



## Christian C. Kunzler,

July 22, 2014

Christian “Chris” C. Kunzler Jr., 78, Birmingham, AL, formerly of Lancaster, PA, passed away on July 20th, 2014, at Meadowbrook Extended Care, Birmingham, AL, after a lengthy illness.

Chris was the husband of Sheila (Scott) Kunzler with whom he celebrated 12 years of marriage. Born in Lancaster, PA, he was the son of the late Chris and Andora Artz Kunzler.

Chris attended Manheim Twp. High School and graduated from Staunton Military Academy. He served two years in the United States Army before joining Kunzler & Company as a route salesman.

Chris was chairman of Kunzler and Company where he served in that capacity since 1999. Prior to this he was president of Kunzler where he led the local meat processor for 40 years. During his leadership Kunzler grew to one of the nation’s top 20 leading purveyors of meat products. As sales of Kunzler products exceeded the Lancaster plant, Chris purchased the Juniata Packing Company, located in Tyrone, PA in 1984. In 1992 he purchased the Meadows Scrapple Company in Duncansville, PA. He always believed in the philosophy of quality comes first. His passion for perfection is a constant reminder of doing the job right the first time.

Chris was a member of Masonic Lodge #43, Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, Lancaster County Shrine Club, Zembo Shrine, Tall Cedars and the Slumbering Ground Hog Lodge.

He loved hunting and fishing. He cherished spending time with his family and friends at his cabin in Centre County.

In addition to his angel of a wife Sheila, he is survived by 2 sons: Chris, husband of Kim, Baltimore, MD, John, husband of Trina, Conestoga, PA; 1 stepson: Scott Rockett, husband of Heather, Birmingham, AL; 4 grandchildren: Claire Kunzler, Kyle Kunzler, Krystle Kunzler, Karli Kunzler; 1 step granddaughter: Kristen Rockett; mother in law: Annell Tucker; 1 sister: Margaret Leach, wife of Gary Leach MD, Houston, TX. He was preceded in death by Joan Stolarz Kunzler, the mother of his children.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held in Birmingham, AL on Wednesday July 23, 2014. A viewing will be held in Lancaster on Friday, July 25, 2014, at the Groff Family Funeral and Cremation Services, 528 West Orange Street, (corner of Orange and Pine Sts.), Lancaster, PA from noon until 2:30. Graveside services will be private immediately following the viewing. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions in his memory to the National Kidney Foundation, [www.kidney.org](http://www.kidney.org), NKF Serving the Delaware Valley, 111 S Independence Mall E Ste 411, The Philadelphia Bourse Bld., Philadelphia, PA 19106-2521, or charity of choice.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Christian C. Kunzler,*

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October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Chris and John;*

*Thinking of you during this tough time. Your father will be missed by so many.*

*Our fathers had a close and very special relationship that many can only wish for. I enjoyed hearing Chris talk about some of their experiences after my father passed. They were two of a kind in so many ways.*

*Time marches on. Stay tough.*

*Prayers.*

*Murl*

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**Murl Clark** - July 28, 2014 at 10:01 AM



“ *Dear Chris and John,*

*Sincere condolences to you and families. Your dad was an original, a truly good guy and sincere individual who loved life and his family. What great memories of him from Bear Camp and Strawberry Hill.*

*Lee and Diane Tannehill*

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**Lee Tannehill** - July 28, 2014 at 09:55 AM

KG

“ Sorry to hear of the passing of your fTHER;,hE WAS A great boss and leader hw will be missed in your family and larger work force that he ran. God bless .

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**Kenneth Good** - July 25, 2014 at 11:41 AM

SD

“ My condolences to Chris' family. I enjoyed working with him over the years. God bless him and his family.  
Samir Ghoubrial, DVM  
Reading, PA

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**Samir Ghoubrial, DVM** - July 25, 2014 at 10:14 AM

MD

“ Dear Chris and family,  
Thinking of you during this time of sorrow. You made your father very proud. I would see the two of you occasionally at Franks place enjoying cheese steaks. Oh the good old days.

Peace to you all,  
Mary Lynn Hobday DiPaolo

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**Mary Lynn Hobday DiPaolo** - July 25, 2014 at 07:12 AM

JF

“ We wish to express our deepest sympathy to the Kunzler family for the loss of their Father. He will be missed. Jimmy Z.

