

Obituary

Chris Eichner

September 8, 1940 – May 12, 2026



It is with a heavy heart that the Eichner family must announce that Chris Eichner, born September 8, 1940, has passed away after having fought a battle with Guillain Barre syndrome since February of this year. He put up a tremendous fight, but unfortunately he contracted a lung infection which restricted his ability to breathe.

He passed away on Tuesday night, May 12th, at 10:27 PM of respiratory failure. He loved each and every one of you so much, and deeply appreciated your many years of friendship and camaraderie.

Chris leaves behind his loving wife, Betsy, four wonderful children, Susan, Steve, Chris '84, and Adrienne, as well as seven grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Chris worked for the Ford Motor Company for almost a decade before he began teaching Industrial Arts at Yuba City HS (5 yrs), Berlin American HS (13 yrs), and London Central HS (8-1/2 yrs). He relished teaching for the Department of Defense Dependent Schools (DoDDS) and he frequently could be convinced to tell stories from those years at the drop of one of his (many) paint-stained hats.

To those who knew him, Chris's love language was acts of service, whether he could be found scrubbing cabinets for his daughter-in-law, fixing and fiddling with various bits of maintenance and car repair for friends and family, or starting a remodel on someone's kitchen (but rarely finishing it). From installing flooring (that he, of course, got on clearance) to house additions and small renovations to complete car overhauls, no project was too big or too small for Chris Eichner.

He also gave fantastic car-buying advice, loved Formula 1 Racing, loved movies about Germany and World War II, and loved his family above all else. If any of you are looking for him, he can surely be found repairing the squeaky latch on the pearly gates and complaining to Saint Peter about the decreasing resale value of his Corvette.

There will be a Celebration of Life in Minden, Nevada in the Fall of 2026.