



Christopher J. Fanelli

December 17, 1984 - December 29, 2017

*****Please dear friends family members and loved ones.... do not risk driving in this weather. We need everyone to BE SAFE! As we could not bear any more heartache if one of you were to get hurt. We hope that this reaches you in time. The services/ luncheon will still go forward. You mean the world to us and Chris. You are all here with Chris, John and I now...you always have been! ♡ Be safe, watch his video tribute, say a prayer at 2pm. Perhaps we can have another celebration of his life on a sunnier day with a fishing pole in our hands.*****

Christopher J. Fanelli passed away suddenly on Friday, December 29, 2017, at his home in Shamong, NJ. Born in Marlton, Chris was 33 years old.

He was a long time resident of Shamong and currently lived in California.

Loving son of John and Nancy Fanelli. Cherished grandson of John and Gloria Fanelli, predeceased by grandparents Joe and Betty Petraitis. Adored nephew of Judith Petraitis, Mary Denning, Richard and Sis Murphy, and fun loving cousin to Sara, Jess, Ryan, Kath and Trish, and kind and generous friend to many.

Chris was a 2003 graduate of Shawnee High School and received his Bachelor's degree from LaSalle University in 2008. Chris was employed as a Talent Acquisition Specialist for Hill International, Inc.

Chris' greatest joy was in spending time with friends and family. His award

winning smile and compassionate heart won over many people from all walks of life, who were quick to adopt him as their new best friend. He loved spending time at the beach, playing in the sand, surfing waves, water skiing, tubing, wakeboarding, eating crabs, lobsters and any fish that happened to jump in the boat. He was a stellar athlete in his younger days with the Medford Strikers, where he learned discipline and the love of the game. He enjoyed hanging with his soccer teammates and their parents. An avid fan of all sports, Chris particularly loved following baseball, and his beloved Pittsburgh Penguins despite what the Flyers fans had to say.

A Gathering of relatives and friends will be held Thursday, January 4th, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. at Givnish of Marlton 398 East Main Street. His Life Celebration Memorial Service will follow at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Father Martin's Ashley Addiction Treatment: www.ashleytreatment.org/donate/tribute-and-memorial or sent to Ashley Addiction Treatment, 800 Tydings Lane, Havre de Grace, MD, 21078

To share your fondest memories of Chris, please visit www.givnish.com

Previous Events

Gathering of Family and Friends

JAN 4. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Givnish Funeral Home Marlton
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Life Celebration service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Givnish Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Christopher J. Fanelli*



Givnish Funeral Home - January 03, 2018 at 11:12 AM

BK

What a beautiful tribute for a beautiful cousin. You will surely be missed. God Bless You John and Nancy, my heart breaks for yous. My you rest in peace now Chris. Love You always

Bunny Kauffman - January 04, 2018 at 02:39 PM

SM

This was beautiful, would love to have my own copy.

sis murphy - January 05, 2018 at 09:01 AM



Nancy and John....what a beautiful soul...thank you for sharing Christopher's Journey. Love, Rody

Rody Hickson - January 06, 2018 at 03:52 PM



Such a beautiful tribute. Miss you so much.

Kimberly Pekula - January 07, 2018 at 05:53 PM



Thank you for sharing your tribute with me. Chris is terribly missed and I am heartbroken for not only your loss, but that I couldn't do more to help.

Brian Sackett - January 15, 2018 at 11:30 PM



“ *Christopher J. Fanelli*

September 09, 2022 at 01:27 AM



“ *Nancy and John,
Our deepest condolences. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of
you in a very difficult times. Rest in peace
Elena and Ignacio Saez*

Ignacio Saez - January 19, 2018 at 11:35 AM



“ *Joanne Zepp lit a candle in memory of
Christopher J. Fanelli*



Joanne Zepp - January 11, 2018 at 05:49 PM



“ *Nancy and John: We are are so sorry for your loss. We just can't
believe it. We want you to know that you guys are in our thoughts in
this very difficult time. It is so sad that I won't be able to catch up
with Chris this summer. He will be missed.*

casey breslow - January 09, 2018 at 07:26 PM

SC

“ Diane and I just learned of the passing of Chris. We are so sorry for your loss and our thoughts and prayers are with you both. We can remember all the Indian Mills boys playing sports. What a great time for them growing up there. Although this is a tragic loss and hard to comprehend, remember the good times that you shared with your son. The memories will live on and no one can take them away. The video was such a moving tribute to Chris. God bless. Steve, Diane and Matt Crane

Stepgen Crane - January 06, 2018 at 06:18 PM

AL

“ I can't begin to express how heartbroken I am for you and John. Many condolences from my family and myself.
AnnaMarie Lesniak and family



annamarie lesniak - January 06, 2018 at 04:03 PM

KH

“ *What a beautiful remembrance of Christopher. Though we only met Christopher twice at a young age the memories people shared of him were of great love for him. He touched so many lives in so many different ways. Looking at the video of Christopher and the memories you all shared will live in all your hearts forever. Something Ken and I will never forget. His spirit will live on in the hearts of John, Nanci, family and friends. May God give you all the strength to get through the days ahead and know we all are there for you. Nanci and John the tribute you made to Christopher touch all our hearts. How nice to remember your son Christopher in a way no one can imagine. He was right there with you both free and no longer in any pain. God Bless Ken and Nancy Hagerman*



KEN NANCY HAGERMAN - January 05, 2018 at 03:33 PM

CL

“ *Beautiful tribute to a wonderful person who will live on in our hearts Love you Aunt Carol"*
I'm here if you need me John and Nancy Love you

carol Lieggi - January 04, 2018 at 10:22 PM

BH

“ *Chris was like a big brother to me. It's hard to believe I am even writing this, I am absolutely heartbroken. When my brother Matthew passed away, Chris looked after me and always stayed in contact and made me feel so loved. He carried a light with him that made the world a better place. He will truly be missed every single day.*

Bridget Heenan - January 04, 2018 at 05:58 PM

MG

“ *Marja Galas lit a candle in memory of Christopher J. Fanelli*



Marja Galas - January 04, 2018 at 05:43 PM

MG

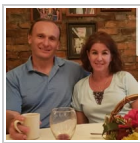
Nancy, so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Marja Galas - January 04, 2018 at 05:44 PM

 Gail Fanelli

“ *John and Nancy we are so sorry for your loss. If there is anything that you need please ask. In our prayers. Gail and Rich*

Gail Fanelli - January 04, 2018 at 04:09 PM



“ *Chris, Thank you for being so kind and good-hearted. You were always so attentive to my kids. They love you. You made everyone feel at ease and welcomed. Just a big kid with a huge heart. Every time I watch the Penguins play, I'll think of you and smile when they win. Your first Eagles game with my boys will always be etched in my mind. This is not goodbye, just see you later. We are all spiritual beings having a human experience. You have completed your experience. Drew and Anthony say hey.*

John Paolin - January 04, 2018 at 03:39 PM

TW

“ Nancy and John, Tom and I planned to come down this morning to pay our respects and attend Christopher ‘s service. At this point, we feel it is best to not travel with Dad. We have read the memories people left, and we watched the video this morning, and truly feel like we had a small window into the boy, young man and man that Chris was. It was a beautiful tribute. His ready smile, and love that you can see in his eyes are evident that he enjoyed life, and loved his family and friends. Thank you for sharing these moments. As you move through the days ahead, go back to his shining smile and know that he was happy, and loved you both. Remember the times that brought him and you joy, and know that he now is wrapped in all the love of those that shared his life. Let the sorrow and tears come, because they will help you to heal. Wishing you the memories of all the times Chris was smiling. Let those memories bring you gentle smiles that warm your hearts. Wishing we could be there. All our love.

Tom and Deb Walsh - January 04, 2018 at 02:49 PM

MP

Just revisited the wonderful video tribute to Christopher. He was obviously so full of life I am sure you can still feel his presence. We think of you often, our hearts are still with you. ~ Always ~ Mark & Jeri

Mark Petraitis - December 27, 2018 at 11:44 PM

DF

“ Sending condolences to the Fanelli Family. I am so so sorry for your loss.

