



Rhodes "Chip" Artz Jr.

January 15, 2023

Our beloved hero, husband, and father, Rhodes M. Artz, Jr., known to his friends as Chip, age 71, completed this chapter of life following a long battle with cancer. On January 15, 2023, he entered his Heavenly home peacefully, surrounded by his loving family. Chip is now reunited with his parents, family and friends who were predeceased.

Born in 1951 in Richmond, Virginia to Rachel and Rhodes Artz, Sr., he graduated from Churchland High School, attended TCC and ODU. He went on to become a successful accountant for HRSD for three decades and an entrepreneur in multiple fields, following his passions for classic cars, sailing, music, and beach living through numerous endeavors, sometimes professionally and often for fun. He was also managing partner of AA Properties for multiple rental units throughout Tidewater.

He loved to travel, enjoying many wild family vacations from ski trips to Disney World to the Bahamas to Hawaii and beyond. He sailed in the Cock Island race for many years, winning in 2014. In the 1980s, he brought national musicians Johnny and June Carter Cash and Grandmaster Flash to Norfolk in concert. Chip's love of living life to the fullest was evident to all and he will be missed.

Chip (aka Dad, aka Pop) lives on in the hearts of his enormous group of loved

ones from family to coworkers to lifelong and brand new friends, and will forever walk beside his surviving immediate family, including his wife of over 51 years, Regina Nein Artz, his sons Matt and wife Sue Artz and Andy and wife Liz Artz; grandsons Oziah Artz and Jasper Dean, sister Julia and husband Don Clark, in addition to Regina's five younger siblings, Walter and Debby Nein, Laurie and Dennis Melms, Shirley and Paul Leadem, John and Lori Nein and Mary Beth and Paul Munden, all of which he helped to raise following the early passing of their parents. He is also loved by dozens of nieces, nephews, great nieces, nephews, and "adopted" family members. His gifts of storytelling, humor, deep spiritual faith, and love of life will always be treasured.

Chip was a lifelong member of Park View Christian Church, where his father was a former minister, serving on numerous boards and committees, including the current Board Chair, and volunteering countless hours giving back to the community through the church over the years. His faith in God led him to serve as Disaster Relief Manager for seven years through Disciples of Christ Home Missions, and he created a community drive-thru food pantry that is currently ongoing.

There will be a visitation on Wednesday, January 18, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at Loving Funeral Home, at 3225 Academy Ave. in Portsmouth.

A Celebration of Life honoring Chip Artz will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 19 (his mom's birthday), at Park View Christian Church, at 3201 Western Branch Blvd., Chesapeake.

Memorial gifts can be made to Living Endowment, Park View Christian Church or American Cancer Society.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 19. 2:00 PM (ET)

Park View Christian Church
3201 Western Branch Blvd.
Chesapeake, VA

Tribute Wall

RB

“ My husband and I came to know Chip and Gina through the Stepping out to Cure Scleroderma Walk held at the Chesapeake Park.
Gina and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Rusty and Terry Bryan - January 22, 2023 at 08:37 AM

TH

“ We are deeply saddened by your loss. We pray that God will give you strength and comfort. "The God of love and peace shall be with you." – Corinthians 13:11



Teaira Hawley - January 21, 2023 at 01:31 PM

DC

“ My name is Durand Coltrane and I met Chip while I was out in our door to door ministry. He was a kind and loving man who loved life. He always welcome us(Jehovah's Witnesses) with and open heart. He very much enjoyed the scriptures we shared with him from God's word the Bible. In Acts 24:15 the Apostle Paul said there will be a resurrection of the righteous and unrighteous, so we look forward to seeing our friend again. May Jehovah continue to bless the family

Durand Coltrane - January 20, 2023 at 07:42 AM

RH

“ My husband and I came to know Chip & Gina through the Ostomy Group; and we just love them both, so much. We will truly miss seeing Chip; and we will miss his positivity, encouragement and his support. We send our deepest sympathy and sincere condolences to Dear Gina and to his family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Rebecca Halstead - January 19, 2023 at 03:49 PM

MB

My husband and I met Chip and Gina in October of 2022 in the ostomy support group meeting. I admired his courage and strength through the battle he was fighting. He will be truly missed and our thoughts and prayers will be with Gina and their family 🙏🙏

