



Mr. Christopher G. "Chris" Lupa

February 6, 1968 - December 15, 2025

WESTMORELAND – Mr. Christopher G. “Chris” Lupa, age 57, passed away on Monday, December 15, 2025, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Born in New Hartford on February 6, 1968, Christopher was the son of the late Joseph R. and Sandra (Zegarelli) Lupa. He graduated from Utica Free Academy in 1986, and furthered his education at MVCC, focusing on criminal justice.

On March 8, 1991, he was united in marriage with the love of his life, the former Victrina “Vicki” Mullen. Together, they shared nearly 35 years of marriage, marked by unwavering love, mutual respect, and deep devotion to one another.

At one time, Chris held positions with the Department of Motor Vehicles at both the county and state levels. He later accepted a position as an investigator with the New York State Insurance Fund, which he held until his passing.

Above all else, Chris will be remembered as a loving man who always placed the needs of others before his own. If he encountered someone in need of warmth, he was so selfless that he would willingly give them his own coat. His happiest memories were made while spending time with his family. He was

blessed—and blessed others—with a tender and loving heart, and he would do anything for those he loved.

Chris loved being outdoors and rarely stayed still. He thrived on planning exciting travel adventures—researching the best destinations, booking top-notch hotels, and meticulously crafting itineraries. He especially enjoyed taking his family along, particularly his wife, and they often collected shot glasses as souvenirs from their trips. Chris also had a passion for live music, attending rock concerts whenever he could. A lifelong fan of the Buffalo Bills and New York Yankees, he also loved riding and caring for his motorcycle.

Chris is survived by his beloved wife, Vicki; children and their loves, Amanda L. Lupa, Adrianna N. Lupa, Angelina C. R. Lupa and Shaen Hyland, Joseph R. Lupa, II, and Zachary C. Lupa; brother, Jeremy Lupa and his wife Dennise Vargas; a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews; in-laws, Tracy and Carmine Perrotta, Wendy and Mike Beekman, and James Mullen, Jr.; godson, Albert Knapp; godfather, Charles Perrotta, Sr.; and his dear friends, Reginald and Caitlyn Alex-Hart, Michael Christmas; and Joseph Santamore. He was predeceased by his mother-in-law, Bonnie (Lamphere) Mullen and her companion Richard Kerwin; and his godmother and aunt, Patricia Zegarelli.

The Lupa family would like to thank Chris's oncologist, Dr. Rahul Seth, and his staff, especially Jessica Eno, for their care and compassion. They also extend their gratitude to Dr. Blakely, as well as the nurses and staff—particularly Jodee—who cared for Chris, for their professionalism and loving support.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, December 23, 2025, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. A Final Blessing will be offered at the funeral home at the conclusion of visitation.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **23**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 724-6714
eannacefh@roadrunner.com

Tribute Wall

CB

“ How can one pick just one memory of a person who when you walked into the room or dinto the house he always made you feel welcomed always made you feel like you were the only one in the room he always gave you 100% o nhis attention unless he was watching a video on his phone then oops wait a minute.. he was a great person with a kind soul you will be forever missed!

Candy Bogdanowicz - December 23, 2025 at 03:48 PM

HS

“ Chris was not only my brother-in-law he was my sister's everything. He was also a great father great husband and this is truly a hard one to swallow. How can somebody just say one good thing about Chris when Chris was good about everything yeah he had his ups and downs and his mood swings, but Chris was a great man. I wish I can take my sister's pain away my niece nieces, and my nephews and just give them back Chris Chris please just watch over Vicky and the kids. We love you. We're gonna miss you and you and my dad up there just cracking jokes on us down here crying over y'all now but just know we got you and we got them.

