



Christopher Albert Carmichael

September 19, 1953 - January 1, 2019

Chris Carmichael passed away at the age of 65 at home surrounded by his family and loved ones after a hard-fought battle with pancreatic cancer on January 1st, 2019. He is survived by his wife, Connie, his two sons, Shane & Cameron, his daughter, Brittany, and his stepson, Devon. Chris was born on September 19th, 1953, in California to his parents Betty & Al Carmichael.

Chris Carmichael was described as a waterman, inventor, visionary, and a serial entrepreneur. His deep passion for adventure and invention created a beautiful life with an even more beautiful family. Most importantly, Chris was a husband, a father, a son, a brother, a grandfather, and a friend. During Chris's adolescence he was a two-time U.S. Surfing Champion. Early in his career, Chris wrote, produced, and directed the world's first skateboard film with Universal Pictures titled "Spinnin' Wheels". He also pursued another passion and soon emerged as a premier apparel designer. Chris was featured on the cover of Men's Apparel Guild later to be named one of the Top Ten Designers of Men's apparel by Sports Style Magazine.

Throughout Chris's life he became very well versed in film, television and streaming media, working on shows such as; 20/20, NBC Sports Anthology, Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous, ESPN, NFL Films, NFL Network, ABC and has produced over 600 music videos/documentaries for icons such as Red Hot Chili Peppers, Black Crow's, David Lee Roth, Melissa Etheridge, Rolling Stones, Skrillex and U2:3D. Chris has produced multiple TV commercials for brands such as; Miller Lite, Ray Ban, Harley Davidson, and more. This led to his first Clio Award in 1978 for his work with RC Cola. Chris produced, directed and hosted California Lifestyles and Yachting Lifestyles with his wife, Connie, for 3-seasons on the ABC Network.

Chris produced and published the critically acclaimed tabletop autobiographical book on Green Bay Hall of Fame inductee and father, Al "Hoagy" Carmichael, titled, 106 Yards. He has co-authored over sixty patents with his wife Connie in fields as broad and varied as navigation, e-commerce, live streaming, object and logo detection, immersive advertising,

e-banking, mobile wallet, mobile gifting, mobile coupons, transmedia, interactive publishing, editing, AR/VR/MR, holographic and 3D technologies, data mining, compression, lifestyle as well as technologies in the fields of medicine and music. Chris received an honorary Doctorate degree of Humane Letter (LHD) from the New York College of Health Professionals.

Each of Chris's children walk through life with a piece of his legacy to share with the world. His eldest son Shane continues to pursue feats in the film and music industry, his youngest son Cameron follows in his fathers' footsteps of adventure as a waterman, and his daughter Brittany carries on Chris's legacy through her unequivocal love, and his step son Devon shares his passion for digital media and marketing.

Chris Carmichael was one of the most generous people in the world with his money and his time giving much to both his friends in need and strangers alike. He left a legacy of love and compassion that he passed on to his family and friends and he will be forever missed. Gone but never forgotten.

Comments



“ Carmichael was an incredible surfer. The best surfers of the late sixties were Rolf Aurness, world champion, Corky Carroll, U.S. champion, Brad McCaul, U.S. Champion, and Chris Carmichael, two time U.S. champion. I first saw him after school in 67. I was new to San Clemente, and went to the beach after school. I walked to the beach. I first saw Carmichael that day. He drove a red porsche, had a deep V physique, and a foxy chick in a bikini at his side. It was a perfect day. Chris pulled into a four foot left that barreled all over him, and he came out. I'd never seen a ride like that before. He had an incredible media career, producing "Spinning Wheels", the first skateboard movie, that brought an unheard of, for the time, offer of a million dollars. He passed it up to do the movie himself and wound up barely breaking even. Later, I swear I saw him driving a Rolls Royce, back when he owned a board short company. The last I saw him he did a tribute to my friend, Randy Sleigh, online, who died a few years back. You encounter incredible people during a lifetime, and surely, Carmichael, was incredible. Rest in peace.



stephen - January 28 at 03:17 PM



“ Chris has been a great friend, fighter, loyal, trustworthy, warm and friendly. A good family and businessman. He will definitely be missed. May his memory be a blessing.

Wes HF - January 22 at 10:29 PM



“ Wes H sent a virtual gift in memory of Christopher Albert Carmichael



Wes H - January 22 at 10:24 PM



“ Chris gave me an opportunity in the professional world and was always very kind to me. He was a great father to his children, as was evidence by the glow in their eyes whenever they talked about him. He's probably giving surfing lessons to the apostles right now.

Jonathan - January 19 at 08:24 PM



“ Randelyn Ross lit a candle in memory of Christopher Albert Carmichael



Randelyn Ross - January 13 at 11:06 AM



“ Bountiful Rose Basket was purchased for the family of Christopher Albert Carmichael.



January 10 at 03:13 PM



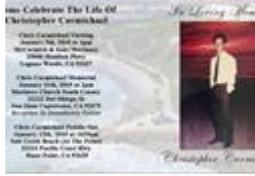
“ Grande Gourmet Fruit Basket was purchased for the family of Christopher Albert Carmichael.



January 10 at 03:06 PM



“ To celebrate the life of Chris we'll have a memorial service on January 11 at 2pm at Mariners Church South County in San Juan Capistrano. We will also have a memorial paddle out on January 12 at 10:30am at Salt Creek Beach.



Devon Jordan - January 05 at 01:34 PM