Melissa Brinck - January 21, 2023 at 08:36 AM

KG

“ Gina and Family
We are so sorry to hear the sad news of Chop's passing. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and all your family.
Sam and Kathy (Hancock) Grillo

Kathy Grillo - January 19, 2023 at 02:16 PM

DH

“ We are saddened by the loss of Chipper. The beach will not be the same without his smile & laughter. Wishing you and the family comfort & peace during this difficult time. Our deepest sympathy. Doug & Arva



Doug & Arva Hendrix - January 19, 2023 at 09:02 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rhodes "Chip" Artz Jr..*



January 18, 2023 at 10:24 PM



“ *Regina and Family, So sorry to see in the obituaries the name of one of my school days friends. I'm very sorry for your loss. God bless you with the peace of our Prince of Peace Jesus Christ as you go through this very challenging time. God loves you!!! Denny Hollowell*

Denny Hollowell - January 18, 2023 at 05:07 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rhodes "Chip" Artz Jr..*



January 18, 2023 at 05:02 PM



“ *Gina so sorry to hear about Chip's passing. May God be with you and your family during this time.*

Tommy Everitt - January 18, 2023 at 04:29 PM

KP

“ Kevin, Robin, Emily, Erin & Fergie Perry purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rhodes "Chip" Artz Jr..



Kevin, Robin, Emily, Erin & Fergie Perry - January 18, 2023 at 08:52 AM

RN

“ I regret that I will be unable to attend either the visitation or the service for Chip. I first met Chip when I joined HRSD in 1973 and had the pleasure of working with him for nearly 30 years. I was in Engineering and Construction and Chip was responsible for paying all the bills generated by my consultants and contractors. His bosses came and went, but Chip was always there - willing to listen and figure out a way to get things done. His smile and friendly manner could change a bad day into a good day. I regret that I did not stay in closer touch following my retirement. May God continue to bless his family and guide you through this time of sorrow mixed with joy over memories of Chip's life. Numbers 6: 24-26
Richard Norman

Richard Norman - January 18, 2023 at 07:09 AM

JC

“ “Chip” and his wife Gina and son Andy were so welcoming to my self and three younger brothers when we would attend Parkview in the 90s. I will definitely miss “Chip’s” welcoming smile and laugh and will pray for his family during this difficult time...thanks “Chip” We will miss you!

Jennifer Carpenter - January 18, 2023 at 06:40 AM

HS

“ I had the honor of meeting the Artz’s in 1992. Who knew that 25 years later, we would become neighbors. Mr. Artz warm smile and wit were ever-present regardless of how he may have been feeling. We will miss seeing you every day. Condolences and prayers of comfort for the Artz family and everyone whom his presence has touched. The Smalls Family

H. Smalls - January 17, 2023 at 06:40 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rhodes "Chip" Artz Jr..



January 17, 2023 at 04:39 PM

RV

“ I had the pleasure of knowing Chip for 27 years working at HRSD. Chip always was a friend to anyone he spoke to. He will surely be missed. My compassion and sympathy go out to Gina and family 🙏

Rose Valentine - January 17, 2023 at 02:24 PM

KA

“ I have known chip for many years from the foreign exchange student program. He was .always a gentleman and a friend. My condolences to Gina and family.

Kenneth Allen - January 17, 2023 at 02:11 PM

DS

“ *CHIP, CHIP, CHIPPER THAT'S WHAT I CALLED HIM! HE IS A WONDERFUL FUNNY GUY! I SAY "IS" CAUSE JESUS SAID WE HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE!! PLEASURE MEETING YOU & WE WILL SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN!! GINA I LOVE YOU!!*



DEBORAH SAWYER - January 17, 2023 at 01:09 PM

BJ

“ *Chipper...going to miss you immensely brother. Will always cherish the New Years celebration in Nags Head and that cold, cold ocean swim at midnight. You and Gina have always considered Heather and I as family, and I pray you knew we feel the same about you guys. Glad you are with our Lord Jesus and no longer suffering or in pain. Can't wait to see you again soon bud. I love you Chipper, Bob.*

bob Jones - January 17, 2023 at 12:10 PM