



Christopher "Buddha" McLain

January 26, 1968 - March 15, 2024

Brodhead, WI – Christopher "Buddha" McLain \m/, age 56, passed away unexpectedly on March 15, 2024.

Christopher was born on January 26, 1968 in Freeport, IL the son of Gary McLain and Sherri Mullen. He married Michelle Martin on April 19, 1997 in Brodhead. They were married for 26 years and they were more than husband and wife, they were best friends and were never seen without each other.

Buddha worked for Advance Transformer for 10 years prior to working for 24 years at Grande' Cheese Factory in the waste water treatment plant.

Buddha enjoyed gambling, fishing and listening to rock music. But most of all, he was the best friend to many including his family. Buddha enjoyed his Lake Chetek trips every year with his aunts and uncles and he never had a complaint about anything – he truly was the best laid back kinda guy.

Buddha is survived by his wife, Michelle; 2 children, Fischer (Chesnie) McLain and Karlee (Brendan) Olson; his parents, Gary McLain and Sherri (Richard) Mullen; 2 brothers, Todd (Amy) McLain and Scott (Tammy) McLain; two nephews, Landon McLain and Charlie Martin; one niece, Haylee McLain; his mother in law, Bonnie Martin; a brother in law, Aaron Martin and several other aunts, uncles, relatives and friends.

Thoughts from his children: Fischer: I'm hoping to be the dad and best friend you were to me. Just know I'll always love you and will always have a special place in my heart.

Karlee: From the daughter that lost her best friend, I want to say that I love you very much and that I will always be your little girl. Forever and always.

Buddha was preceded in death by an uncle, Karl McLain and his father in law, Michael Martin.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be directed to the family in his memory.

A memorial gathering will be held at the DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead on Saturday, March 23, 2024 from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Cremation rites will be accorded at a later date.

www.dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com 608-897-2484

P.S. F.I.

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Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR **23**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

D. L. Newcomer Funeral Home
1105 E 9th Ave
Brodhead, WI 53520
(608) 897-2484
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<https://www.dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com/>

Tribute Wall

DE

“ R.I.P. Buddha!! Always enjoyed our times with you 😊



Debbie - March 23, 2024 at 12:09 PM

SH

“ Steven Heller lit a candle in memory of Christopher "Buddha" McLain



Steven Heller - March 22, 2024 at 11:44 PM

LM

“ Love, Greg, Lori, Max and Myles purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Christopher "Buddha" McLain.



Love, Greg, Lori, Max and Myles - March 22, 2024 at 07:38 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Christopher "Buddha" McLain.



March 22, 2024 at 08:20 AM

M&

“ Michelle Hendricks &family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christopher "Buddha" McLain.

Michelle Hendricks &family - March 22, 2024 at 08:20 AM

GV

“ Gino & Tracy Vignieri lit a candle in memory of Christopher "Buddha" McLain



Gino & Tracy Vignieri - March 21, 2024 at 02:14 PM

GV

Buddha, simply the best of the best!

You are all in our thoughts and heartfelt condolences to all the family.

Gino & Tracy Vignieri - March 21, 2024 at 02:25 PM

SJ

“ Sonia Tate & Eli Johnson purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Christopher "Buddha" McLain.



Sonia Tate & Eli Johnson - March 20, 2024 at 09:41 PM

AO

“ Allen And Donna Olson lit a candle in memory of Christopher "Buddha" McLain



Allen and Donna Olson - March 20, 2024 at 01:40 PM

JK

“ BUDDHA Love You Brother, Thanks For Always Being Yourself and Being a Great Friend, You Were One Of A Kind and will Truly be Missed!❤️

Jeff Kluck - March 20, 2024 at 12:32 PM

BS

“ ...A kind and great friend.
Bob Sampson

Bob Sampson - March 19, 2024 at 07:47 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Christopher "Buddha" McLain.



March 19, 2024 at 05:23 PM

SC

“ Symbiont, A Mead & Hunt Company planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christopher "Buddha" McLain.

Symbiont, A Mead & Hunt Company - March 19, 2024 at 05:23 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Christopher "Buddha" McLain.*



March 19, 2024 at 01:43 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire McLain family. Buddah was one of a kind! He will be missed!*



Lynnette Tennant - March 18, 2024 at 10:54 PM



“ *Laura Frie lit a candle in memory of Christopher "Buddha" McLain*



Laura Frie - March 18, 2024 at 02:57 PM



“ *Jill And Russ Atkinson lit a candle in memory of Christopher "Buddha" McLain*



Jill and Russ Atkinson - March 18, 2024 at 12:27 PM

DL

“ *May you find comfort and peace during this difficult time.*

Darci and Jim Lewis



Darci and Jim Lewis - March 18, 2024 at 09:38 AM

BW

“ *Brenda Wahl lit a candle in memory of Christopher "Buddha" McLain*



Brenda Wahl - March 18, 2024 at 08:45 AM

BW

We are so sorry for your tragic loss. Sympathy and prayers for you and lovely family. You are in our thoughts everyday. Healing prayers and hugs for all...Don and Brenda Wahl

Brenda Wahl - March 18, 2024 at 08:49 AM

DH

“ *Dennis And Cindy Haberman lit a candle in memory of Christopher "Buddha" McLain*



Dennis and Cindy Haberman - March 18, 2024 at 12:54 AM

DH

We are so sorry for your loss. Sending our thoughts and prayers.

