

**Christopher Benedict Cassidy**

**March 5, 2022**

**Age 67**

**North Olmsted, Ohio**

Christopher Benedict Cassidy died on March 5, 2022 at age 67 in North Olmsted, Ohio.

Chris, who was the son of the late James T. and Ruth Ann Cassidy, was survived by his daughters Katelynn and Emily, as well as his former wife, Sandy, who cared for him in his last months. He was also survived by his siblings Hon. William A. (Bonnie), Moira Almall (Dr. Ahmed), Sharon Acciarri (Robert), and Joseph, as well as his nieces Caroline Cassidy and Nicholle Acciarri and nephews Domenic Acciarri, and Noah, Sameh and Ray Almall. Chris was preceded in death by his brother Eugene.

He was an experienced financial professional having earned a Certificate of Accounting from Baldwin Wallace University, a Master of Science in Social Administration from Case Western Reserve University, and a Bachelor of Science from Ashland University.

Chris spent his professional career serving his community, first in social work and later in accounting. He was proudest of working for non-profit organizations and volunteering, including with such local organizations as the Berea Children's Home, Wingspan, and Hanson House. He was passionate about helping people and took joy in making friends wherever and whenever he could.

He loved a good round of golf, a cold beer, the beach, and most of all he loved to laugh. As an accomplished athlete and swimmer, Chris enjoyed his time in the gym, often striking up a conversation with whomever was near him instead of pumping iron. He was always amazed by the creativity of others and passed on his passion and love of TV and movies to his daughters, who have his same ability to remember silly quotes and trivia from watching his favorite movies with him for many years.

While Chris enjoyed living in Cleveland his whole life, he also enjoyed visiting his daughters who frequently explored and lived in different places around the country.

When Chris was a student at Lakewood High, he was a varsity swimmer for three years, as well as in L-Club and FCA for two years.

Lakewood High classmate Dan McCown said of him, "Chris, to me, was one of the most good-natured people I've ever known.

Quick to smile and laugh or make light of something. He was a joy."

LHS classmate Anita Weber Rhea said, "Chris was always a cheerful person with a great smile. He worked on many of our class reunion committees, took charge of various projects, and always contributed great ideas!"