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## CHRIS KARSON OBITUARY

**C**HRIS KARSON PORTAGE/MERRILLVILLE, IN  
Chris Karson, age 46, passed away June 4, 2016. He is survived by his parents, Walter and Rose Karson (nee Crnjak); brothers, Steve and John Karson; sister, (sis) Misty Karson; niece, Alyssa Karson and nephews, Gaige and Jase Karson. Chris was a beloved

son, loving brother and uncle. Chris, although confined to a wheelchair from age 19, was a crutch and inspiration to many. He loved drag racing, Vanning, his family and friends, practical jokes and meeting new people. Chris leaves us with memories that will forever change our lives. A Celebration of Chris's life will be held Saturday, June 11, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. at **Calumet Park Funeral Chapel**, 7535 Taft Street, Merrillville, IN. Friends are invited to meet with the family from 12:00 p.m. until the time of service. For more information, call 219-736-5840. [www.mycalumetpark.com](http://www.mycalumetpark.com)



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Friend

June 3, 2020

Theres not a day that goes by that i dont think of you or something remind me of the great times we shared. I miss you wholeheartedly and theres a deep void in my life now that your in heaven. I still sing even though its not kareoke, i still need singing lessons but i have fun and thats all that matters! Have fun and make some noise is what you used to say! Love you oxox

**Patricia Kubeck**

Friend

June 3, 2019



I probably should have done this with my previous comment, but oh well. I'm lighting this candle for you Chris Karson! May you rest in peace and enjoy that big private van party up there in vanner heaven. Keep winning those races ur van. 2%! Buddy

**Angela Gugel**

June 5, 2017

Wow! I can't believe that's it been a year already since the day you got your wings Chris. I hope that you are flying high and watching over us all who knew you and the ones that you inspired. R.I.P. in vanner heaven Chris you have been and still are greatly missed by so many people. So I hope that someone will or can contribute to keep your guest book up and running on here So that we can continue to celebrate your life Chris Karson....2%! To you Chris, rest easy until we can see you again. And my condolences still go out to the Karson family

**Angela Gugel**

June 5, 2017

Its been a year since your passing,i miss you everyday more than you will ever know! You have taught me what true friendship is and unconditional love.you inspired me to never give up on my goals and thats what im reaching for! Love you always and forever

**Patricia Kubeck**

June 4, 2017

Chris it's been a year already since you've left us but the pain continues to this day feels like just yesterday when you were taken away you continue to inspire us please watch over us and guide us in the right way

**Daryl Matis**

June 4, 2017



Its been one year since your untimely passing. Your inspiration and guidance continues to guide Me, hopefully to inspire others to achieve their goals. I will always miss you.

**Walter Karson**

June 4, 2017

We love you Chris, now and forever. Peace my brother.

**Tim and Deb Armstrong**

July 16, 2016

Karson Family, I'm so sorry to read of this horrific accident that took the life of Chris. He was my neighbor, across the street, with his vans, cars and loudness. He knew I didn't like it, but we still got along. We were good neighbors. I congratulated him when he got his degree from BSU, which was a great accomplishment. He was to be admired. Prayers and sympathy, Sarah RIP Chris

**Sarah Humphrey**

June 17, 2016

My condolences to the family. Chris was a good friend to me and of mine. I miss him. I knew him back from his Ball State car club days and thereafter. I don't remember if he knew me as Lu or Luanne.

**M.Luanne Preston**

June 14, 2016

To all of Chris' family and friends, our heartfelt sympathy to you at this most difficult time. We had only known Chris from the Vannin documentary and from stories of "Karson's Party" until we had the pleasure of meeting him the Sunday before his passing at the Midwest Truckin. We are fairly new to the vannin family, but know that his spirit will live on. Rest in peace Chris and may your family find peace and comfort in the memories that you have left them.



**Anita & Dave Lapoint**

June 14, 2016



A wonderful son and loving man. You will be truly missed. May a band of Angels sing thee to your rest.

**Mary Swift**

June 14, 2016



Hello from Germany, i don't know much about chris, because i am a Vanner. Chris now you can look to all vanner in the world. R.I.P.

**David Schuh**

June 14, 2016

I miss you so much! I light this candle in your memory, so many people doing karson tributes, if you were here you would be amazed on all of the kind words. Its so heartwarming as i read them all.

**Tricia Kubeck**

June 13, 2016

Chris' wisdom and celebration of life was epic. How sad to lose him. Anyone who is looking for some comfort could, among other things, go to Chris' Facebook page and read his beautiful and inspiring posts. Condolences to all of his family and friends.

