Ian Uppercu Prout of Deep River, Connecticut, passed peacefully into the eternal, loving hands of God on April 9, 2016, with infinite love in his heart for all those he loved and all those who loved him.  Born on March 30, 1972, in Greenwich, Connecticut, Ian spent his childhood in Essex riding his bike, playing and laughing with his sister and friends, and enjoying his summers surrounded by the natural splendors of the Connecticut River.

His generosity and beauty of spirit were evidenced in all he did.  As a beloved son, brother, uncle, brother-in-law, boyfriend, and friend, Ian is eternally loved beyond words.  All who knew Ian were touched by his sense of humor and spirit, and now understand that the true definition of a successful life is not measured in the passage of years, but rather in the capacity to love and care for one another while we are here.

Ian is survived by his adoring parents, Elizabeth Leonard Prout and William Willett Prout, Jr.; his beloved sister and brother-in-law, Ashley Prout McAvey and Ken McAvey of Shelburne, Vermont, and their children, Ian’s cherished niece and nephew, Elle Uppercu McAvey and Reid Kenneth McAvey; and the love of his life, Liz Thompson of Essex, Connecticut. In addition, he is survived by his treasured friends, cousins, aunts and uncles, devoted customers, and esteemed race car drivers, all far too many to list.

Ian graduated from Deerfield Academy and Union College before pouring his life’s passion for race car driving into the creation of his vibrant business, The Sports Car Driving Association. His business gives people of all abilities and backgrounds the opportunity to enjoy the thrill and fun of driving their cars on the most prestigious race tracks in New England in a safe and controlled environment. The friendships and bonds that were formed through more than two decades spent masterfully building and nurturing his business will be just one more of Ian’s glorious lasting legacies.

Next to showering his family and friends with love and kindness, Ian’s favorite passion was using his God-given talent to race cars, win races, and set track records.  He delighted in giving his signed checkered flags to his niece and nephew.  He holds five lap records at three different tracks, including his all-time favorite track, Watkins Glen, as well as at Lime Rock Park and Thompson. The thrill and pride he brought to his family, both on and off the racetrack, are etched permanently in their hearts.

To celebrate the deep gratitude we have to God for sharing this remarkable man with us, we will gather at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Essex, Connecticut at 11am on Friday, April 29, 2016. All are welcome to attend this and the parish hall reception immediately following the mass. A private family burial will be held immediately after the mass after which the family will join the reception. To share your memories of Ian with his family, please email [IanProutMemorial@gmail.com](mailto:IanProutMemorial@gmail.com). To honor his indomitable and magnificent spirit, we invite you to make a gift to your favorite charity or to The Ian Prout Legacy Fund which will expressly support people aspiring to follow their dreams of racing as well as those in need of emotional support in this precious and beautiful life. Details on The Ian Prout Legacy Fund will be forthcoming at [www.scda1.com](http://www.scda1.com).