Dawn Fowler - January 04, 2018 at 01:57 PM

DP

“ Oh, Nancy. Holding you and John so close to my heart in prayer and deepest thought. I'm beyond words. This is incomprehensible and so impossible to wrap the mind around. The whole team is with you in spirit today. Every tear that is shed for your sweet boy absorbs to join him in the realm beside you. Sending all the love and condolences our hearts can hold. We are here for you if you need anything at all. <3

Denise Petti - January 04, 2018 at 12:08 PM

MG

“ Both Mark and Mary are praying for your family through all of this

Mark, Mary, Bryant, Jonathan Goehring - January 04, 2018 at 11:21 AM

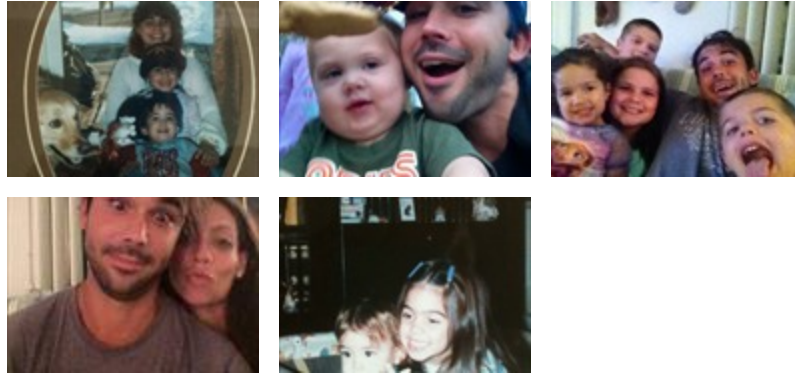
MG

“ Nancy and John. Our hearts and prayers are with you. I remember what great times that group of great kids of that Indian Mills class had in baseball, soccer, Shore Times, dances, gatherings, Halloween's in concord ridge, and Chris was always a spark ... always one of a group of young boys you loved and enjoyed being around. We cried when we heard and we smiled when talking to our family about those times and how he touched our lives. God bless you and yours.

Mark, Mary, Bryant, Jonathan Goehring - January 04, 2018 at 11:19 AM

TR

“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Trish - January 04, 2018 at 11:18 AM

LP

“ *Dear Nancy, My heart is absolutely broken for you and John.
Praying for your healing.
Sending all our love, Lynne Prairie and family.*

Lynne Prairie - January 04, 2018 at 09:59 AM

DZ

“ We first met Chris some 30 years ago after we moved to Shamong and he met my 2 1/2 year old son . They quickly became playmates, and like many others, my son's best friend. Fortunately for all of us, they remained dear friends to this day. Watching him grow from a toddler to a man and becoming a shining star to our family has brought joy to all of us. His ever endearing smile which never left him, friendship, and love will hold a place in our hearts forever. He will always be a part of our memories of raising our family in Shamong and bringing a smile to our faces .God Bless You Chris. We will miss you.

John and Nancy, you will forever remain friends and our prayers go out to you

Dennis And Joanne Zepp

Dennis Zepp - January 04, 2018 at 08:14 AM

DS

“ I will always remember the time when I was the "shark" swimming after Chris and Frank Paris's son at Beach 3 in Medford Lakes at our party. He will be sorely missed by all who loved him.

Dennis Smith - January 04, 2018 at 07:52 AM

TF

“ The Curry Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Christopher J. Fanelli.



The Curry Family - January 03, 2018 at 09:53 PM



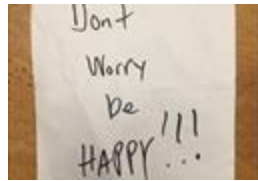
Kimberly
Pekula

“ I struggled to think of something I wanted to share because I didn't really want to admit Chris not being a phone-call away was a reality, but I knew I had to share because he meant so much to me. Chris and I met 11 years ago when I started working at Hill. We had the usual coworker-friend relationship there, and we grew closer through happy hours and lunches, along with a few group beach trips—but our friendship didn't become what it is now until I actually had to leave Hill. It was a really sad day for me, and Chris—being the sensitive, caring, amazing guy that he was—left a little note on my car for me to read when I left the building. It read, “Don't Worry, Be Happy!!!”...with little musical notes all over it. It definitely put a smile on my face, and it also made me realize what a stand-up guy Chris really was. He really cared. Cared so much that he immediately called, and he talked me through a very tough time in my life; it was the beginning of a beautiful, loving friendship. Chris didn't know, but I saved that note—I still have it. I am actually surprised that I never told him about it through the years of our day-to-day banter about unusual/interesting-to-only-us talks. I am sad that I never thought to talk about until now. I attached a pic.

I wish I could attach a million photos of the two of us hanging out every day, but we didn't have that kind of relationship. Me having two kids, and Chris living in a different time zone made that kind of difficult. We sent each other plenty of goofy selfies, which I can't share because we look like idiots, but that was the relationship we had. I even have a few up-close photos of when he chipped his front tooth because he wanted to ask how bad he looked? The angle is hilarious, but that photo is mine because we shared such a huge laugh, and he would kill me if he knew I shared it. But yeah, we would get together for lunches when he was home, coffee, and such....but we made sure that we talked....and talked....and talked. We shared everything. We acted like a crutch for one another. Our late-night or early-morning talks would last for hours....and we would both be tired because of the time-difference....but we didn't care. We were one another's therapy...

Chris was like another brother to me... and after every call, every text, every snap...even hand-written snail mail... Chris would always tell me he missed me and that he loved me. Always. I still have a bunch of voice messages on my phone where that is all he said— just so I knew. I will never erase them. Chris really did love hard. His heart was so big; too big. He felt everything... I just wish he could feel the love everyone felt for him. I love Chris so much, and I will miss him so, so much. I just feel lucky that I got to be a part of his life. Just wish he were here. Love you & miss you too much already, Chris.

*xoxo Kimberly (aka, Kimmmmyyyyyy, like he used to call me)
Pekula*



Kimberly Pekula - January 03, 2018 at 08:43 PM

 Sean
Whitehouse

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Sean Whitehouse - January 03, 2018 at 07:26 PM



“ *The reason the beach/beach house was so fun, was because Chris was there. From setting paddle ball records, playing baseball, throwing football on the beach, to tubing on the bay together, trying to keep me on the tube, to rough-housing, playing cards & playing 1v1 on PlayStation in beach house, the list goes on & on . I am soo sorry Nancy & John for your loss. I will miss my beach house bunk-buddy.*

Sean Whitehouse



Sean Whitehouse - January 03, 2018 at 07:23 PM



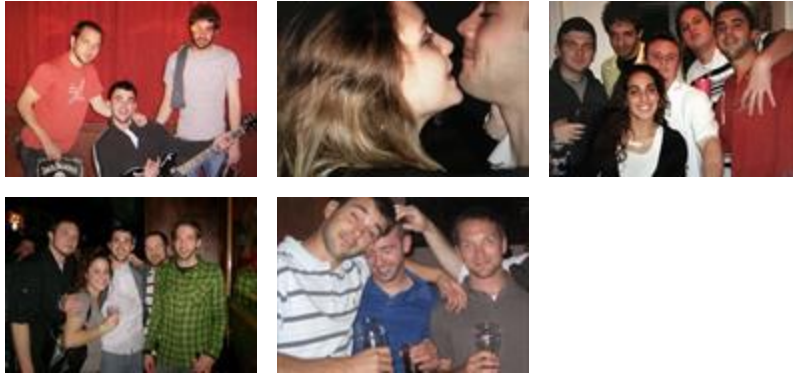
“ *Matt Zepp, Chris Ignelzi and Chris.*



Ozlem Dincer Jorgensen - January 03, 2018 at 05:45 PM

JS

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Jeff Spiker - January 03, 2018 at 04:13 PM

CJ

“ As I thought back to my times with Chris, I have many great memories of us having fun together. Whether it was when we went to a Flyers/Pens game together and I subjected my own Flyer loyalty too sitting next to a Penguins fan (which was quiet an experience hearing people heckle him) to Chris coming out to San Francisco to spend a week with me and experience call the cool events the city had to offer, the thing I remember most is just always having a fun with him. We became friends through work, but the type of person Chris was it just felt like we were life long friends. His caring, thoughtful and always make a funny joke personality was something that drew people close to Chris whether you knew him for a few days or a few years. I always felt we could talk about anything and that he would be willing to help me out with anything if I needed a hand. We didn't get a chance to talk as much recently as I was back on the East Coast and him on the West, but when we did it picked up right where we left off. I'll forever cherish the time I spent with him and the kind heartedness he showed me.