**Deborah & Eric**

June 13, 2016

Our deepest sympathy to the Karson family. Chris was an outstanding human being with a phenomenal attitude and a very caring heart. He obviously touched a multitude and left a big impression. We were blessed to have known him. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

**Mary and Dave Ping**

June 12, 2016

Chris "Topher" was an amazing spirit. From our first meeting in Jr.High to this day there was no one I know that did not see something special in him. His life had no boundaries, no prejudice, and no fear. Everyone he has even spoken with no has a very special angel in heaven.

**Colleen McDermott**

June 12, 2016

I met Chris in the summer of 2013 at the Van Nat's. His spot was directly across from ours. What a pleasure it was to meet him and his brother Steve. We realized that first night that his site was the place to be. And, karaoke!!! Oh lord we hit the



jackpot! We had a great weekend with him. I kept in touch with after the Nat's on fb. It was such an inspiration to talk to him. We talked about everything. I loved seeing his pics on line as he enjoyed his life, while in a wheelchair. It jus breaks my heart to know how horrible it must have been for him to pass away like he did. I hope that someone in his family will keep his fb going because he inspired me to do things that I never would have and hope to continue to see pics of him. My prayers to everyone who is now grieving his death. that you all will get through this rough time and know he loves you all.

**Lucy Masten**

June 12, 2016

Chris we spent so many evenings chatting. You were always upbeat, inspiring and full of wise words and wisdom. I will treasure our friendship and miss you so much. Until we meet again...

**Jill Coburn**

June 12, 2016

I have known Chris since Jr High, a very intelligent, hard working, and kind person. I have shared many of his Facebook pictures, wisdom, and experiences with family and friends. I am not sure how many miles it takes to get to heaven, but Chris will get there faster than most of us, doing it a quarter mile at time. Never forgotten!

**Rich Emery**

June 12, 2016

Chris you were an amazing man and you touched so many lives. I pray for your family that they can get thru this. May you race your van with the Angels and have those awesome party's in the sky's. Xoxoxo

**Bonnie Fox**

June 12, 2016





R.I.P. brother.

Sadly, we never had a chat together, but I remember your camp from the NatS in Elkhorn, Wisconsin.

It's so said to see, that again a accident occured, where you had nothing to do with, and this again changed your way through life :-)

Save us a spot at the Big TruckIn up their.

**Hubert Wetekamp**

June 12, 2016

Chris was one of my students at BSU and became a friend. He spoke to my classes about positive thinking and goal setting. You could hear a pin drop when he spoke. He was so proud of his regained ability to drive and took me on a ride in



his van. When I went to visit with him to see how he was doing he would say "let's talk about you" and we prayed together. I will always think of him anytime I eat popcorn and never take that ability for granted. He definitely "walked the talk" from a seated position. Hugs to your friends and family!

**Cindy Miller**

June 12, 2016

Our thoughts for healing and comfort go out to all of Chris' family and friends. We have known Chris since college. He was such an inspiration to all who knew him.

He will be missed greatly, but never forgotten!!

**Brent & Kelly Lindley**

June 12, 2016



Chris, I am so honored to have met you, laughed with you, vanned with you. You will be truly missed from our vanning family. race on....peace and love to you.

**dawn Wolons**

June 12, 2016

Thank you for your inspiration and your friendship. You were taken away from us way too soon. Ride on brother.

**Ed Huff**

June 11, 2016



As it approaches midnight Chris you always be in our hearts thank you for all your help your impact on a lot of people's lives some you never meant...god speed

**Joe Scott**

June 11, 2016

Thoughts and Prayers goes out to the family and friends may his memories bring you all comfort

**Michael Allrutz**

June 11, 2016

I met Chris when we were going through the Partners in Policymaking Class of 2005 as part of the Governor's Planning Council for People with Disabilities. We had a lot of fun learning to be advocates. We all spent much time laughing and enjoying our Partner weekends with Chris. When I got to know him, I never saw a man in a wheelchair or a man with a disability. I saw a man with a passion for others. A man who loved life. I'll miss him. RIP Chris ♥

**Janet McIntyre**

June 11, 2016

To the man who was always happy! I know you would tell me do not be sad but think of the good times. That's just who you were. A true inspiration to say the very least! Gone way to soon!

**Julie Pittman**

June 11, 2016

You were truly an inspiration. You will forever be in our hearts and our memories. Vanning will never be the same without your crazy parties. Prayers for your family and all of your friends. Love you Chris, you will be missed.



