



Christopher Gaylord Lance

February 1, 1950 - December 2, 2012

Christopher G. Lance was born in Watertown, New York on February 1, 1950. He loved running and playing in the mountains when he was a child and he played with the timber wolves, black bears, mountain lions and all of the other forest creatures. He was a child of nature and enjoyed the outdoors. He joined the United States Marine Corp. just out of high school in June, 1967 and trained at Camp LaJeune, and Camp Pendleton. He worked guarding the Pentagon and was in charge of training troops. He was a rifleman in the military. He also won the Top Physical Fitness Award in the Marine Corp. and worked as a lifeguard in Honolulu, Hawaii. He was a fitness buff and worked out with weights and worked for Jack LaLaine.

He moved to southern California in his late teens and in his mid-twenties started the Celebrity Lookalikes. His group of people performed around the United States and in South America. He also worked as Burt Reynolds' stuntman in "Smoky and the Bandit", worked as a stuntman coordinator with Tom Selleck on the "Magnum P.I." series and he appeared in a "Charlie's Angels" episode. He also judged various beauty pageants and put on shows and gave lectures to children in junior high and high school about the dangers of illegal drugs and he was against drug abuse. Christopher always lived a healthy life and never smoked, never drank alcohol and never used illegal drugs.

Christopher G. Lance met Kathleen J. Connel in July, 1995 in Palm Springs, California. They fell deeply in love and he proposed marriage in a few months and they were legally married on May 25, 1997 in Las Vegas, Nevada. They lived in Palm Desert, California, moving to Phoenix, Arizona in 2005. Christopher worked as an assistant truck driver there. Christopher always encouraged people to be physically fit and he loved swimming in the ocean, swimming pool and he loved bicycling.

For the past five years Christopher and his wife, Kathleen had been spending the spring and summers in Truth or Consequences, New Mexico, and their autumns and winters in Panama City Beach, Florida. He loved swimming with the dolphins in the ocean in Panama City Beach, Florida. Christopher was raised a Presbyterian but was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist faith in April, 2009 in Truth or Consequences, New Mexico. Recently, Christopher and Kathleen returned to live in Palm Desert in November, 2012. Christopher lost his battle with non-Hodgkins lymphoma cancer on December 2, 2012 after being diagnosed with cancer in 2007. Regardless of having cancer, he still tried to be active for the past five years.

Christopher truly loved life and lived it to the fullest. He will be greatly missed by his wife and family.

Arrangements are under the direction of Rose Mortuary, Palm Desert, California

Tribute Wall



“ *Christopher Gaylord Lance*

October 05, 2023 at 09:38 PM



“ *I knew him for a short time. Showed me how to pick a cooked chicken of all its meat, I'm proud of that and do it still today, thinking of him while I do it. Took him shooting west of Red Bluff. Think of him often. Sorry to hear of the loss.*

Robert Kordzikowski - July 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Wish I knew you*

Dawn Lance - August 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *I know I will see you again someday. Love, your purring wife, Kathleen*

Kathleen J. Lance - December 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *My Brother, you fought a long & courageous battle with cancer. You have peace at last. You are now with Mom, Dad & Percy. You will forever be in our thoughts & prayers.*

Gloria Lance - December 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ RIP UNCLE GLENYOU ARE SURELY GOING TO BE MISSED,AND ALWAYS IN MY HEART.LOVE YOU.

SHELLY ANN LANCE - December 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ I will always love you, forever!

Kathleen J. Lance - December 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ Kathy I am so very sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Pat Huber - December 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ You were a great brother and will be missed.

George and Marcie Lance - December 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ Christopher was accustomed to saving abandoned wolves and dogs. He worked with some of the Native American community in relocating homeless dogs, wolf dogs and wolves.

A couple of years before he passed away he had hopes of becoming a missionary in Central or South America. But God must have another plan for him since He knows everything about the future.

Kathleen Lance

Kathleen Lance - December 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM