



## Chris Kochan

May 11, 1968 - October 15, 2023

In Loving Memory of Chris Kochan, a Fisher of Men

Chris Kochan, born on May 11, 1968, embraced life to its fullest until he peacefully journeyed to Heaven on October 15, 2023, at the age of 55. Chris was a native of Pontiac, Michigan born to Jean Marie ‘Bridget’ Schulter and Joseph Kochan. He graduated from Pontiac Northern and embarked on a life rich with purpose and adventure. He shared the last 12 years with his loving wife, Romy Frances Kochan, in Holly, Michigan. For over two decades, Chris was the driving force behind Old Pro Construction, a testament to his dedication and work ethic. By the tender age of 25, he had become an industrial painting site manager, traveling the country to various job sites. He also briefly managed an apartment complex in Florida. But Chris’s legacy extended far beyond his professional achievements. He was the visionary founder of The Prayer Truck mobile ministry ([www.theprayertruck.org](http://www.theprayertruck.org)), where he found immense joy in providing solace to those who felt alone and unloved. He fearlessly proclaimed the love of Jesus to all he met and uplifted them in prayer. As “Papa”, Chris cherished his two grandchildren, Korra and August Mehl, sharing every moment he could with them. His marriage with Romy was a love story that could inspire movies, with God at the center and an unbreakable eternal bond. Their kitchen was a stage for dancing to beloved 70’s songs. Chris was renowned for his infectious laughter and his ability to inspire those he met. His encouraging words, such as “You are a good man!” or “You can do it!” or “I am so proud of you”, left a lasting impact on everyone

he encountered. A multi-talented athlete, Chris excelled in basketball, softball, and even had a short stint as a semi-pro football player in Florida during his twenties. Yet, Chris's true calling was as a fisher-of-men. He was an exceptional fisherman by any measure, finding peace in cast his line into the lake in front of his home. However, the real fishing took place anywhere he set his eyes. Gas stations, grocery stores, restaurants - every place became an opportunity to share the message of Jesus with complete strangers. Chris was preceded in death by his father, Joseph Kochan, brother Michael Kochan, and sisters Marie DeMeyer and Janet Kochan, as well as his nephew, Chris Brown. Chris is survived by his loving wife, Romy Frances Kochan, Mother Bridget Kochan, son, Thorton Covington, stepsons Connor Mehl and Jentzen Mehl, and two adored grandchildren, Korra Mehl and August Mehl, sister Barbara Dove, brother-in-law David Dove, sister-in-law Vickie Kochan, mother-in-law Maxine Moore, father-in-law Fran Gingras (Jacquie), sisters-in-law, Natalie Hazen, Shelly Robertson (Robert), Jennifer Casey (Jack), as well as numerous nephews and nieces and great nephews and nieces. The family wishes to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the countless friends and family members who offered prayers and support during their difficult time. Special thanks go to the next-door neighbors John and Linda Wassell, family friend Jared Manor, and the dedicated support team at Old Pro Construction. A Celebration of Life Stories will be held at Harvestland Church in Clarkston, Michigan on Saturday, November 4, 2023, at 3 PM. For more details, please visit <https://celebrationofchriskochan.planningpod.com> Chris Kochan's memory will live on in the hearts of all who had the privilege of knowing him. His love, laughter and faith will continue to inspire and guide us. If you would like to donate to his Prayer Truck ministry, please visit <https://www.theprayertruck.org>

May Chris Kohan's legacy of love and faith be a source of comfort and inspiration to all.

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# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

NOV 4. 3:00 PM (ET)

Harvestland Church  
5848 Clintonville Rd.  
Clarkston, MI 48348

<https://harvestland.church/>

# Tribute Wall

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“ Chris was a man of God who lived out his faith in many ways. I appreciated his kindness above all things. He was always an attentive listener and always was quick to help and encourage others. He was a solid role model for me, and for many folks in and out of the church. The Old Pro helped many folks with their homes and churches and ceilings and sinks. He helped us twice with a ceiling that our daughters ruined ‘accidentally’ playing in an upstairs bathroom. His countenance, when I had the privilege of playing church softball with him, was always positive and relaxed. We all loved the Twizzlers and enjoying the game with him. The light of Christ dwelled in him here, and we know this because of his love for God and love for others. Until we meet again my friend...may God hold us firmly in the palm of His hand.

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**Dustin Coleman** - December 05, 2023 at 08:20 PM

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“ Brandy lit a candle in memory of Chris Kochan



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**Brandy** - October 24, 2023 at 10:45 PM

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“ Growing up with Chris was a honor! Countless hours of talking and what we were going to be when we “grew up”  
Chris always would help me with my homework and give such good advice. Even after we were older I’d always call him with boyfriend problems, he always knew the right things to tell me.  
My heartfelt condolences to his entire family, Chris will be deeply missed.  
A special hug to his mom, bless you Bridget

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**Brandy** - October 24, 2023 at 10:41 PM