CJ Dombrowski

CJ - January 03, 2018 at 03:47 PM

BL

“ *Bernadette Laspee purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Christopher J. Fanelli.*



Bernadette Laspee - January 03, 2018 at 03:41 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Christopher J. Fanelli.*



January 03, 2018 at 03:35 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Christopher J. Fanelli.*



January 03, 2018 at 03:13 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Christopher J. Fanelli.*



January 03, 2018 at 03:05 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Christopher J. Fanelli.*



January 03, 2018 at 12:50 PM



“ *10 files added to the tribute wall*



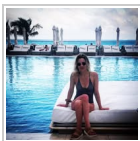
Kaitlyn Matthews - January 03, 2018 at 11:34 AM

MD

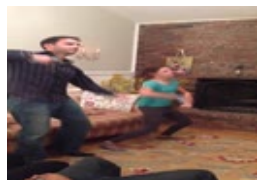
“ Nancy & John, my heart aches for you after hearing about this tragic loss! In spite of the relatively short time we worked together at Hill International, Chris had a special gift of being able to engage you in conversation and make you feel like he'd known you for his whole life. Even after he'd been away for a couple years and would stop back into the office to visit, he would make a point to come down to the mail room and visit me and my son Paul. There was a genuine sincerity to these casual conversations that made you instantly like him. He was a fine young man and I feel like I was lucky to have known him.

Mike Dochney

Michael Dochney - January 03, 2018 at 10:47 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Kaitlyn Matthews - January 03, 2018 at 10:25 AM



“ 120 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Givnish Funeral Home - January 03, 2018 at 10:04 AM

RY

“ *I have many great memories of my cousin Chris. We would have breakfast together at my parents house before I went to school. He would ask for “O’s” aka Cheerios all the time. We had conversations about our beloved Pittsburgh Penguins, especially during the playoffs last year and just about life in general. Miss you brother.*



Ryan - January 02, 2018 at 10:21 PM

TF

“ I wanted to take a few moments to share the very first time I met Chris. It was in December of 1984. The Fanellis had just completed building their house and Sandra and I were in the final stages of completing our home right next door. I was working on putting the final touches in our front porch when John and Nancy brought Chris home for the first time. I knew I shouldn't impose but I had to walk over and meet the newest member of our family. Since then I watched Chris grow to one of the most friendly, intelligent young men I ever met. He always would stop whatever he was doing and stop and talk for a while. Chris you will always be loved and never ever forgotten at the Francesco house. Thank you for 33 great years.

Tony Francesco - January 02, 2018 at 07:47 PM

TF

“ The Catanzariti Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Christopher J. Fanelli.



The Catanzariti Family - January 02, 2018 at 07:34 PM

NN

“ Norma and John Neimeister purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Christopher J. Fanelli.



Norma and John Neimeister - January 02, 2018 at 12:50 PM



“ *Bountiful Rose Basket was purchased for the family of Christopher J. Fanelli.*



January 02, 2018 at 12:19 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Christopher J. Fanelli.*



January 02, 2018 at 11:01 AM



“ *Spent a little time with Chris while in California. He drove me to a few project locations, since I was unfamiliar with the region. We stopped at a diner and had breakfast in Long Beach where he talked about life and about how nice, and different it was living in California. LBI was a subject in common between us. Just said hello to him at the office but didn't recognize Chris with the beard, but that didn't stop Chris from telling me who he was. I then asked him how he was doing in California and he told me things were better. I was glad to hear that and to told Chris to stay safe. The sudden loss of Chris is impactful to each of us individually. My thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends and fellow coworkers. William Mueller*

William Mueller - January 02, 2018 at 06:40 AM

CW

“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Colleen Whitehouse - January 01, 2018 at 06:25 PM

