



Christian Abel Huapaya Lopez

December 20, 1973 - September 10, 2024

Christian Abel Huapaya Lopez, 50, of Houston, Texas, passed away on September 10, 2024. He was born in Trujillo, Peru on December 20, 1973, the son of Cesar Eloy Huapaya Romero and Alicia Juana Lopez Guarniz.

Christian grew up in Lima, Peru and graduated from the Universidad Nacional de Ingeniería (UNI) with a degree in Petroleum Engineering.

In 2002, he was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to pursue a Master of Science in Petroleum Engineering at Texas A&M University.

Christian enjoyed traveling with his family to his wife's native Germany as well as several other European countries. He was an avid supporter of the Peruvian soccer team Alianza Lima and Formula 1.

Christian's big smile will be missed by his many friends and family in the USA, Peru and Germany.

He is survived by his wife Susanne, twin daughters Annika and Paula, parents Cesar Eloy Huapaya Romero and Alicia Juana Lopez Guarniz, and brothers Osmand Eduardo and Rainiero Cesar Huapaya Lopez.

A celebration of life will be held in Christian's honor on Friday, September 27,

2024, beginning at 11:00 AM in the chapel of Dettling Funeral Home, 14094 Memorial Drive, Houston TX 77079. Friends and loved ones are invited to come up to the podium and share stories of how Christian touched their lives. The family would like to request everyone wear colorful clothing instead of black.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Christian's name to FamilyPoint Resources: <https://www.familypointresources.com/donate-index-impact>

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP **27**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home
14094 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77079
(281) 497-2121
david@dettlingfuneral.com

Tribute Wall

MC

“ *Hasta siempre Cholito!!!* 🥺



Miguel De La Cruz - September 27, 2024 at 08:36 AM

TS

“ *Christian war jemand, der es verstand, eine Freundschaft über große Entfernung und Zeit aufrechtzuerhalten.*

Ich kann mich noch gut an unsere erste Begegnung in der Altstadt von München erinnern...

Auch wen wir uns nur wenige Male getroffen haben (in München, Salzburg, Washington und Houston) hatten wir immer einen guten Draht zueinander.

Ich bin dankbar für die Zeit, die wir zusammen verbrachten.

Ruhe in Frieden mein Freund.

Thomas

Thomas Streißelberger - September 27, 2024 at 07:44 AM

MG

“ We have known the Huapayas for quite some time, the girls were so little when we met them through their school, first Ingrid/Annika/Paula and then Susanne and me; and then we started to get together as families once my husband and Christian knew each other at one of the “doughnuts with dad” event at school with the girls; they got along immediately and since then they have been our good long time friends.

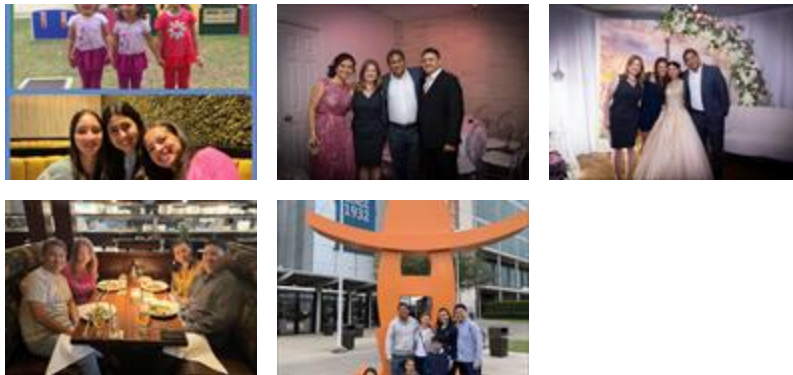
We are tremendously sad for the sudden passing of our dear friend Christian, we still had plans for the future, like that trip to Machupicchu.

Annika and Paula have been a constant in our daughter’s life and so have Christian and Susanne in my husband’s and mine.

Christian was one of those people that you only meet once in your lifetime; and so we are thankful that we have created so many beautiful memories throughout these years together.

Te vamos a extrañar.

All our love and support to Susanne and the girls.



Martha Garcia-Rincon - September 24, 2024 at 10:00 PM



“ Te recuerdo como en la foto, jovial y siempre risueño, y así te recordare siempre, conversamos desde el auto de Marcel, y eras el mismo compañero, sencillo y carismatico, luchador y perseverante. Lograste ser un profesional de la mejor universidad del Perú, eso dice mucho de ti amigo, me siento muy conmocionado por tu pronta partida, pero orgulloso a la vez de haber compartido parte de la vida contigo. Hasta pronto mi querido amigo, te extrañare..

Walther Yalle Paredes - September 24, 2024 at 12:03 AM

JV

“ Estimado Christian, desde Peru tus compañeros de Promoción de Colegio "Ricardo Bentin2 elevamos una oración para ti, nos cayo de sorpresa la noticia y no la asimilamos, pero desde donde estés siempre te recordaremos , Dios te tenga en su Gloria

Julio Veintemilla - September 23, 2024 at 06:44 PM

RB

“ Sincere condolences to the family. I am so very sorry for your loss. May God provide the necessary peace and comfort to your family and friends during this difficult time. Please remember these words of encouragement from the Bible: “Jesus plainly told her: I am the resurrection and the life. He that exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life.” —John 11:20-25.

R Bell - September 23, 2024 at 10:12 AM

BR

“ Christian became my friend soon after we both arrived in Texas as international students in 2001. I came right from Norway, and really did not know much about USA and Texas. He invited me into his group of fun and safe friends. Their parties had lots of dancing and laughter. They introduced me to Latin music and dancing. Christian and his roommate Freder was always laughing and joking. Christian and his group made me feel safe and welcome. Condolences to Christians family, you lost such bright soul way too early.