**Amber Brennenstuhl**

June 11, 2016



Chris was such a breath of fresh air. He could always find sunshine on a cloudy day! So glad he was part of our Vannin family.

**jude Wilde**

June 11, 2016

Sending my deepest condolences to the Karson family... Chris was the most beautiful soul... He was a wonderful friend to me... My son was diagnosed with progressive hearing loss 3 years ago and Chris really helped me with that and taught me how my son could still achieve so much in his life and to never let his hearing loss hold him back...I'm so grateful for Chris, I'm truly a better person for having known him. Rest in peace, Chris. You will be sorely missed, but never, ever forgotten. Save us a good spot at that great van run in the sky. Love you always, my sweet friend. ♥

**Melissa Gaunt**

June 11, 2016

Our heartfelt Condolences Prayers for all of Chris Family both biological and his extended Vanner Family. Chris was an amazing man and if you ever met him you know what I mean. He was such an inspiration to us all, As soon as you met him you felt like you had been friends fo life. Chris you will be missed by so many RIP My brither! Till we meet again!

**Smitty**

June 11, 2016

God bless you, Chris. You inspired so many others. You will be truly missed. Many prayers are sent for your entire family.

**Mary Schiefer**

June 11, 2016





Chris touch so many people's hearts some he will never know..... such an inspirational person will be missed.... Rock on in heaven my friend....

**Joe Scott**

June 11, 2016

Karsons family,chris was a wonderful man, he touch so many lives,may you find comfort in all great memories of him !deepest sympathy in your time of sorrow!

**Deana Johnson**

June 11, 2016

Chris we will miss you so! But we all carry you in our hearts and there you will live on. You were the most loving, giving and caring man I have ever known. One of a kind. I am a better person from having a friendship with you. My deepest heartfelt condolences to Steve and all of the Karson family. Chris made an amazing impact on every life he touched. We didn't lose him though as he now walks with the angels. I love you my Brother! Until we meet again.

**Sherry, Bad Boyz of Illinois**

June 11, 2016

we love and miss you Chris, keep your angel wings wrapped around your family so that they can feel you during these difficult days, to the Karson Family we love each of you and are in our thoughts and prayers...

**Tammy Brennenstuhl Bluegrass Vanners**

June 11, 2016

My sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family and all the friends of Chris. He was that one in a million guy that was such an inspiration to all who knew him. He will be greatly missed and always remembered as the wonderful man he was.

**Chrissie Marie**

June 11, 2016



Today is the first race for e85 racing. We will all be thinking of Chris he was always fun at the track. At around 12:00 today I will be making my first pace Chris this wheelie is for you brother!!!!

**Steve Penrod**

June 11, 2016

I will miss Chris and his "hey girlie" messages on Facebook. He encouraged me through 5 back surgeries and numerous procedures. He motivated and inspired me on a regular basis. I looked forward to any time I could see Chris in person, that smile could brighten my world. I am a better person for having met Chris Karson and I will always feel privileged to say Chris was my friend. I know you are dancing and running and you are pain free and full of joy! Soar with the Angels and keep us safe within your wings. We will meet again and until then, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

**Theresa McGuire**

June 10, 2016

My Deepest Sympathy to Rose and family. Chris was a special person who was willing to help others. He came to his mom's work to help students. He talked and answered questions for them. He loved to surprise his mom at work. He is in heaven. His memories will live on.

**Rose-Ann Wilson**

June 10, 2016



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The untimely and tragic death of you dear Chris will forever remain beyond our understanding. As your family and friends we are all experiencing a range of feelings: anger, confusion and heartbreaking sadness. I pray that your amazing passion and ability to inspire so many from so many walks of life will help us heal from this trauma and to forever cherish your loving memory. Thank you for sharing your journey with us. From a family who loved you to the moon and back. (Danielle Paszek's grammie)

**Alicia Czaplewski**

June 10, 2016

Chris Karson was my childhood neighbor and friend growing up. He was truly a wonderful human being who will be missed by many! Rest in Peace, Chris. I love you! -Kim

June 10, 2016

We have lost one of the best i am so glad that i got to meet Chris i will always remember him in my thoughts and prays. I will see him again in Vanner Heaven  
Roger Ramjet Willey

June 10, 2016

My sincere and heartfelt condolences to the Karson family. You must realize by now just how much of an influence Chris had on his friends... Vanner family. Chris taught us to be strong and overcome adversity. To love one another and respect what life throws at us. Even though he tried to prepare us for this day, he was taken from us too soon! Chris did not want to be remembered as a man in a wheelchair. He was greatly successful in that, as I will remember him as my brother to whom I will love forever!

