



## Chris R. Carroll

February 12, 1953 - January 20, 2014

### CHRISTOPHER ROBERT CARROLL

From the earliest days sitting in his father's Jaguar parked in the driveway to standing next to his brother's Speedster, Christopher Robert Carroll was a marked man. Before he passed on January 20, 2014, in his home in Mission, KS at the age of 60, Chris had a life filled with cars. In his teen years Chris was a VW enthusiast, sometimes at the expense of his parents. On one occasion, the neighbors chided him for turning a VW upside down in their driveway so that he could scavenge the parts he needed for another VW build project. He was undeterred. Later in his life, Chris turned to the VW's more powerful offspring: Dr. Porsche's 356 and 911. Eventually Chris settled down for a bread-and-butter diet of Toyotas, Hondas and the other Japanese vehicles. That meal paid the bills but did not satisfy Chris' hunger for power and speed. You could count on Chris to keep a delectable dessert on hand, including an NSX. After these "staid" years, Chris turned to hotrods—the hotter the better. His greatest joy came from the construction of vehicles such as his 1932 Ford Highboy; to the end of his days it would be his favorite sunny-day drive. Other treasures included a 1949/95 Ford/Thunderbird, a yellow 1939 Ford Coupe, a lightening fast Ford F-150 "Lightening", and a Harley V-Rod. Chris' beloved companion, Natalie Howard, who preceded him in death just two months earlier, accompanied him throughout his journey. Although she failed to understand the need for speed, Natalie always supported Chris' desire for a better (i.e., faster) car. Upon realizing that his

earthly journey was coming to an end, Chris remarked to D.J., his faithful cohort, that he and Natalie appeared to be on the same schedule. We hope this is the case and they are once again together, driving away in his vehicle of choice (undoubtedly a Ford-powered, Chevy-bodied Chariot of Fire. Chris will be missed but will live on in the hearts of the many family and friends who loved him.

Chris was born February 12, 1953, the son of Dorr Howard Carroll, Jr. and Hester Emery (Moore) Carroll and brother to five older siblings. He is survived by: Daniel "DJ" Simonelli, the son of his heart, and by DJ's wife Mindy and their son CJ, of Kansas City, KS; Scott Hoog, the son who was lost and then found, and Scott's wife Cristal and their children Nick, Elizabeth and Ashley and Ashley's husband Jon and their son Charlie, all of Lewiston, ID; his brother Charles Carroll and his life companion Charlotte of Prairie Village, KS; his brother John Carroll and his wife Anne of Fairway, KS; his sister Anne Kwo and her husband David of Laguna Niguel, CA; and his sister, Susan Diehn and her husband Fred of Horseshoe, NC. He is also survived by his many nieces and nephews and their families. Chris was also preceded in death by his parents and his brother Thomas Carroll. A visitation in his honor and memory will be held on Friday, January 24, 2014 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Maple Hill Funeral Home, 3300 Shawnee Drive, Kansas City, KS. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in the name of "Chris Carroll" to Collector's Foundation at 141 Rivers Edge Drive, Suite 200, Traverse City, MI, 49684 or via their website [www.CollectorsFoundation.org](http://www.CollectorsFoundation.org) or to any other charity of your choice. To share a memory or leave condolences please visit [www.MapleHillFuneralHome.com](http://www.MapleHillFuneralHome.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **24**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery created a Tribute Video in memory of Chris R. Carroll*



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**Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery** - January 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Chris R. Carroll*

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October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *Chris R. Carroll*

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September 17, 2022 at 08:24 PM

RB

“ I met Chris in the mid 80's. I had a body shop and he had an old Jaguar for sale. I bought the Jag and we became friends. He was interested in starting a repair shop so, long story short, he started repairing cars out of a double garage I owned. We worked together in the early days, but eventually I moved to Merriam and he later moved to his Overland Park location. It was fascinating to see him pursue his passion with motor cars, and thrive. Whatever he set his mind to, he would do it. That gave me tremendous respect for him, as he overcame such things as alcohol and cigarettes. 'Nope, don't need them anymore'.

He made impressions on friends all over the world. Here is an segment from Paul Robinson's email from London who met Chris 20 years ago.

"So great you went to Chris's service. I tried leaving a few words on a page but it wouldn't let me leave the site without a myriad of details and was totally confused as I couldn't enter an non US address. So I logged out. Sad. Do you remember, he helped me rebuild the Fiat Spider's head in his basement at his home, he took me out in his NSX, I used to have dinner with him and Natalie.....he was nearly always cool and calm and could fix anything."

Can't say it any better, he will be greatly missed.

Ron butler

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**Ron Butler** - January 25, 2014 at 01:12 PM

TT

“ Oh the good old days with Good ole Chris. The Trapp family (Tom, Tricia, Matthew, & Sarah), each of us have our own special memories of Chris, as well as Natalie.

Matthew & Sarah were about 8 & 9 and Matthew could go on & on with his memories of being happy to hang out with Chris & Tom at the house or shop. Sarah remembers being at the house and knowing how much Chris & Natalie loved their dog Howard, and both remember really good spaghetti meals with huge meatballs. Tricia remembers that in conversations with him you could see his mind working just by looking at his eyes and that when he was amused he had a great smile. Tom enjoyed many years friendship while working together at both the Bell & Nall houses.

Sad that a friend is gone but so glad to have the good memories.

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**T Trapps** - January 25, 2014 at 08:47 AM

TC

“ I first met Chris trying to find Someone to work on my 1976 Porsche 912e which he did many times over the the succeeding years. I liked him from the start sharing his enthusiasm for hot rods and motorcycles. I had him rebuild my 1951 Chevy a few years back arguing over color choices and modifications on a daily basis. Somehow we got thru it all with a wonderful result. He was truly a great guy and a lot of fun to be around. He liked to mess with me and I returned the favor. I never could get him to convert the gas pump in his office to pump beer from a keg inside- but he couldn't get me to go garr fishing naked sending him a picture suitable for framing. Oh well . In any case I will miss him and will always consider him a true friend.

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**tom Campbell** - January 24, 2014 at 01:07 PM

CM

“ Chris Carroll was my friend.

*We attended the same high school...but I didn't know him then. I met Chris years later when he helped me understand the mechanical mysteries of a 911 Porsche. We shared the affliction of being full bore motor-heads with a love for motorcycles, fast cars, exotic cars, anything but... boring cars.*

*My father shared this passion and Chris would patiently let us wander around his shop enjoying the hardware, Chris' toys, and his collection of stuff. Chris knew what this meant to my father and I; he was part of our mechanical family.*

*Godspeed Chris Carroll, may the road always rise to meet you.*

*Craig Meyer*

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**Craig Meyer** - January 22, 2014 at 01:59 PM