Birgitte Rossabø - September 20, 2024 at 12:08 PM

“ I got to know Christian years ago as he came together with my beloved friend Susanne.

Within a short time he has grown dear to my heart and became a friend.

I have so many precious and wonderful memories on the common times we all spent together.

That starts from our first Christmas Eve together in the U.S., in Washington D.C. and following this when Susanne and Christian spontaneously joined us on a New Years trip to Miami. It was an adventure for all of us – a time when we laughed freely and shared new experiences. That was before – the from Christian always so lovingly called “Mousis” – Paula and Annika were born.

I vividly remember the moment Christian persuaded me to try Tres Leches for the first time. I hadn’t known about it before, but Christian insisted that I absolutely had to taste it. He offered it to me with such enthusiasm, which made the dessert even more delicious. He always wanted the best for his family and friends.

With my sister Barbara, we spent many Christmas Eves in Houston – always combined with an unforgettable trip to San Antonio. This became our annual ritual with the Huapaya-Rustler family.

We – my sister and I – felt like part of the family. That was the feeling, Christian, Susanne and the kids always placed in us.

Last week I stood in front of the beverage aisle in the supermarket, a memory came rushing back...

As visiting Susanne, Christian and the kids in Houston for a few days, Christian came home from work on my arrival day.

Thoughtfully he was, he knew that we only drink sparkling water, so he brought packages of small and medium sized San Pellegrino with him. Then he went back to the car and came back with big bottles of San Pellegrino. He left briefly and returned with another package of sparkling water – in case San Pellegrino wasn’t sparkling enough. Finally he surprised us with a version that had lemon and fruit flavors.

That was Christian – generous and incredibly warmhearted.

In the past few days, we've often looked back, filled with gratitude for having known Christian. Of course, it pains us deeply to know that we will never spend time with him again. But at the same time, the memories of our shared moments bring a smile to our faces.

In all these memories, Christian continues to live on - he is and always will be a part of our lives.

*In love,
Christina and Barbara*



Christina - September 16, 2024 at 06:27 AM

MA

“ Christian is my brother in-law, however for my brother Bernhard and me he is and will always be our second true brother. When my wife Katharina and I were living in the US for 5 years we got to see Christian, Susanne, Annika and Paula often, spending Christmas or Thanksgiving together either in DC, Houston or at our place in Chattanooga. Christian had the same excitement for sports as I do, we watched soccer together, went for a run in the park nearby or enjoyed a beer and a laugh together or fooled around with Annika and Paula when they were young. About a year ago he sent me pictures and videos of us having a good time together in 2013. There was just great chemistry from day one which is not difficult to reach considering his warm character, kindness, his cheeky smile and positive attitude towards life in general. He even managed to have great “conversations” with our late grandmother even though he hardly spoke any German and she only knew a word or two in English.

Being told about Christian's sudden cancer diagnosis 2 weeks ago from today was truly devastating for the entire family, also not being able to say goodbye in person. Even though we haven't seen each other in person for way too long, he has always been present in our lives. On any of the many holiday pics in the family group chat chances were high that he was the first one to respond with a thumbs up.

Susanne, Annika and Paula can be so proud to be able to call Christian their beloved husband and dad. We wish them all the strength there is in this world. One thing is for sure, he will live on through them and will forever be in the hearts of the Rustler family. You will be greatly missed brother!



Martin - September 13, 2024 at 01:20 PM

JP

“ Dear Susanne, Annika and Paula,

As a great friend of your husband and father, I'd like to leave a short message on how Christian touch me. Although we lived in different countries, we had the opportunity to work together at Petrobras America, only for three to four weeks, in 2018. It may not seem like a reasonable time to establish a close friendship, but with Christian it was more than enough. Even in a difficult task at the time, he taught me to balance daily challenges with talent, joy and wisdom. With mutual admiration, we established strong bonds that continued throughout the following years.

After I returned to Brazil, we continued to communicate via WhatsApp, always planning to meet again, in Houston or even in Germany, to chat, have a few beers and celebrate life.

Yesterday I heard the sad news about his untimely death. It is hard to believe and impossible to understand. I have no words that can console you. I would just like to share that he was a lovely person not only to you, but to many others, like me, who you never met or even heard of. We will always carry in our hearts the memory of his kindness and friendship. In his life, he left a legacy that influenced many people who had the privilege of knowing him, making this world a better place.

I hope that, as time goes by, the memories of the happy times that you all shared with him will outweigh the current pain.

*With my deep admiration and gratitude,
Jorge Pizarro.*

Jorge Pizarro - September 13, 2024 at 12:49 PM



“ We were roommates back in TAMU when we both started our graduate studies. I remember one night we had a big Texas storm that went through College Station with lots of lighting, thunder, and rain. Next morning I woke up early when Christian came out of his room running and asking me if I heard the storm. I said yes, like nothing had happened, I guess being from Cuba and spending more time in TX I was already used to them. To my surprise Christian was terrified and could not sleep all night. He said “ we do not have these storms in Lima” and he thought the world was going to end that night. I smiled and said, do not worry, you will get used to it. But next time wake me up and we can have a drink together. Christian was a good friend with the greatest sense of humor. Always smiling and joking, except that stormy night. May his soul rest in peace and allow his family to continue his legacy... always smile no matter how bad the storm is ❤️ Freder Medina

Freder Medina - September 12, 2024 at 08:45 PM