



## Christopher E. Vaquera

May 26, 1962 - July 5, 2024

Christopher E. Vaquera passed away unexpectedly on July 5, 2024. Chris was born to his devoted parents, the late Rudolph and Josephine, on May 26, 1962 in Detroit. He grew up with his loving brothers and sister, Don (Susan), Rudy (Pat), the late Steve (the late Jean), Greg (Shelly), Matt (Jackie), and Josephine (the late Rick). Chris was a favorite uncle to many nieces and nephews who, like everyone else, looked forward to his light-up-a-room warmth, humor and happiness each time they met. He was an eager entertainer to bring cheer to any occasion and oftentimes took “requests” to perform his now legendary rendition of “Mack the Knife.” He leaves behind a plethora of lifelong friends.

Above all, Chris was a faith-filled man with a special devotion to the Virgin Mary and helping others with anything they needed. Chris was a well-known favorite at his parish, Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Detroit. He was a Knight of Columbus and, in that role, worked many years to help others. He was a patriotic man and proud Air Force veteran.

His faith led him to register as an organ donor upon his passing from this life. His donation will help many others to regain a quality of life. Please consider following in Chris’ steps by registering to be an organ donor. You can do this by registering at your local Secretary of State office or by calling Gift of Life at (800) 482-4881. Their website is [www.giftoflifemichigan.org](http://www.giftoflifemichigan.org). Donations in Chris’ name are appreciated to carry on their compassionate work.

To make this world a better place, please share Chris’ beacon-of-light

positivity every day and spread his example to love and comfort others, and make others laugh.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, July 14th from 2 PM until 8 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road West, (Between Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. There will be a Knights of Columbus Rosary at 7 PM.

Chris will lie in state on Monday, July 15th from 10:30 AM until the 11:00 AM Funeral Mass at SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 7685 Grandville Avenue, Detroit MI 48228.

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# Cemetery Details

## Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

25800 W. Ten Mile Road  
Southfield, MI 48033

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 14. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth  
46401 Ann Arbor Road West  
Plymouth, MI 48170  
(734) 459-2250  
plymouth@vermeulenfh.com

## K of C Rosary

JUL 14. 7:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth  
46401 Ann Arbor Road West  
Plymouth, MI 48170  
(734) 459-2250  
plymouth@vermeulenfh.com

## Lie in State

JUL 15. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church  
7685 Grandville  
Detroit, MI 48228

## Funeral Mass

JUL 15. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church  
7685 Grandville  
Detroit, MI 48228

# Tribute Wall

BL

“ Me and Chris have been friends for almost 50 years. I was proud to call him my friend he could light up a room with his jokes and laughter. I loved the guy like a brother he will be missed by everyone who knew him Rest in Peace my Friend! 💔

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**Brian Leporowski** - July 15, 2024 at 09:43 AM

JZ

“ I coached Chris at St. Thomas baseball. He was a helluva player. He is surely going to be missed.

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**James Zarembo** - July 14, 2024 at 05:30 PM

JB

“ I've known Chris for 55 years and have tons of memories from Leslie school and hangin out in the neighborhood. Chris had a fantastic personality and could make you laugh without trying. His brother and sister were good friends also. I'm still in disbelief. I live in CA now so I won't be able to attend but I'll be there in heart & soul. He will be missed.



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**John M Baxter** - July 13, 2024 at 10:29 PM

JK

“ Jeff and Kevin purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Christopher E. Vaquera.



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**Jeff and Kevin** - July 12, 2024 at 11:22 AM

MJ

“ Matt, Jackie, Jam, Court, Mike, Arlo, Jac planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christopher E. Vaquera.

Matt, Jackie, Jam, Court, Mike, Arlo, Jac - July 11, 2024 at 07:09 PM

MJ

“ Matt, Jackie, Jam, Court, Mike, Arlo, Jac purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Christopher E. Vaquera.



Matt, Jackie, Jam, Court, Mike, Arlo, Jac - July 11, 2024 at 07:09 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Tom Yee - July 11, 2024 at 03:08 PM



What an awesome person to know! I'm gonna miss him badly

Tom Yee - July 11, 2024 at 03:10 PM

RF

“ Rudy, Pat and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christopher E. Vaquera.

Rudy, Pat and Family - July 11, 2024 at 11:30 AM

RF

“ Rudy, Pat and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Christopher E. Vaquera.



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**Rudy, Pat and Family** - July 11, 2024 at 11:30 AM

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“ Our friend. We love you and will miss you. Life can be so unfair.

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**karen goraj (Hannon)** - July 10, 2024 at 10:32 PM

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“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



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**Patti Sawicki** - July 09, 2024 at 11:58 PM