Heather Sook - December 23, 2025 at 02:29 PM



“ One thing I'll always remember is when me Uncle Chris Zach and others had smoked a real cigar for the first time and I don't know how to hit it so I inhaled it and started coughing half to deaf and just his wise guy self most of all

Nathaniel Maxim - December 20, 2025 at 02:18 PM

MJ

“ Chris and Vickie were my aunt and uncle and took me on countless times when I had nowhere to go. They treated me as their own and showed me love when I needed it most as a child. Chris always tried to help me out every chance he could. I will always love and always miss him and our friendship. Rest easy Uncle Chris.

Michael Maxim Jr - December 19, 2025 at 04:59 PM

EM

“ My condolences and prayers to the family
Rest In Peace Chris



Ernesto Montanez - December 19, 2025 at 01:02 AM

LZ

“ To all the Lupia family my heart is breaking for all of you. I know how much Chris loved all of you and the center of his life was his family . Please hold on to all your special memories that were made I'm sure Chris kept everyone laughing . Chris always turned a hard day at dmv into a few laughs. That's what I will always remember about Chris . Rest in peace my friend .
Lisa Zane

Lisa Zane - December 18, 2025 at 09:10 PM

DW

“ To Chris's family: please except my deepest condolences. I worked with Chris at National 1 Cleaning we had some good laughs it truly broke my heart when I heard of his passing. Chris rest easy my friend.
Diane Williams.

Diane Williams - December 18, 2025 at 07:32 PM

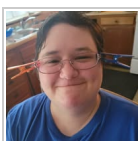


“ It's so hard to think of just one memory with my dad. We went to so many concerts, we went on vacation to Myrtle Beach. We shared interests in some shows. He was always so proud of me.

I'm sorry that you won't be here to see your children get married. That was something you told me you wanted. I keep thinking you're in your room and I can go in and say hi. I miss you so, so much dad. Please say hi to grandma and grandpa for me. I know they'll be happy to see you. I love you.



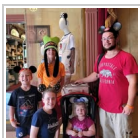
Nicky Lupa - December 18, 2025 at 07:20 PM



“ Dad was always there for me. He took me driving when I first got my license, helped me with applications for jobs, and cheered for me when I got hired. When I was disappointed he was always there cheering for me.



Amanda Gosling - December 18, 2025 at 07:13 PM



“ He was a great uncle to me. To everyone of us. I remember the time where me and a friend of mine were dancing in a bar for your birthday and he saw the video and he just couldn't stop laughing when I tripped or forgot some of the steps. He always had some funny thing to say about everything. I'll miss that

Danielle Alex - December 18, 2025 at 03:35 PM



“ Vicky I am so sorry 😭 for your loss! Sending you comfort and strength in this difficult time! My memory of Chris, let's see, he was a very special friend. I met him when I was 17 or 18 years old working at Burger King on Oneida Square. He was my assistant manager. We had loads of fun together, working with him was a fun experience. He made me laugh with his jokes and shenanigans that's for sure! Worked shifts with Chris and Carmine. Those two were a riot, we worked together as a team! Fun times together! He will greatly be missed 😭

Mar Rosado - December 18, 2025 at 02:02 PM

CA

“ Chris, or who we also lovingly referred to as just "Lupa", will be so very missed. Not only was Lupa a great friend over the years but he was also a part of many major memories and provided an endless supply of jokes. He had the pleasure of witnessing some of our most embarrassing public moments over the years, with us just handing him his joke material on a silver platter, and he took great pride in roasting us for it. I would expect nothing less from a true friend and a true friend he was. But our friendship was more than roasts and jokes, Lupa was the kind of friend that you knew you could count in a time of need. Whether it was a big favor, like helping us move (twice), or just needing some advice, he was there. Chris Lupa was a true gem and he will be sorely missed.