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**James Zangari and family** - July 24, 2014 at 04:19 PM

MH

“ I am sorry to hear of the passing of your Father,I will keep your Family in my prayers as you face the days ahead.May you be Blessed Always....R.I.P Chris  
Peace & Goodwill  
Mike Huegel

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**Mike Huegel** - July 24, 2014 at 10:02 AM

SW

“ Dear John, Chris, and families,  
My thoughts echo my Mother's. I have so many great memories of your Dad and his unwavering warmth and kindness. His big smile and his love of life. My heart goes out to you.  
Sue Wint

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**Sue Wint** - July 23, 2014 at 11:59 PM

JB

“ John, Chris, Sheila, family and friends -  
Our hearts are deeply saddened at the passing of such a wonderful man. Please accept our sincere sympathy. We were blessed to have been a part of his life, and though much time has passed we will always cherish the wonderful memories of this amazing and generous man. He will be deeply missed.  
We continue to hold you close in our thoughts and prayers.  
With love from the Midwest,  
Mike and Julie Billstein

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**Julie Billstein** - July 23, 2014 at 08:05 PM

TM

“ *My most sincere condolences. I spent 13 years working in QC at Kunzlers beginning in 1986. It was a joy working for him those years.*

*He will be remembered.*

*Theresa M. Mosby*

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**Theresa M. Mosby** - July 23, 2014 at 07:25 PM

LM

“ *Dear Chris,  
I'm sorry to hear about your dad. He was a great person, business leader and community contributor. He will be missed by many. I'm thinking of you and your family during this time.*

*Take Care*

*Lloyd*

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**Lloyd Midgett** - July 23, 2014 at 06:00 PM

NB

“ *Chris will be greatly missed. It was always a joy to be around him. I pray our heavenly Father fills each of you with His peace that surpasses all understanding and comforts you during this most difficult time.*

*Roy, Nikki and Austin Barnes*

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**Nikki Barnes** - July 23, 2014 at 04:49 PM

KC

“ *Our prayers are with you. May God bless your family during this time. Chris was a sweet brother-in law and we will always have fond memories of the good times we had together. May God comfort you during this time of sorrow.*

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**Ken and Connie** - July 23, 2014 at 04:43 PM

NW

“ Dear Chris, John and families,  
Our dear and great friend Chris is gone. Somehow he was one of the people I thought would go on forever. Maybe it's because we were all young together down in Meadia Heights. We had many good times as neighbors, eating crabs and clams on our patios only 2 doors from each other. Or was it the FISHING that brought us together?  
Or was it Chris and Gary, John and Sue, inseparable as small children?  
Whatever it was, was MAGIC....  
Our most memorable night had Frank and Chris sitting on our patio one autumn night vowing to be able to stay awake until dawn, and the first one to get up and go to bed was considered the loser! Well, in the morning, they had both fallen asleep in their chairs, and their hair was white with FROST! ( I made them a big breakfast to thaw them out!) But wasn't it great to be young?  
We have missed Chris over the past few years since we've been in a Colorado, and Chris lived in Alabama with his wonderful wife who was truly his Angel, as he told us many times.  
And though he has left this world, his great spirit will shine on for those who knew him and loved him. Like all of us.

Noreen, Gary, Alice, and Sue  
Denver and Boulder, Colorado.

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**Noreen, Gary, Sue Wint** - July 23, 2014 at 04:37 PM

DM

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Kunzler's family and friends and hope they provide some measure of comfort during this time of grief.

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**David and Nok Matthews** - July 23, 2014 at 12:58 PM

HM

“ Harry and I send our thoughts and prayers to friends and family, upon hearing of Chris' passing.  
Blessings,  
Harry and Dee

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**Harry and Dee Mellinger** - July 23, 2014 at 10:35 AM

TS

“ On behalf of all the employee's at Ultimate Sales we wish to express our sincerest condolences at Mr. Kunzler's passing. We truly appreciate the relationship we have the Kunzler family and organization. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Tom Parr, President Ultimate Sales** - July 23, 2014 at 08:39 AM

EW

“ My sincere prayers, and thoughts of support, go to all of you that he loved. May God rest his soul.

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**Elaine L Wilson** - July 23, 2014 at 06:44 AM