



Christopher Baumann

August 25, 1956 - June 27, 2025

Obituary for Christopher Baumann
Adventurer, Traveler, and History Enthusiast

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Christopher (Chris) Charles Baumann, a man whose adventurous spirit, boundless curiosity, and zest for life touched the hearts of many. Chris passed away in Cape Girardeau, Missouri on June 27, 2025, at the age of 68 leaving behind a legacy that will be remembered by friends and family. He courageously battled cancer for more than 20 years.

For 30 years, Chris worked as a cartographer for the U.S. Geological Survey, spending several years in the Southwest surveying land for mapping. He was chosen three times for a prestigious appointment to the Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station in Antarctica.

Travel was the theme of Chris' life. He made his first trip around the world in a suit and tie at age five. His family of six traveled from Hawaii to London on a summer adventure that inspired his love of travel and foreign lands.

Chris visited all 193 United Nations member countries, fulfilling his dream of seeing the world in its vast diversity. From the bustling streets of Kathmandu to the serene landscapes of the Arctic, Chris explored every corner of the

globe, not only as a tourist but as a true wanderer-seeking out stories, connections, and experiences that would deepen his love for the world and its rich history.

An enthusiastic adventurer, Chris had a passion for skiing and motorcycling, finding freedom on the slopes and the open road. His love for the thrill of the outdoors was matched only by his appreciation for history. He could be found wandering ancient ruins, conversing with locals, or reading about the civilizations that shaped the modern world.

He is survived by his siblings Sue Peelle (Jim), Steve Baumann, and Anne Hutson (Jeff), his niece Robin Blatt (Jim), his nephew Wesley Peelle, and his great-nephew Will Blatt who will all remember him for his adventurous soul and boundless curiosity. Chris lived his life with a spirit of independence and wonder that was infectious to those around him.

Although we will miss Chris, we know his spirit lives on in the places he visited, the people he met and the stories he shared.

The immediate family will have a private memorial service later this fall.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com

Ford & Sons Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

RB

“ Chris was a great guy, and not too many people have a MOUNTAIN named after them -- "Baumann Crag" in Antarctica, over 4,000 feet tall. His mountain will stand forever, and so will memory of Chris.

Rhett Browning - July 15, 2025 at 12:26 PM

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Rhett, thank you for that wonderful memory of Chris. I didn't even know about the mountain! — Robin Hutson Blatt

Robin Blatt - July 16, 2025 at 12:52 PM

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“ Larry Cruz, and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christopher Baumann.

Larry Cruz, and Family - July 11, 2025 at 11:16 PM

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“ Larry Cruz, and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Christopher Baumann.



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