- "Andela"

Caitlin Alex-Hart - December 18, 2025 at 10:58 AM

PC

“ Vicki and family - I am so sorry to hear of Chris' passing. Cancer is a terrible disease. I hope you all find peace in the days ahead. Chris is no longer suffering. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Peggy Cool - December 18, 2025 at 10:40 AM

DB

My condolences to Vicky and family so sorry for your loss hope God gives you the strength stay strong Dawn Ballard

Dawn Ballard - December 18, 2025 at 12:21 PM

CK

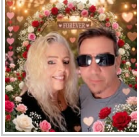
“ *Going to Chadwick park and going to the waterfalls having so much fun having BBQ at your house seeing how you made everyone laugh no matter what you were going through we all love you*

Carrie Kelly - December 18, 2025 at 10:18 AM

RA

“ *I'll always remember the good times we had. All the Buffalo games Cuse games and St Patty's day but most of all the times at APAC on the CAPS team. Those were the best days of my working life. Gonna miss you man...*

Reginald A - December 18, 2025 at 10:18 AM



“ To hear that you are gone is heart wrenching. You were the glue that held it all together. The rock of your family, and the gift that just kept on giving. Christopher, we shared so many laughs, you would hurt my ribs. You taught me how to drive, you gave me a swift kick when I needed it, and Lord knows I did. "Mable" Oh how I am going to miss that name. Oh, and let's not forget the golden meme, LOL, MIMI! Damn, this hurts, but if I know you, you're up there telling me, "DO NOT FORGET ABOUT VICKY! Your sister needs you! Be there for her, and please make sure she's good, Frannie." I got you, sir, life grabs ahold of us, but knowing how fast time goes, I get it, and I got you, Chris. I love you brother, and I will see you later.



Francesca Mosca - December 18, 2025 at 09:54 AM

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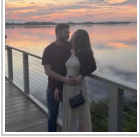
Chris you will be missed for sure you were a great husband an amazing father and always helping everyone who needed it no matter what you raised a tough family it will be hard for them to move on at first but they know you are there with them every step of the way we love you man

Carrie - December 18, 2025 at 10:15 AM

AM

“ I can't believe you are no longer with us. I will cherish all our late night talks on the back deck or in the garage that you, Vicki and I had. Ashley will miss you joking with her. Rest in peace sir, you deserve your rest.

Amy Morey - December 18, 2025 at 09:41 AM



“ *Gabrielle Maxim lit a candle in memory of Mr. Christopher G. "Chris" Lupa*



Gabrielle Maxim - December 18, 2025 at 09:37 AM



“ *Uncle Chris was always so funny and full of good spirits. Life could never keep him down. Even when life was tough, he made me laugh and always found a funny side to things to keep spirits high. He cared deeply for his family and loved ones and would do anything for them. He will be missed deeply. He was a good man. My condolences go to the Lupa family in this awful time. We will always keep his memory alive.*

Gabrielle Maxim - December 18, 2025 at 09:37 AM

CB

“ *So many great memories ❤️ it's really hard to pick just one I guess it would have to be our trip to New Orleans and Mississippi you were always there for me even if we never had him baptized your god son Lee will always carry you in his heart and Sarah will as well you will forever be missed*



Candy Bogdanowicz - December 18, 2025 at 09:36 AM

BK

“ I remember when Uncle Chris brought me to my first Krockathon when I was a kid. I still remember on the drive there we were listening to no sleep till Brooklyn by the beastie boys and he would mute the music right before they said Brooklyn and in a monotone voice go Krocccccck. That same night on the ride home I fell asleep in the car and when he woke me up he said it was the craziest thing whenever he would say something to me I'd snore and say "I want a bacon double cheeseburger." Uncle Chris also took me to my first Utica College football game as a kid. He is responsible for my love of concerts and my love of sports. I couldn't have asked for a better uncle growing up. The world is a bit darker without his light. I will always cherish the joy you brought into my life.

Brandon Koscinski - December 18, 2025 at 09:35 AM

WB

“ I have so many wonderful memories of Chris I will never forget the way we would always tell jokes to see who could “one up” the other I'll never forget the “wind chimes” jokes he's always been there for me and my children. He danced with me at my wedding “I'll never forget” he was always blessed with a huge heart and such a caring nature. Chris you will be missed, I love you!

Wendy Beekman - December 18, 2025 at 09:34 AM