



Christopher Paul Jakubowski

January 8, 2026

Christopher Paul Jakubowski, age 61, passed away in January 2026. Born in Detroit, Michigan, Chris was the beloved son of Delphine and Leonard Jakubowski. Chris attended Troy Athens High School and later pursued his passion for automobiles through Motech Automotive, where he further developed the skills that would shape his career and lifelong interests.

Chris was a man who could fix just about anything. As a technical writer and auto mechanic, he was known for his sharp mind, practical skill, and unwavering willingness to lend a hand whenever something—or someone—needed help. He took on many projects over the years, finding genuine enjoyment in building things, understanding how they worked, and making them better.

He had a deep love for hockey, especially the Detroit Red Wings, and found joy in Caribbean cruises, spending time in Florida, and caring for animals. He also enjoyed time at the casino, where he appreciated the excitement and atmosphere. Cars were more than a hobby—they were a lifelong passion—and he took great pride in understanding how things worked from the inside out.

Chris is survived by his sisters, Kathleen Pump (Thomas) and Laura Skinner (Brian), his sister-in-law, Elisha Jakubowski, and his nieces and nephews,

Jennifer Zvonek (Robert), Christopher Skinner (Stephanie), Rachael Jakubowski, Patrick Skinner, Kelley Goryl (Joshua), and Alyssa Skinner, along with extended family and friends who will remember him for his generosity, steady presence, and kind heart.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Delphine and Leonard Jakubowski, and his brother, Michael Jakubowski.

Chris will be remembered as someone who was always willing to help and fix whatever needed fixing, offering his time and talents freely. His quiet impact and kindness will live on in the many lives he touched.

Visitation will be held on Monday, January 12th from 2-8 pm at Mandziuk & Son Funeral Directors, 3801 18 Mile Road, Sterling Heights, Michigan 48314 with a funeral service at 6pm.

For additional information, please contact the funeral home at (586) 997-3838.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 12. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Mandziuk & Son Funeral Directors, Inc. - Sterling Heights
3801 18 Mile Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48314
(586) 997-3838

Funeral Service

JAN 12. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DU

“ *Rest in peace Chris ('Jake the Snake'). We had some great times hanging out back in the day. Heart goes out to family and friends.*

Duane - February 01 at 08:05 AM

GF

“ *Greg F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christopher Paul Jakubowski.*

Greg F. - January 12 at 09:46 PM

KA

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



kathy - January 12 at 01:36 PM

KA

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



kathy - January 12 at 01:36 PM

KA

“ 2 files added to the album CPJ



kathy - January 12 at 11:47 AM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Christopher Paul Jakubowski.



January 12 at 10:54 AM

JC

“ *Jim Cummins* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christopher Paul Jakubowski.

Jim Cummins - January 12 at 10:54 AM

RP

“ Jake was our event coordinator and always fun to be with. His laughter was unique along with his personality. I have great memories of the trips he planned to Las Vegas with attending the super bowl parties. Recently our last night together was at a Red Wings game that he put together. Jake your friendship will be missed but the memories will not be forgotten.



Richard Podkul - January 12 at 10:49 AM

KA

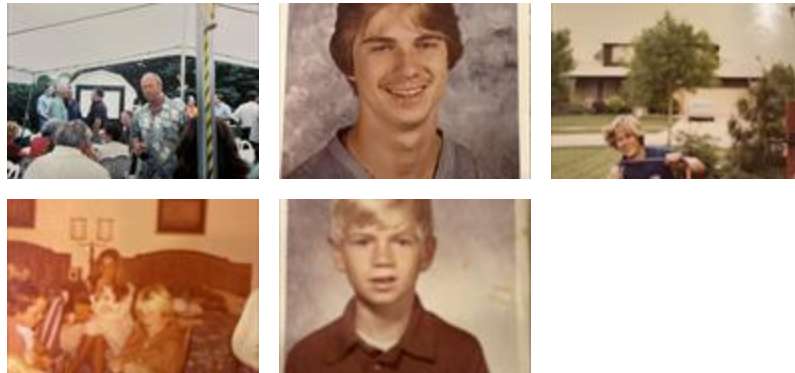
“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



kathy - January 11 at 08:13 PM

KA

“ 12 files added to the album CPJ



kathy - January 11 at 07:51 PM

DC

“ DONALD R COBB lit a candle in memory of Christopher Paul Jakubowski



DONALD R COBB - January 11 at 02:08 PM

FC

“ Chris and I worked together back in the GM days. He was a great guy, and will be missed by many ...

Frank G Clark - January 11 at 01:13 PM

JK

“ John & Melinda Kushner planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christopher Paul Jakubowski.

