



## Chris Deitrich Sr.

September 10, 2023

On September 10, 2023, Chris Deitrich took his final walk home, after a 27 month battle with pancreatic cancer at the age of 66. He and his wife Sandy lived on their family farm in Pittsgrove Township for 41 years. He is remembered by all as a man that looked upon nature in a spiritual way. He demonstrated how to be a steward of the land. Fishing, hunting, and camping were very important to him, along with taking care of his animals and enjoying the years of 4H with his sons.

Chris was an avid collector from a young age. He collected vintage bottles and Native American arrowheads. His interests in history and nature showed everyone what an old soul he truly was.

He knew that communing with the natural world is a path to speaking to God.

Chris was generous, thoughtful, hilarious, hard-working, and kind. For many years he worked at Mobil Oil and Coastal refineries. He worked on boilers in various locations of the tri-state area. Of course, he always worked on the farm, even into retirement.

Chris and Sandy had always planned to travel during retirement. They traveled in their motor home to Knoebels, New York and Delaware. They also drove to Florida and back, exploring the many states in between.

Chris' spirit will live on in all of the people he touched. May everyone remember him the next time a seed is planted and as we watch a sunset, knowing his spirit watches over us as we too look upon the world that he so loved.

Chris is survived by his loving wife of almost 47 years and 8 months, Sandra Lee Deitrich of Pittsgrove; his son Chris Deitrich, Jr. and his fiancée Jennifer Hall of Pittsgrove; his daughter in law Debra Deitrich of Turnersville; his grandchildren Matthew Forson and a minor grandchild; his great grandchildren Summer, Matthew and Melani Forson; his siblings Susan Schafer and her husband Tom of New York, William Deitrich of Pittsgrove, Margaret Bowen and her husband Donald of New York and Chester B. Deitrich and his wife Angela of Pittsgrove; and many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

He was predeceased by his parents Chester B. and Katherine Marie (Platt) Deitrich and his son Jason A. Deitrich.

A celebration of Chris' life will be held on Saturday, September 23, 2023 at the Elmer United Methodist Church, 21 S. Main Street, Elmer, NJ 08318. There will be a visitation starting at 11 AM leading to the memorial service at 12:30 PM. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be made in Chris' memory to the American Cancer Society at [www.cancer.org/donate](http://www.cancer.org/donate)

[www.adamsfuneralhome.org](http://www.adamsfuneralhome.org)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

SEP **23**. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Elmer UMC  
21 S. Main St.  
Elmer, NJ 08318

## Memorial Service

SEP **23**. 12:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Chris Deitrich Sr..

September 23, 2023 at 06:36 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Chris Deitrich Sr..



September 22, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ I will always remember the days spent on Grandma and Grandpops Farm. Jumping from the loft into hay, scaring the steers and just running around. I will treasure those memories when we were close. Your loving cousin. Deb Heppard McNabb

Deborah A (Heppard) McNabb - September 20, 2023 at 11:05 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Chris Deitrich Sr..

September 15, 2023 at 05:17 PM