



## Christopher H. Renfree

September 30, 1950 - May 9, 2025

Christopher H. Renfree, 74, died suddenly at Advent Health Hospital in Apopka, Florida. Born in St Luke's Hospital on September 30, 1950, Chris attended Anthony Elementary School and Fairhaven Junior High School, graduating from Fairhaven High School in 1969. He graduated from Franklin Junior College in Franklin, Massachusetts with a degree in architecture. Following a couple of years doing drafting work for other companies, Chris decided to venture out on his own and established CHR Design in Acushnet, Massachusetts. With that he spent the next 40+ years designing houses, additions and renovations for clients in southeastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island. He lived in Acushnet for the majority of his adult life, later sharing time between Acushnet, Ships Way Condos in Sagamore Beach, Massachusetts and The Villages in Florida. He was an avid cribbage player, playing regularly with friends and in tournaments. He was the life of the party and made friends easily. There was no one who didn't like him. He will be sorely missed. Chris is survived by his brother, Peter, and many cousins, nieces, nephews and close friends. Chris is donating his body to medical research at the University of Florida in Gainesville. A celebration of life is being planned in the future.

# Tribute Wall

JL

“ We love you Chris! He was basically our family - no blood relation, but no matter! Chris always found a reason to smile no matter what life threw at him. He brought joy and laughter to all who knew him. Chris's talent as a successful architect always amazed me too - he designed such lovely and aesthetically pleasing spaces. A wonderful guy who will be greatly missed!



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**Julie M. Lorberbaum** - May 30, 2025 at 08:22 PM

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“ Maureen M. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Christopher H. Renfree.



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**Maureen M.** - May 17, 2025 at 09:18 AM

RM

“ Chris has been like a brother to me for nearly 70 years. I knew him when he was nearly tossed out of dancing school at the Unitarian Church in Fairhaven when he was 12 for being too rowdy with his “buds” of whom I was not one at the time, because I was five years older. Thereafter we came to know one another in our neighborhood and after college, we roomed together in Cambridge MA when Chris worked for the architectural glass company Karas & Karas and I worked for an engineering company in Winchester. In the summer, we would rendezvous at a bar in Southy that I could reach by subway then we’d grab a six pack and drive to Mattapoisett in Chris’ beloved British racing green MGB GT and party hardy at the Spinnaker, a great bar. Then I’d take Chris sailboat racing on my Rhodes 19, him steering, me trimming sail. We had some times together. Later, cruising with my Wife Carole, my son Bryan and me, with Renfs and me sneaking beers and raising hell. A trip by the four of us to Elbow Cay in the Bahamas was legendary. Chris was a ray of sunshine with a twinkle of mischief in his eye. I loved that guy, I will always miss him. God bless Chris! I’m so proud to have known you.

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**Robert Morris** - May 13, 2025 at 11:04 PM

DC

“ We met CHRIS about three years ago when we first moved to the villages. We had lots of fun and laughs playing rummikub. He was a great neighbor and friend. We will miss him. The Contreras Family, Dave & Jen

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**DAVID CONTRERAS** - May 12, 2025 at 02:28 PM



“ *DAVID CONTRERAS lit a candle in memory of Christopher H. Renfree*



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**DAVID CONTRERAS** - May 12, 2025 at 02:25 PM