SnowVan

**Tim Ebright**

June 10, 2016

So very sorry for your loss. John Karson, our prayers and heartfelt condolences are with you and your family at this time.

**Pam Schrombeck**

June 10, 2016

I can still see Cris walking up to our door to take my daughter Kim to a semi formal dance at MHS. He was a handsome and engaging young man. The next time I saw Chris was as his Occupational Therapist once he came home from Rehab. He worked hard in the transition and Rose and Walter you were right there learning, planning, and working for the fruitful life Chris earned. I later learned of his activities and accomplishments in Muncie and his outreach to the world at large. His life and journey has been an inspiration that I have shared with other patients as well. My heart aches for his family and friends, but I rejoice for the wholeness he now has in his Heavenly home with his Lord and Savior. His



work was done here and he did it well. You have a new Birthday Chris. One day we will all celebrate together.

**Ardyne Kirn, OTR**

June 10, 2016

We will never forget , What you meant for so Many that known and loved Spending time with you, Dance Now, your Free, Walk with the Angels Chris, and know your Pain is Gone, for Jesus set you Free, Angels will take care of you Now, and 2% taken to soon will be watching too, Thanks, for all you gave to others you Will never be Forgotten, 2% lasts for ever,Rock on, from Sue from Hillbilly Vanners,

**sue Wells**

June 10, 2016

You was a big inspiration to us all! We will always miss you! Your an angel without wheels. Fly high my friend! Until we meet again!

**Mary Johnson**

June 10, 2016

Chris will be greatly missed by many people, he touched every one in so many ways....which has made me think more about what is most important to me,family!!!! You had gone through so many obsicles in your live & gave courage & strenth for others.....Van on.... and take 'em in the 1/4 mile!!!!

**Jackie & Paul Hachey**

June 9, 2016

Chris , I remember when you were in the Hospital, I kept telling you , that you could do it . That you would walk. I Prayed that you would & I believe you did. You did more in your Life than many of us ever could. We both talked to God and now I'm sure, you are up in Heaven with My Dad (Cowboy)Crnjak running all over.



I Love You and will Miss you Dearly but We will see each other again some Day.  
Love Aunt Linda, Bill and Carissa

**Linda Crnjak**

June 9, 2016

Awesome to have known such a Dedicated vanner,racer and All Around Great guy.  
RIP Chris, Till the next Van in

**Hiram Ward**

June 9, 2016

We are in shock, the world has lost a wonderful person yesterday. He may have had to sit in a chair for so many years but inside .... he stood head and shoulder above many of us in terms of being a person of inspiration, support, kindness, caring, humility, happiness, compassion and loving spirit.

Having just enjoyed some time at one of his after parties and chatting with him it seems so surreal that we won't be able to enjoy his company again....I truly hope he knew how much he improved the lives of everyone who met him and spent sometime with him.

**Geoff & Sonya Koome**

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**Geoff & Sonya Koome**

June 9, 2016



I only met Chris once and that was at the 41st van nationals at the Karson party. And seen him and his van there and thought what an awesome guy and a cool van! May you rest in peace and fly high Chris 2%!

**Angela Gugel**

June 9, 2016

I had the amazing gift of knowing Chris while he lived in Muncie. We served on the Mayor.s Council on People with Disabilities and we used to attend ArtsWork. I use to think I was positive about living with a severe disability, and then I met Chris! He was so comfortable in his own skin. I think that intimidated me at first, but then I learned that is how it should be. I gave a deep faith in Jesus, and I believe He is honored when we embrace both life and ourselves. Thank you, Chris, for helping me on my journey of embracing myself. Until we meet again, stay real.

**Jody Powers**

June 9, 2016

The world lost a very special person. Thankful we got to talk at Midwest Truck In recently. Your outlook on life was unbelievable and inspiring to so many. You will truly be missed.

**Tim Brogan**

June 9, 2016

So sad Gone to soon, Wish I wish I had a chance to get to have known you, But I know your in a Better place now with Other 2% s gone there too, Party on, Chris with so many others, and Walk the Streets of Heaven, You will never be forgotten, See you on the Dark side of the Moon, 2% 4 ever, Sue from Hillbilly Vanners

**sue Wells**

June 9, 2016



I'm So sorry that I never got to meet him in person but what little time we had online was absolutely wonderful. The last message I received from him was this photo he took to send me.

