



## Richard Chase Calligan

March 29, 1970 - March 16, 2020

Richard Chase Calligan, age 49, of Old Hickory, TN, was born March 29, 1970, and passed away March 16, 2020.

Chase Calligan, precious son of Cole & Kathleen left this earthly journey in the early morning hours Monday, March 16th.

Chase came into this world weeks before expected on his Mom's 20th Birthday. We are quite certain it was the only time ever that he wasn't late. God placed in Chase a never ending bright radiant smile, a fearless bold Fun loving personality that endeared him to everyone. He loved people and he never met a stranger.

He married his main squeeze, Julie Bilyeu, with who they had two boys, Colton and Scout, and a girl, Jaden Bilyeu, who was the apple of his eye. His kids were his greatest accomplishment and joy in life.

He taught his kids to snow ski, how to build the biggest backyard bon fire in Old Hickory, his love for his special recipe meatloaf and how to grill the hottest chicken wings in town.

His passions were many; nature, animals, rock and roll music, finding beautiful rocks for his Mom, being outdoors and repurposing anything broken and discarded by others. He loved restoring his 1961 Thunder Bird, nicknamed Thunder Chicken and a 1978 Chris Craft Boat, called Smurfett. Chase loved learning and was curious about life and how things worked. He was filled with a fearless energy that sent him head first into BMX racing, bungee jumping, parachuting and repelling. Before he was a teen he could

back a trailer, operate his Dad's construction equipment and dock a 36 foot houseboat. The only time Chase was ever still was while flipping between watching Orange County Choppers, Cops, or anything else on the History Channel.

His family is honoring his wishes to be cremated. His kids, will host a celebration of his life in the near future just the way their Dad would want it. Chase leaves us with our hearts full of love, compassion, forgiveness and oneness that connects us all as family.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Chase Calligan*

October 14, 2022 at 08:02 PM



“ *Chase was a beautiful person inside and out his smile and good humor was contagious he will be greatly missed prayers for his family*

**Peggy Dunbar** - April 19, 2020 at 09:03 AM



“ *My beautiful boy in just a few hours you will be gone a week-I feel so empty sad lost & know this is how I will feel for the rest of my life I've reread all your phone texts listened over & over to your voice messages that always begin with 'hey mama' & end with 'I love you -call me'*  
*Our March 29th shared birthday ,the happiest day of my life , is now sadder than sad- I know you are with God I'm praying for acceptance & peace & inviting you into my dreams - I love you Chase my beautiful blue eyed boy*



**kathleen Calligan** - March 23, 2020 at 01:45 AM



*I'm so sorry to hear this Chase was a good friend to me can you please tell me what caused his death*

**Peggy Dunbar** - April 19, 2020 at 08:59 AM



Peggy  
Dunbar

*You can text me at 615 580 5340 he sure loved his mama*

**Peggy Dunbar** - April 19, 2020 at 09:00 AM



CS

*Here it is a few weeks have passed and it hurts just as much now as it did when I first heard. I'm so thankful for the time we lived together after I got out of the Navy cause we formed a tight bond and went from being just step brothers to real brothers. I will cherish those memories the rest of my life. I love you brotha-man!*

**chris smith** - April 21, 2020 at 08:03 PM



JN

*“ I met chase at 18 when I moved here from another state he made me feel welcomed. Likewise with his parents. You will be missed. Fly high friend!!!*

**Jody neumann** - March 22, 2020 at 10:18 AM



LW

*“ I met Chase aka “The Comedian” as I called him, about 15 years ago. He has put more out loud laughter and smiles in my life, just as everyone else's path he crossed. I will forever be grateful for his friendship❤️ My prayers are with all your family that you loved so much. Rest easy friend💔*

**Lisa Wise** - March 21, 2020 at 10:04 PM



KM

*Thank you Sister , he loved you !*

**Kellie Messick** - March 22, 2020 at 10:18 PM

PT

“ Whenever I think about Chase.....I smile. He always brought joy and happiness. It was his personality. Chase will be missed but always wonderful memories.

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**Pam Tallman** - March 21, 2020 at 01:22 PM

DO

“ Special prayers for Kathleen and Cole. I loved Chase. He was a special young Man. We will see him again❤️

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**Dody** - March 21, 2020 at 11:01 AM

TP

Prayers for Chases family. Great fun memories of chase, like us 2 pushing that old car I. The garage, we laughed so hard but we did it will miss him.

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**Terri Pharr** - March 21, 2020 at 11:19 AM

TB

Our deepest condolences go out to Scout, Colton and Jaden  
The Bermans

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**Tany Berman** - March 21, 2020 at 11:53 AM

DP

“ I met Chase at MTSU and he was so much fun to be around. He was kind, caring, and witty. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

-Dawn Powell



Dawn Powell - March 21, 2020 at 08:25 AM

DJ

Oh it can not be. Dawn are you an O.G. "hell yea...girl"

David Jarnigan - March 21, 2020 at 10:13 AM

TE

Send you all my Love and Prayers! What a great tribute to Chase! Toni Pugh Eaton

Toni Pugh Eaton - March 21, 2020 at 10:48 AM

DJ

*I met Chase at MTSU as well. We instantly became friends as he did with everyone he met. So, it was not out of the ordinary for him. I will carry a part of Chase in my heart forever. He called me Daveo which kind of stuck for a while. Johnny Williams, John Bryant, Michael Moore, Sean Peirce, Jeff Barker, and Steve Forrester, God rest his soul, were my friends and room mates. I could count on them to be there for me, and they could me. I sure do miss those times, but life changes and develops. Now, I am the happiest I have ever been, but because of these friends I am who I am today. Chase....I can see you now. All those trips to the dam, the rock quarry, the Campus Pub, I will never forget. You will always be considered a friend and a brother. May God bless you, your beautiful children, and all your family and friends who were closest to you.*

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**David Jarnigan** - March 21, 2020 at 10:59 AM

JM

*Sending our sincere sympathies for your loss. We were saddened to hear of it. Jan & Robert Mattix*

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**Jan Mattix** - March 23, 2020 at 05:33 PM