



## Maurice L. Chalifoux

December 31, 1960 - August 1, 2020

ELYRIA, OHIO - Maurice L. Chalifoux 59, formerly of Lewiston passed away suddenly on August 1, 2020, in Elyria, Ohio.

Beloved brother of Dr. Roland F. Chalifoux, Jr. and loving uncle to Dr. Roxanne Chalifoux and Julian Chalifoux. He leaves behind many cousins as well as friends and supporters, many of whom he met in his various group home settings along his journey through life. He will be sorely missed by his favorite canine friend, Yosei.

Born December 31, 1960 in Lewiston, Maine to the late Roland "Leftie" Chalifoux and Yvette Chabot Chalifoux.

Maurice graduated from Lewiston High School. He worked diligently to receive his Eagle Scout rank and was honored in the Maine State Capital for his hard work and dedication. Maurice worked for Personal Onsite Development Services in Lewiston, Maine until moving to Ohio where he worked first at Belco Works, St. Clairsville and more recently at Alpha Care in Elyria.

Maurice enjoyed watching baseball and hockey games. He participated in several bowling leagues in Maine and Ohio. Maurice had an adventurous spirit and enjoyed taking trips with his brother and family. Maurice's favorite bird was the cardinal as he was proud that his father once pitched for the St. Louis Cardinals. Maurice was a devout Roman Catholic by faith.

There will be a celebration of life service for Maurice in Elyria Ohio held at the convenience of the Triad family.

A Mass of Christian Burial honoring Maurice's life will be celebrated 11:00AM Friday August 7th at Holy Cross Church Committal prayers to follow at St. Peter's Cemetery Mausoleum Chapel of the Rosary.

Visitation will be held 6-8 Thursday August 6th at the Pinette Dillingham & Lynch Funeral Home 305 Alfred A. Plourde Parkway, Lewiston. Arrangements in Ohio are being facilitated by Richard J. Reidy Funeral Home, of Lorain.

Due to CDC Regulations all attendees must register for calling hours and the Mass at church by calling the funeral home at 207-784-4023.

Online condolences and sharing of memories may be expressed at <http://www.lynchbrothers.com>

In lieu of any flowers or donations the family suggests honoring Maurice with a random act of kindness toward your fellowman.

# Events

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**AUG** **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Pinette Dillingham & Lynch Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
305 Alfred Plourde Parkway PO Box 181, Lewiston, ME, US, 04240

**AUG** **Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Holy Cross Church  
St. Croix Street, Lewiston, ME, US, 04240

**AUG** **Committal Prayers** 12:15PM - 12:30PM

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St. Peter's Cemetery  
217 Switzerland Rd., Lewiston, ME, US, 04240

# Comments

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“ My condolences to the family. I have alot of great memories of "Moe" when I served him at the group home I worked at. He had a great sense of humor and an incredible smile. He taught me a lot in the time I knew him. I am blessed because he came into my life.

Leo Woodman

Leo Woodman - August 16, 2020 at 04:18 PM

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“ August 7, 2020

## Eulogy for Maurice

“Your Past does not determine who you are.

Your past prepares you for who you are to become”

Here is a “timeline” to help better understand him.

-60's, this line is used quite frequently to describe a time of free love, experimentation and social change, etc. Not so for Maurice. Born 12/31/60 Maurice's Mom tried her best to carry him into New Years day in the new St Mary's hospital. But Maurice had other plans Maurice had a normal delivery, normal developmental milestones, and normal childhood until his second birthday. As fate would have it he developed medical issues including uncontrollable shaking, staring and inability to concentrate. In 1963 medicine was no way near what we think of it today. Delay in diagnosis of this problem lead to emergency surgery at which time they found a neuroblastoma near his right kidney area. This surgery cured his condition. Powder from the gloves used lead to an infection which lead to hypoxia. As a result Maurice suffered from a condition called hypoxic encephalopathy which damages the brain. This post op event sealed Maurice's destiny, he was a cancer survivor with a brain injury. The remainder of the 60's found Maurice and his parents struggling for help with therapy and schooling. Back in those days focus on disabilities and treatment was new and emerging science. The 60's revolutionized care for brain injuries. Maurice was at the forefront.

-70's Maurice getting older, disability progressing. Special Education in its infancy. This was a bureaucratic nightmare period with no real programs in place. Disabled individuals and families were fending for themselves. I saw my brother being shunned and stigmatized by society. Despite the adversity, our family unit rose to the occasion to insure that Maurice take advantage of all resources to be found.

-80's Maurice graduates from Lewiston High School and with the support of family and friends earned the rank of Eagle Scout. As some of you know, this honor is difficult to obtain it takes determination, focus and will power. Congrats to Maurice on a job well done.

What lies ahead for Maurice is not what one calls “traditional”. Day programs, sheltered workshops as he is unable to launch into college or trade career choices. Instead Maurice spends his time doing odd jobs with his uncle Norm and Pepere yet he has a good work ethic and likes to help out.

-90's More of the same. Through the decades to date Maurice has developed a good work ethic and a very strong sense of family. He loves his community and his parents. Mom goes off to work at the same time Dad retires from the post office. Within a few short years from retirement Dad gets Alzheimer's. Maurice is at home and transitions into the role of caregiver by helping our mom care for our Dad. The family dynamic has changed as his older brother now married and has two children. Maurice becomes Uncle Moe and adores his niece and nephew. (Roxanne and Julian)

-The new Millennium, Y2K. Sharp decline in the health of several family members.

Maurice needs to make adjustments to loss. In September 2001, he loses his father and grandfather within 2 days of each other. Unfortunately the two other adults in his life his mother and Uncle Norm both begin to suffer from declines. The late 2000's create a scenario where Maurice must start living more independently. For him the solution was to live in group home settings and still spend time with his loved ones when able.

Fast forward to 2016 when he loses the light of his life, his mother, his protector and his everything. Fortunately by then he had adapted to life in a group home and was living as independently as possible. He showed great strength as he proceeded through life without his mama. He surprised me and maybe himself as he formed meaningful relationships outside of our family and touched the lives of so many he came in contact with.

The Move: Maurice and I deci

**Roland Chalifoux** - August 12, 2020 at 08:34 AM



“ Roland, I am sorry for your loss. Your Mom was such a fierce advocate for Maurice. He is at peace, with her and your dad. With deepest sympathy, Michele (Berube) O'Hara

**michele o'hara** - August 16, 2020 at 05:01 PM

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**Roland Chalifoux** - August 12, 2020 at 08:04 AM

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“ Such a sweet fella. I only met Morris once but enjoyed our visit with he, Roland and Ann. God's plans are perfect and Morris is home with family he missed. Rest In Peace dear Morris. Nancy McMinn

**Nancy McMinn** - August 10, 2020 at 10:35 PM

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“ Maureen A. Perry lit a candle in memory of Maurice L. Chalifoux



**Maureen A. Perry** - August 08, 2020 at 04:52 PM



“ With my thoughts and prayers for Maurice's family and friends

**Maureen A. Perry** - August 08, 2020 at 04:53 PM

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“ To my dear cousin Maurice,  
Gisele and I are heart broken we could not be with you today to help welcome you into the arms of Jesus. We will truly miss you. May the angels lead you to those who left us and who truly love you. May God truly welcome you this day.

Phil & Gisele

**Philip N Chabot** - August 07, 2020 at 10:06 AM

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“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maurice L. Chalifoux.



August 04, 2020 at 07:45 PM