Much love from Alberta Canada xo

**Belinda Saulnier-Maillet**

June 9, 2016

We never met in person, only on video chat, but boy did we form a friendship bond. You were always happy and that is how I will always remember bro. Thinking of you always. One day, we will meet in person my brother, till then keep them laughing up there xx



**stuart goodfield**

June 9, 2016



you will be missed my friend Vanfest 21 is dedicated to you we will do you proud.till we meet again God Speed

**kevin lundy**

June 9, 2016

I am still in shock...Chris was such an inspiration to so many, both in vanning and in the "Real world" We beacme friends through our mutual love of cars and vans, and figuring out ways to make events more fun. He was the master at fun, but also the mater at great conversation. The Nationals will never be the same without him.

Midwest Vans Ltd.

**Howard Furtak**

June 9, 2016

Gonna miss you bud. We weren't close friends but it was always a pleasure to talk to you when we were together. You have the love of many that will be forever heartbroken from your tragic loss. We will meet again my friend.

**dennis conko**

June 9, 2016

Chris, I am sure the great Vannin in the sky will have a 24 hour party with Karaoke going along side Beer Pong... Until we meet again my friend, I will carry your positive attitude with me .....

**Doc Maksymchuk**

June 9, 2016

My sincere condolences to the Karson family. Chris will be missed.  
He was a very positive person and lived life to the fullest. He is now at that big





van in in heaven with all that have gone before him . Thank you Chris you inspired many people. May you rest in peace.

**Gloria Creeger**

June 9, 2016

Dearest Walter and Rose, We are so very sorry to hear of Chris passing. We are remembering him when he was little, and knowing what a wonderful man he became. May God comfort you in your sorrow and know that Chris is safe in the arms of JESUS. Your cousins Al and Helen.

**Alan and Helen Curtis**

June 9, 2016

We texted back and forth a couple times on FB, I thought I knew a lot about Van's, motors and such but you Sir knew exactly what I was thinking about and had a answer to all my questions, Thanks for your help to a guy ya didn't even know. Flying High my friend

**Chappy Chapman**

June 9, 2016

You were an inspiration to all of us with your positive outlook on life. Your caring for others was unprecedented. Now you can drive The VAN and win the race. Van on and God Speed my friend and soar with the angels.

June 9, 2016

An amazing man! Chris lived as we are taught we should, and then he revved it up a notch! As soon as he smiled at you, you were hooked and there was no looking back. Hit that gas pedal and fly high in your angel Van, Chris, you earned the flight!

**Suzie Hivnor**

June 9, 2016



Until we meet again my Dear Friend. Thank you to The Karson family for giving us such a beautiful life your son Chris i was blessed to have him call me his friend..Chris help me start two car shows love telling him my crazy ideas for them. Like pinup girl contest for the ladies Beard contest for the guys .. He would have loved it.. T

**Angela Lewis**

June 9, 2016

you will be missed every day buddy,till we meet again,

**russ evans**

June 9, 2016

I want to offer my condolences to the Karson family. I am shocked and sad to hear of Chris's passing. I first met Chris during college. He was an inspiration to me because we both have disabilities. I looked up to him so much. We weren't close, but he inspired me to be a better person. The most important gift he gave me was that it was ok to be disabled. He used humor to get overcome it. I will never forget you Chris! Thank you for being a great role model to me and others!

**Anne Plassman**

June 9, 2016

It has been a pleasure including Chris as a big part of our "vanning family". Chris will be missed and remembered fondly. Cherish all that was yours.

**Ken&Carla Gaarven**

June 9, 2016

Our prayers go out to you, the Karson family, on the untimely death of your beloved Chris. May he Rest in Peace and may your family be comforted by the many memories and stories that Chris provided and that will live on in your



hearts.

~The Niles Family (from Goodview Drive).

June 9, 2016

Chris you are an angel without wheels now. God bless you and keep you.

**Diana Mendoza**

June 9, 2016

Met Chris at the first Van Nationals he attended and re-connected each Nationals since. He left us too soon but he left us better people for having known him. R.I.P. Chris...we will meet again one day.

**David Powell**

June 9, 2016

RIP Chris

**Anders Ohlsson**

June 9, 2016

A great person, who took his own personal tragedy and turned it into inspirational help for all that knew him. Now belongs to the vinnin nation in heaven with some others that i considered family, but his words will live on in the hope in others. Till we meet again Chris.

