you cards, the McAdams family would like to thank family and friends for their love, support, prayers and kind gestures.

