



Curtis L. Chamness

July 11, 1942 - November 30, 2022

Curtis L. Chamness age 80 of Dixon died on Wednesday Nov. 30, 2022 at Serenity Hospice and Home in Oregon. He was born on July 11, 1942 in Benton, IL the son of Thomas and Evelyn (Williams) Chamness. Curtis worked at a mental health tech supervisor at the Dixon State School and later at the Jack Mabley Center for over 30 years prior to retirement. He was a veteran of the Army and enjoyed trips to the Casinos. Curtis married Antonia "Toni" Giancesello Buflord on June 13, 1984 in Dixon IL. He is preceded in death by his parents, wife Toni on Feb 23, 2020, and sister Janice Chamness. Curtis is survived by his daughter Tammie Chamness of Alexandria VA, two brothers Gary Chamness of AZ and Ronnie Chamness of Dixon, step son Michele (Diane) Buflord of Yuna AZ, step daughter Roberta (Tony) Fassler of Mt Morris, 5 step grandchildren, and 5 step great grandchildren. Cremation rites have been accorded with a memorial service to be held on Wednesday Dec. 7th, 11:00 AM at the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon. Visitation will be Wednesday from 10:00 to 11:00 AM at the funeral home. A memorial has been established to Serenity Hospice and Home in Oregon, IL.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Jones Funeral Home, Dixon
204 South Ottawa
Dixon, IL 61021
Ph: 815-288-2241
info@thejonesfh.com
<https://www.thejonesfh.com>

Service

DEC 7. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Curtis L. Chamness*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Curtis L. Chamness*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Curtis L. Chamness.*



December 06, 2022 at 03:17 PM



“ *Worked many years with you at Mabley Center! It was great working with you and Toni! Lots of fun and great memories!!! Thank you! You will be missed! Rest in Peace Curt! Dave Williams*

David L Williams - December 03, 2022 at 07:18 PM



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December 03, 2022 at 06:17 AM

“ DONT EVER THINK YOU DONT MAKE A DIFFERENCE: RIP
Curtis Chamness .

I cant go to sleep tonight without saying a few words about a wonderful Man that made a huge difference in my life. My friend Curtis Chamness. Almost 30 years ago when I started my new job at the Mabley Center, I was a 20 some year old girl, trying to make a living and just landed what I felt was my dream job. One of the first people I met at this new job was a Gentelman named Curt. He trained me, made me feel comfortable, encouraging me every step of the way! Curt would tell me how important it was for me as a young gal to keep this job, have a career. He wouldn't let me give up if I tried. I was amazed at how this gentle Giant of a Man was so compassionate and loving towards the Individuals we cared for. Over the next few years I clung to his words of encouragement, at times I didn't know how I would make it, I was in a job that required me to stay at work 12 to 16 hours a day. I missed my kids, I had a Son born with Medical issues that kept him in the hospital months at a time, Curt would always lift my spirits, tell me it would be OK, he would tell me why it was important for me to not let this job go. To this day us "long timers" still talk about Curt, I laugh and laugh at some of our stories! As I prepare to retire in December, I thank my friend for holding my hand, making me laugh, telling me I would be ok when I cried. Without my buddy Curt and others I wouldn't be where I am today. I have many memories of our friendship over the years. I can still picture him painting the girl's fingernails, waxing their hands in paraffin, going to concerts, movies, park outings cookouts and shopping trips with the Individuals we cared for at the Mabley Center. He was one of the great ones! He and his wife Tony (who also worked with us) were quite the pair. I will keep talking about you and telling our stories to the newbies that start working at Mabley until I'm no longer there.. my friend, thank you for giving me all that advice all those years ago. I don't know where I would be today if not for you. You will be missed, you were loved by many and you left a lasting impression on me. I will now be able to retire from my job after 30 years because you wouldn't allow me to fail!

*Farewell my friend. Enjoy the otherside. I can only imagine. 💕
Lynette.
My deepest condolences and continued prayers for the family.*

Lynette Roach - December 02, 2022 at 11:29 PM