



## Christopher "Chris" A. Mayer

March 23, 1967 - July 18, 2024

Christopher A. Mayer passed away unexpectedly Thursday, July 18th, 2024 in Lac Du Flambeau, WI.

Chris was born March 23rd, 1967 in Milwaukee, WI to Joseph and Delores (Windsor) Mayer. The family soon moved back to the Alma Center area where Dee was from, and where Chris spent his childhood. Chris was ambitious and hard working from the start, often preferring to work versus going to high school. He also enjoyed the outdoors from a young age, and hunted and fished into adulthood as much as time allowed.

Chris ended up settling in the Lac Du Flambeau area, where his paternal grandparents owned and operated a resort for many years, and he spent a lot of time as a youth. He purchased a bar and grill in partnership with his close friend, John Mann. Chris was a naturally excellent cook, businessman and very social, and he and John

together built up a successful and popular business with the Crickets Pub and Grill. They became close friends to all the locals and tourists alike, and many lifelong friendships.

In spite of working tirelessly operating the business for 33 years, Chris also loved the community and somehow found time to serve in many roles. He was a volunteer firefighter since 1991, starting at the Bo du Lac Fire Department and then transferring to the Lac du Flambeau Fire Department, serving as Assistant Chief for 15 years and becoming Fire Chief. Chris responded to countless fires and accident scenes over the years, saving many lives. Chris also was part of the political scene and served as a County Board Supervisor for 10 years which included being vice-chair for 8 years. He also served on the Town Board in Lac du Flambeau as Supervisor. He was a part of the Lac Du Flambeau community, working endlessly to improve the Fire Department, gaining public support and obtaining grant funding to build a new Fire Hall for his community.

Somehow, Chris also did other various side jobs when he could over the years. Stump grinding, snowplowing, estate groundskeeper, a sexton, various business endeavors,

the list is endless. Chris was a passionate and caring person, always concerned how others were doing. He stopped in to visit with people he knew at random. He would do just about anything for anyone. Chris gave advice to young people if they'd listen. Chris and John employed countless people from the community which included many nieces and nephews, both of them always encouraging young people to work hard and stay out of trouble, to pursue their goals in life. Chris became a member of John's family as much, if not more than his own.

Chris will be sadly missed by so many customers, community members, friends he served his community with, but not more than by his family and John. Chris was an inspiration to many throughout his life, he gave to everyone in his life.

Christopher Mayer was preceded in death by his father Joseph Mayer Jr., mother Delores (Windsor) Mayer, maternal and paternal grandparents and John's mother Mary Mann. He is survived by his best friend John Mann, brother Joseph Mayer III and nephew Colt, sister Nicole (Steve) Christopherson, nephew Dalton and niece Jesse, many extended family and many friends.

Visitation will be held from 5:00 - 7:00 PM on Sunday, July 21, 2024 at Bolger Funeral Home - Woodruff. Interment will be at 11:00 AM on Monday, July 22, 2024 at Memorial Cemetery in Lac du Flambeau. If you would like to join the funeral procession to the cemetery, please be at Bolger Funeral Home at 10:00 AM, for a 10:30 AM departure.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Chris' name to the Lac du Flambeau Fire Department, P.O. Box 68, Lac du Flambeau, 54538.

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Cemetery

Lac du Flambeau, WI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **21.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bolger Cremation & Funeral Services - Woodruff Chapel  
1212 First Avenue  
(mailing address P.O. Box 40, Woodruff WI 54568)  
Woodruff, WI 54568  
(715) 356-6006  
bolgerfuneral@gmail.com  
<https://www.bolgerfuneral.com>

## Interment

JUL **22.** 11:00 AM (CT)

Memorial Cemetery  
Lac du Flambeau, WI

# Tribute Wall

JF

“ SO SORRY TO LEARN ABOUT CHRIS. HE WAS GREAT PERSON. HE WILL BE MISSED. JIM FEURER AND DOUG AND JACKIE FENNELL.

JAMES FEURER. DOUG AND JACKIE FENNELL - October 17, 2024 at 04:41 PM



“ It is with deep sadness to hear of Chris's passing. We send our deepest sympathy and love to the family. He will be sorely missed. We have so many happy memories at Cricket's. May he rest in peace. Rita and Don Lippoldt

Don Lippoldt - July 23, 2024 at 11:31 AM

TK

“ So sorry of the loss of Chris. Such a kind caring person. My sympathies go out to John and families.



Tammy Kadlec - July 22, 2024 at 11:23 PM

CS

“ Chris was a very kind man. He will be missed.

Cheri schulta - July 20, 2024 at 12:13 PM

GS

“ I am so sorry to hear of this loss. Chris was certainly taken way too soon. He was a kind person and treated everyone with respect. Chris contributed to his community in so many ways; as a business owner, many years as a volunteer firefighter and Fire Chief, and Vilas County Board member, to name a few. I valued his opinion and often relied on his advice.

He was good hearted and was always willing to lend a helping hand. I was lucky to consider him as a friend for many years and he'll be missed. Rest in peace, Chris.

Ginger Schwanebeck

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**Ginger Schwanebeck** - July 20, 2024 at 07:42 AM

Stephy Bear

“ Thank you for your service and friendship, Forever Remembered. Soar on the Wings of the Eagles Chris.

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**Stephy Bear** - July 20, 2024 at 12:38 AM

Stephy Bear

“ Stephy Bear lit a candle in memory of Christopher "Chris" Mayer



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**Stephy Bear** - July 20, 2024 at 12:34 AM

JP

“ Chris and I became amazing and good friends over the years. He became one of the people I would go to for advice and various things. He always shot me straight with his opinion (whether I liked it or not). I can recall when I 1st moved up to the Northwoods and he overheard someone telling me how to run my business. Well needless to say he told them where to go and he proceeded by telling me the following:

*"No matter what you do in your life, you do it your way and no one else's"*

*I've learned and lived by those words "on a daily basis" and have become successful in everything I do. I think of that day often when he spoke those words to me.*

*Chris, our daily chats will certainly be missed deeply. You are a rare soul with an amazing heart for others and your community. Your dedication always went above and beyond.*

*I love you,  
Janine*

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**Janine Premo** - July 19, 2024 at 04:16 PM

JW

*I definitely agree, when he was on the library board he was concise and clear to the point and had the nicest smile*

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**Jeanne Wolfe** - July 19, 2024 at 08:49 PM