



Christopher "Zoonie" Zduniak

January 4, 1970 - September 5, 2021

Christopher "Zoonie" Zduniak, 51, of Southington, passed away Sunday, September 5, 2021, from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident.

A graduate of New Britain High School, where he excelled in cross country and track, running his way to many championships. His love for long distance running brought him joy throughout his life leading him to coach local youth, sharing with young aspiring runners the experiences he enjoyed for so many years. Following High School, he proudly enlisted in the United States Marine Corps where he served in Operation Desert Storm, was deployed to Southwest Asia, earned numerous decorations, medals and citations, and was a member of the Marine Corps Reserve. With a keen athleticism, Christopher participated in the Marine Corps Boxing Program, and his passion for boxing continued taking him to boxing gyms in Hartford to enhance both his skills, and coach youth boxing programs.

Christopher had a true guiding principle to serve and to help, especially those who needed a helping hand. He valued the small and the big, the great and the worn. For the only thing that surpassed his smile, was his heart, which he gave freely, to everyone he met. He was always kind and treated everyone as if they mattered because to him, they did. He judged no one, accepted everyone, and when you became a friend, you were a friend for life. No matter where he went, he knew someone. So the briefest of stops would turn into an extended reunion with someone he knew. His vast number of friends always made him the life of the party when he walked into a room and Chris would go

out of his way to make sure everyone was enjoying themselves as much as he was.

Christopher's motto for life was "treat every day as if it was your last", and boy did he. Chris had a passion for fishing which started at an early age during decades of summers spent in Old Lyme. Whether he caught anything or not, he had a smile on his face, just being out on his boat, salt wind in his face, usually with friends by his side. An ardent Red Sox and Steelers fan, he also loved music, played the trumpet, and was a wonderful dancer. Most recently, Chris retreated to Miami, FL enjoying time with those he loved most.

A loyal son, protective brother, and dedicated to his work in commercial construction, his hard work could always be counted on to manage vast and particular projects, to finish a job and finish it right.

Christopher's biggest loyalty was to his family. He leaves behind an extended heartbroken family. His three children will always be his crowning achievement. Chris was a devoted father, always willing to support and guide the best way he could, with understanding and love.

At the request of the family, a private memorial service, with military honors, was held.

Memorial Donations may be made in his name to Disabled American Veterans, located in VA Connecticut Healthcare System, 555 Willard Ave, Newington CT 06111. Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain, is assisting the family with arrangements. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at www.carlsonfuneralhome.com or send a written condolences/cards for the family to the funeral home.

Tribute Wall

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“ Chris, I love you and miss you Devil Dog.....Semper Fi Brother....Robert N Rutstein, Emerald Isle NC.....252-269-4403.....any family or friends please contact me 🇺🇸❤️

Robert Rutstein - February 23, 2022 at 02:39 PM

AB

“ When I was in quarantine on campus Zoonie was in charge of taking care of me and the other covid patients, if it wasn't for him I wouldn't have made it through it sane. When I needed anything he made sure I had it m, even if it was just some juice. He made it feel like I wasn't even sick and even after I got out he would always ask me how my track season was going. He will be missed 🕊️

Adriana Brathwaite - September 26, 2021 at 08:15 PM

JV

“ Zoonie were to start a brother and one hell of a friend you will be missed seen you every day and was always a pleasure rock them heavens kid look over us all REASY EASY KID

Jason voisine - September 12, 2021 at 12:04 PM

CG

“ We had some great times Dog. I always considered you a friend and brother. My heart goes out to your entire family,loved ones and beautiful kids. You are one of a kind Zoonie and I'll always miss you but appreciate the good times. We'll meet again somewhere and have some cold ones RIP brother

Christopher Gomez - September 12, 2021 at 09:45 AM

JS

“ Good man! Always kept us laughing on the track. Prayers to his family and may Chris rest in peace. He is missed!

John Smith - September 12, 2021 at 12:10 AM

 Jim Pinto

“ I met you when you came to this country so long ago, always moving around, asking questions, being obnoxious but always knew you would grow up to be someone special. Those early years you spent with us at Old Colony Breach I know you enjoyed along with your sister and Mom. So proud that you lead a very special life and touched so many people along the way. My family is very sad to hear of your passing but know you will make heaven a better place. Prayers for your family and want them to know you were always a special guy.

Jim Pinto - September 11, 2021 at 09:33 PM

BC

“ I'm so very sorry to hear about the passing of Zoonie. Please accept our deepest condolences to his family, children, and friends. 🙏🙏

Brian Clark - September 11, 2021 at 03:58 PM

 Khalid Tawfik

“ RIP my friend There is not enough room here to tell you how I feel and how much I will miss you are a light sent from heaven to make our world a better you'll always be remembered he will never be forgotten our memories will last forever much too young to leave us this early I am truly sorry to see you go I am sure you are in heaven looking over us what's up Dwag

Khalid Tawfik - September 11, 2021 at 02:28 PM