Dennis and Cindy Haberman - March 18, 2024 at 12:55 AM

SH

He will be greatly missed by all. Glad I got to work him and become friends with him. Condolences to all his family. RIP Buddha never forget you!

Steven Heller - March 18, 2024 at 10:27 AM

DQ

“ *So sorry for your loss to the family. Chris in his younger years was like a part of my family. Hanging out in the neighbor hood. No words can say how much he will be missed. Taken to young to soon*

Donna Quick - March 17, 2024 at 11:52 PM

GM

“ *Gary And Mary Mason lit a candle in memory of Christopher "Buddha" McLain*



Gary and Mary Mason - March 17, 2024 at 09:40 PM

VM

“ *My sincere sympathy to the McLain family.*



VICKIE MILLER - March 17, 2024 at 09:37 PM

VK

“ Virgil And Judy Keller lit a candle in memory of Christopher "Buddha" McLain



Virgil and Judy Keller - March 17, 2024 at 07:51 PM

NP

“ Natalie And Zheff Ponkauskas lit a candle in memory of Christopher "Buddha" McLain



Natalie and zheff Ponkauskas - March 17, 2024 at 07:49 PM

BC

“ Barbara Robinson Clark lit a candle in memory of Christopher "Buddha" McLain



Barbara Robinson Clark - March 17, 2024 at 06:51 PM

JM

“ Sending prayers to you and all of your family. Remember the memories they will mean a lot.



Jeff and Wanda McLain - March 17, 2024 at 05:39 PM

KP

“ It has it has been quite some time ago, but I used to work with Buddha and Michelle at Advance Transformer. Buddha was always the life of our work day and was always a gentle and kind. He worked hard and he was so loved by everyone he came across. Michelle and family, my heart goes out to you all. I prayer for comfort during this time and hope that the memories you share can help you find peace. Buddha, may you rest in peace and keep “Rockin’ on” 🙏👍



Kathy Patrick - March 17, 2024 at 04:55 PM

DE

“ Deanna lit a candle in memory of Christopher "Buddha" McLain



Deanna - March 17, 2024 at 04:12 PM

PS

“ Pam Jones And Tim Schwartzlow lit a candle in memory of Christopher "Buddha" McLain



Pam Jones and Tim Schwartzlow - March 17, 2024 at 03:15 PM

JB

“ Jean Bonier lit a candle in memory of Christopher "Buddha" McLain



Jean Bonier - March 17, 2024 at 02:46 PM

BO

“ BARBARA J OLSON-MENEHAN lit a candle in memory of Christopher "Buddha" McLain



BARBARA J OLSON-MENEHAN - March 17, 2024 at 02:31 PM

LH

“ Deepest condolences to Buddha's family and friends. He sure was a friendly guy with a kind spirit. He will make you smile when you think of him and all the wonderful memories you shared. ✨ God Bless. ❤️

LouAnn Harmel - March 17, 2024 at 01:56 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Christopher "Buddha" McLain.



March 17, 2024 at 01:53 PM

SD

“ We will miss you forever. The memories we have will forever be in our hearts. We’ve shared so many laughs, camping together, trips we took, gambling, Friday night dinners, cookouts, family get togethers, the list just goes on and on. You were always there for us and I promise we will be there to help Momma and the kids. RIP my friend. 💔 Michelle, Karlee, and Fischer we are here for whatever we can do to support you. We love you all so much. Horns up!! 🤘
❤️



Steve and Deanna Dasko - March 17, 2024 at 01:48 PM

DK

“ Doug And Janice Knight lit a candle in memory of Christopher "Buddha" McLain



Doug and Janice Knight - March 17, 2024 at 01:00 PM

DY

“ I will always cherish the many memories I have of Chris from a little boy (eating frozen bread from the freezer) to a wonderful Man, husband, father, friend and a very special nephew to Randy and I - I’m going to miss him calling me auntie, and our quick little messages. Buddha will live on through all of us!! ❤️

Debbie Yoder - March 17, 2024 at 12:52 PM

EM

“ Thank you Chris for being such a good friend to Kenny especially during his illness. I’m sure he was there to welcome you to Heaven. Dear Michelle and family my heart goes out to you all. Love Elaine Muto

Elaine Muto - March 17, 2024 at 12:47 PM

DW

“ Dean And Nancy Walters lit a candle in memory of Christopher "Buddha" McLain



Dean and Nancy Walters - March 17, 2024 at 12:21 PM

DW

Michelle and family, our hearts go out to all of you. Please accept our sincerest condolences on your loss! Our prayers and love to all!

Dean and Nancy Walters - March 17, 2024 at 12:24 PM

PL

“ Phyllis Lentz lit a candle in memory of Christopher "Buddha" McLain



Phyllis Lentz - March 17, 2024 at 12:07 PM

PL

So very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Phyllis Lentz - March 17, 2024 at 12:09 PM