John & Melinda Kushner - January 11 at 12:09 PM

JK

“ John & Melinda Kushner purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Christopher Paul Jakubowski.



John & Melinda Kushner - January 11 at 12:09 PM

KB

“ Kelly, Sandy, Dustin & Kelly Boose planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christopher Paul Jakubowski.

Kelly, Sandy, Dustin & Kelly Boose - January 11 at 10:48 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Christopher Paul Jakubowski.



January 11 at 10:48 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Christopher Paul Jakubowski.



January 10 at 08:27 PM

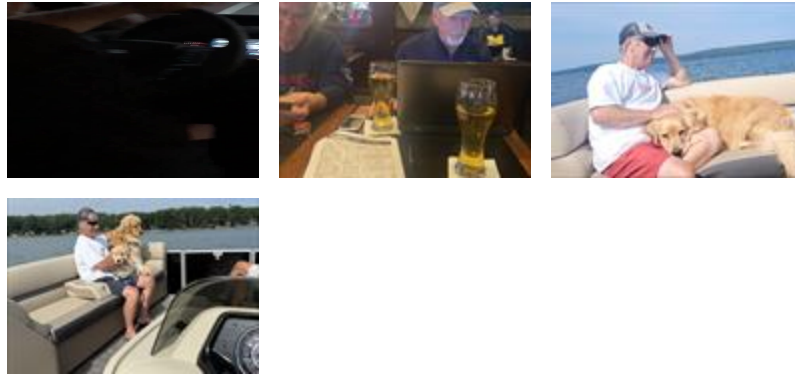
ES

“ Eric and Linda Stewart planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christopher Paul Jakubowski.

Eric and Linda Stewart - January 10 at 08:27 PM

KA

“ 4 files added to the album Jake



kathy - January 10 at 02:04 PM

MK

“ Life long friend. Going to miss our annual visits in Florida and his friendship.

Mark Kaufman - January 09 at 07:41 PM

MF

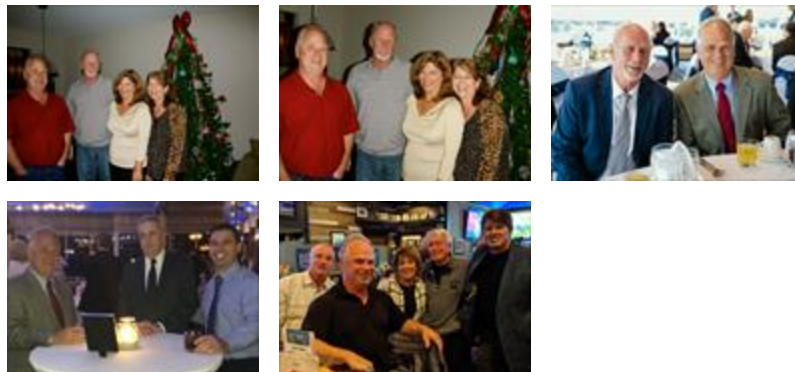
“ Mark and Carol Kaufman and family purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Christopher Paul Jakubowski.



Mark and Carol Kaufman and family - January 09 at 07:31 PM

EM

“ 5 files added to the album Jake



Ed Mizgalski - January 09 at 06:43 PM

EM

“ We are saddened by the sudden loss of a dear friend. Jake's kindness, laughter and knowledge touched us all. Taken too soon, Jake's spirit will live on in our memories. He will be dearly missed.



Ed Mizgalski - January 09 at 06:18 PM

TM

“ Tim Martin lit a candle in memory of Christopher Paul Jakubowski



tim martin - January 09 at 06:01 PM

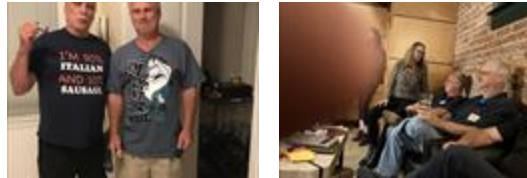
TI

“ *Best friend I ever had. 38 years, I'll miss him, Greatest guy ever. God better take good care of him. He deserves it.*

timothy - January 09 at 05:57 PM

ML

“ *See you again on the other side buddy*



Mark Lamerato - January 09 at 02:07 PM

JK

“ *John Pump & Julie King planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christopher Paul Jakubowski.*

John Pump & Julie King - January 09 at 12:13 PM

JK

“ *John Pump & Julie King purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Christopher Paul Jakubowski.*



John Pump & Julie King - January 09 at 12:13 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Christopher Paul Jakubowski.*



January 09 at 11:45 AM



“ *Marilyn C. purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Christopher Paul Jakubowski.*



Marilyn C. - January 09 at 11:30 AM