**Crystal Galusha**

June 9, 2016

So glad that Chris was our neighbor. A person who would do anything for you. Chris will be greatly missed.

**Harold --Mary Ann Thews**

June 9, 2016

## Grieving

*To those I have loved and to those who loved me,  
when I am gone release me: let me go.  
I have so many things to see and do,  
you must not tie yourself to me with tears.  
Be happy that we had so many years.  
I gave you my love you can only guess,  
how much you gave to me in happiness.  
I thank you for the love you each have shown,  
But now it's time I travel on alone.  
So grieve awhile for me if grieve you must.  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.  
It's only for awhile that we must part,  
So bless the memories within your heart.  
I won't be far away for life goes on,  
So if you need me call and I will come.  
Through you can't see or touch me I'll be near,  
And if you listen within your heart you'll hear,  
All my love around you soft and clear.  
And then when you must come this way alone,  
I'll greet you with a smile and welcome you home.*

sue amos

June 9, 2016

Chris, I'm lucky to have known you. Enjoy your new wings in heaven, my friend.

**Gina Goward**

June 9, 2016



Chris may you be running&smiling down on us. I have special memories of you me&debbie Lynn. You were a true 2%er and know you are loved

**Connie Williams**

June 9, 2016

Karson family,  
We are very sorry for your loss. We will miss him at vanning.

**Bob & Kim Cooke**

June 9, 2016

Meeting Chris was a blessing. What a wonderful person he was. I am so glad that he will be watching over us as always. I will pray for your family and friends to c5hope with their loss. Your friends from  
New York Ken And Karin

**Karin Henecke**

June 9, 2016

Chris's death will be a big loss to all who knew him, for a very long time. I would get goose bumps at a van meet, when they fired up his van. Will never forget him. RIP Chris, and prayers to all who knew and loved this remarkable man.

**Marilyn Koval**

June 9, 2016

RIP Chris, we will miss you

**Geoff, Sonya Koome**

June 9, 2016





Have known chris over the net for yrs we both shared the same passion for vanning and was same age. He helped me with my van in the uk and we sent each other parts van memrobilia etc.. He was more like a brother to me and many others. We cam chatted alot online having lots of laughs and shared some great moments. I never got to meet him in person which we planned to do. He will forever be in my thoughts. A geat man. A top vanner and a great friend. Rip chris. Van on in the stars... xxx

**Captain nuttynik Lawson**

June 9, 2016

With much love and comfort to the family and 'buds....'

**Rick & Candie Perry**

June 9, 2016

RIP Chris.

**Don Martin**

June 9, 2016

I knew Chris in Jr and High school. He was always funny and great to be around. We reconnected when he found a prom picture of me and told me he always had a crush on me and we laughed. After that we talked almost everyday online as I moved 2 1/2 hours away and met when we could. I miss his texts asking me GIRLIE HOW ARE YOU DOING TODAY? Thats Chris always caring for others. You are and inspiration on how to live and treat others. I will miss our adventures and your contagious laugh.

**KELLY MCCROSKEY**

June 9, 2016

Im so sorry for the loss of Chris I meet him at my very first national van show, but he was on my facebook for years. It broke my heart when i heard the news last



Saturday, may he rest in peace and save us all a spot at the big van show in the sky, till we meet again..

Knightmare Vanners Ohio

**Amy Hale**

June 9, 2016

I never had the chance to meet you but your writings inspired me on bad days, farewell brother from a different mother.

**Dave Watts**

June 9, 2016

RIP Chris. We will miss you very much. Love you lots and lots. The Paszek Family.

June 9, 2016

My best friend, my rock, my world! A genuine, loyal friend, a one of a kind man. You will be truly missed by millions. I love you and miss you deeply. Fly high with the angels

**Tricia Kubeck**

June 8, 2016

I miss chris in vanner too miss

**henry weber**

June 8, 2016

Chris was genuine. What you saw is what you got. His words of inspiration will never be forgotten. He will be missed. My heartfelt sympathies to his family and friends.

**Lorraine Downie**

June 8, 2016

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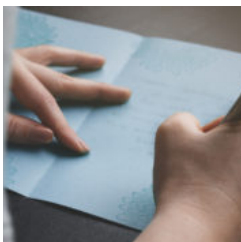
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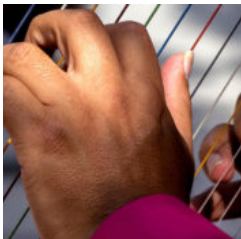
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