



## Mr. Christopher "Chris" David Smith

December 3, 1948 - March 17, 2025

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Chris Smith. Chris was born on December 3, 1948 in London England and passed away at Foothills Medical Center on March 17, 2025.

Chris is survived by his loving wife Christine, son Ty (Leanne), daughter Kim and granddaughters Charley, Lemmy and Maisie.

Chris started his first apprenticeship at Guinness, Park Royal at age 16. Over the next 10 years he completed his electrical and instrumentation journeyman tickets.

In 1975, he immigrated to Canada, being brought over by the Steel Company of Canada landing in Edmonton. After 6 months he went to Valleyview with Alberta Trunkline and then on to Prince George and Intercon Pulp.

It was in Prince George that Chris and Christine met in 1977, they married in 1978 and their 46 year adventure began. Married life started in Fort Nelson where he worked for the largest Gas Plant.

In 1981, Chris started teaching Industrial Instrumentation at SAIT until 2000. He served on the Board of Governors for several years.

Family, History and Travel were very important to Chris. He enjoyed his motorbikes and especially a ride with Ty and Leanne to Alaska when Ty completed his HVAC apprenticeship. In the various RV's he took the family across Canada to Newfoundland and through much of the USA. Chris and Christine drove the Dempster Highway to Tuktoyaktuk within the first 2 weeks of the highway opening in 2018.

In his later years he did extensive research into his father's war activities, especially on D. Day where his father drove an amphibious tank. This research gave him a great sense of pride and admiration for his dad. He wanted to leave his legacy to Ty and just completed it prior to his death.

Chris left us far too soon, we still had many more adventures planned.

Rest in peace my darling.

Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (Craig Snodgrass)  
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# Tribute Wall

DG

“ Chris - our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family



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**Darlene & Julian Gushulak** - March 28, 2025 at 08:18 PM

DW

“ Christine and family my deepest ccondolnses I will miss his phone calls  
Don Wellwood

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**Don Wellwood** - March 22, 2025 at 08:37 PM

KS

“ On behalf of all brothers of Nanton Lodge No.17, we would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Christine and the rest of the family.

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**Kris Smith** - March 22, 2025 at 07:28 PM

MS

“ SAIT's ALIVE (The Association of Retired and Former employees of SAIT and their spouses) extend their deepest sympathy.



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**Marilynn Sander** - March 21, 2025 at 07:59 PM

HH

“ Chris was a “kick-ass” character! So loved! So perfectly imperfect. A genuine “true to the core” friend. He was absolutely loaded with admiral traits (and a couple that may have been a challenge). Such a wonderful guy who will be missed dearly by those who have been fortunate enough to have crossed paths with him. The void left by him is immense. Christine; You have a quiet ability to be pragmatic, kind and strong. You were the “yin” to his “yang. You balanced his spirit in the most wonderful way. You share the kind of love and personalities of my mom and dad (in my opinion). We girls (my mom, sister and I) felt like you both have always “had our backs”. I hope that you, Ty and Kim know that we have yours. So much love to you all; and I am so very sorry for your (and the world’s ) loss.

*Heather Hoggan*

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**Heather Hoggan** - March 20, 2025 at 05:43 PM

DM

“ Chris was a kind, caring and generous man. And a prankster and fun loving guy too. I'll miss his occasional phone calls just to ask how we're doing and tell us about happenings in his family, that he was so proud of. Our deepest condolences to Christine and all the family.

*Doug & Linda Macaulay*

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**Doug Macaulay** - March 20, 2025 at 05:15 PM

KH

“ Chris, I'm so sorry you lost Chris too early.

*Your Chris was such a character .... loud, boisterous, a rabble-rouser balanced off with a kindness, a giving heart, generosity, thoughtfulness, humility about his good deeds, love for you and the family, adventurous, clever, insightful, pragmatic with a sense of humor .... all the important things a man should be, and more.*

*It will now be a quieter world but one that is worse off with him not being with us any more.*

*My family and I loved him - and you, very much.*

*Kathy Hoggan*

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**Kathy Hoggan** - March 19, 2025 at 01:41 PM

DN

*My sympathies Chris and family. How very sad. Blessings,  
Doreen Needham*

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**Doreen Needham** - March 19, 2025 at 06:02 PM

RC

“ Christine, wishing you courage and loving memories to carry you through.

*When I started my career at SAIT, I was fortunate to have Chris as my experienced and trusted advisor. Condolences; Randy & Colleen Coyes*

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**Randy Coyes** - March 19, 2025 at 01:25 PM

LW

“ *I'm truly sorry for your loss, Chris was a wonderful man, and I will miss our chats, thinking of you all at this very sad time. My deepest condolences, love Lorraine & Family*  
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Lorraine Walters - March 18, 2025 at 09:11 PM

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“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Lyle Reeves Funerals - March 18, 2025 at 01:27 PM

GD

*My sincere condolences to your family for your loss. We will all remember Chris with kindness and respect.*

Garry DeVries - March 18, 2025 at 10:44 PM

KE

*My sincere condolences. Wrap yourself in memories, he will never be farther away than your heart.*

*Kelly S*

kelly - March 24, 2025 at 12:10 PM