



## Christopher Clark Etheredge

November 15, 1951 - October 9, 2022

### CHRISTOPHER CLARK ETHEREDGE

Born three months premature on November 15, 1951 in Jacksonville, Florida, Chris's tiny two-pound body was given supplemental oxygen. What the medical profession didn't know at that time, this oxygen, although saving his life, burned his retinas, resulting in permanent blindness. His parents, Clark and Dorothy, didn't know what to do with a blind child, so they raised him like any other child, showering him with love, affection and teaching him independence. Although he could not see, his other senses helped compensate for this sight loss. His acute verbal skills developed at an early age, allowing him to gain confidence in his God-given abilities.

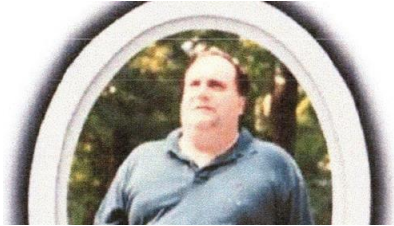
At 15, Chris attended an experimental summer camp for the blind in Florida. His verbal skills, singing and sound effects caught the attention of camp director, Norman Middag. The next year, Middag invited Chris to work at camp, beginning a 50-year friendship with the Middag family. In the summer of 1969, Middag baptized Chris. He became the first convert to the Seventh-day Adventist Church from National Camps for Blind Children, an outreach of Christian Record Services. Invited to the Lincoln headquarters in September of 1979, Chris spent many decades representing Christian Record to churches, schools and social clubs, educating, inspiring and showing what blind people can do.

On June 3, 2006, Chris married Carla Kay Laesch at the Iowa Braille & Sight Saving School. Carla helped Chris raise his two sons, Kevin, born February 8, 1995 and Adam, born February 8, 1996. Chris loved life and his best friend, Jesus Christ. He died on October 9, 2022 in Kansas City, Missouri, with Carla by his side. He sleeps in Jesus until the Lord returns when disabilities like his will be no more.

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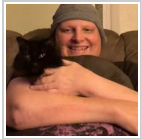


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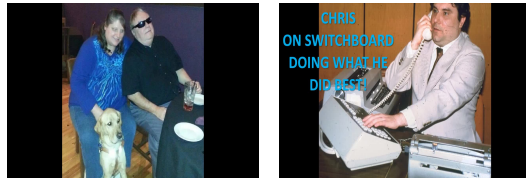


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