MH

“ *I love Chris. He was an authentically kind and compassionate person. I have so many memories of his beautiful smile, and his laugh. Chris is the reason I now "wrap Christmas presents". Growing up in a family of seven, my parents never wrapped our Santa presents. We would all come down to find our piles of gifts. I continued this "tradition" when I had my own children. Well, Chris was flabbergasted when my son, Matthew, told him how we "did Christmas". He told Matt that gifts HAVE to be wrapped. A major guilt trip followed for me.....I started wrapping everyone's presents. I would message him every Christmas and thank him (being sarcastic) for our new tradition that added hours onto Santa's job! I feel heartbroken that this beautiful soul has left us. I feel heartbroken for his wonderful family and friends who loved this gentleman. The world has dimmed.*

Maureen Heenan - January 01, 2018 at 05:01 PM

CW

“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



Colleen Whitehouse - January 01, 2018 at 02:37 PM

CW

“ The thought of never again seeing Christopher bound up the back stairs of the beach house in LBI just breaks our hearts. Although we are not family, Christopher always made us feel like family. He would come through the sliding door saying, “Hi, Aunt Colleen, you look great,” and would give me the biggest hug and kiss. Christopher was always the charmer and we loved every minute he was around. Even though Christopher was much older, he loved playing with our sons Sean and Brett and they adored him! Christopher loved playing in the ocean with them, running the bases, and playing paddleball (always keeping a tally of the number of hits and trying to break the previous years’ record - over 1200 was the last recorded). O how competitive Christopher was! Christopher loved tubing with the boys always trying to knock each other off. In later years he popped in sometimes staying for dinner, playing cards or games, and sometimes staying over always sleeping in the bunk room with Sean and Brett. Christopher never let go of the bond he made with Sean and Brett, calling them from time to time, popping in on Brett at LaSalle U for a basketball game, or just meet up for lunch or a drink. Christopher even worked on getting Sean a job after Sean graduated. Never to see that gorgeous dimpled smile again seems unbelievable! We teased Christopher that he should be a model, but after he crawled out the back car window after an accident and scarred his back, Chris said that idea was done. We always said Christopher had nine lives narrowly escaping accidents and injuries but how tragic to use them up at only 33 years old. Nancy and John, our hearts go out to you! We want to thank you for having such a special son who was a bright light in all our lives and made everyone he knew feel truly special. Our lives are all better for knowing him. We love you and share your loss! Colleen and Jack Whitehouse

Colleen Whitehouse - January 01, 2018 at 02:16 PM

CL

“ *My memories of Chris is every holiday especially when it was nice enough to go outside always playing games I love you and my heart aches for you both love and prayers Aunt Carol*

Carolyn lieggi - January 01, 2018 at 12:40 PM

HF

“ *Hill International, Inc.- Family & Friends purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Christopher J. Fanelli.*



Hill International, Inc.- Family & Friends - January 01, 2018 at 12:05 PM

VI

“ *Words simply cannot convey the profound sorrow we feel for the loss of Chris. We will forever hold wonderful memories of him. You and Chris are in our thoughts and prayers. With love and sincere sympathy,
Val, Mary Ann, Matt, and Andrea Imbriaco*



Val and Mary Ann Imbriaco - January 01, 2018 at 10:24 AM

NN

“ Our hearts were broken hearing of Chris's passing. So many memories, too many to choose just one. The countless hours of him playing at our house, car pooling to soccer/baseball practices and games, his contagious smile, his telling us when he was little that his name was Christopher not Chris, his love of those little tangerines, and wawa stops after practice. He grew from a wonderful little boy into a remarkable young man. Our deepest sympathies to Nancy and John and all of the Fanelli family.

Norma and John Neimeister

Norma Neimeister - December 31, 2017 at 08:17 PM

KR

“ John and Nancy I don't know why things happen but only God knows why I didn't really know Chris but i certainly knew you both your were great parents. Yes his smile is so contagious and boy that will last with me for a life time. Prayers are with you both at this time and your families. Love to all Kathleen Brooks Rix xo

Kathleen M. Rix - December 31, 2017 at 08:10 PM

PN

“ My first memory of Chris was when I looked out my front window as a toddler and saw another little boy "mowing" the lawn next to his father. I asked my parents if I could meet the boy across the street and the rest was history. As childhood friends, we shared so many memories together. Our time together shaped me into the person I am today and I'll never forget the boy from across the street. My deepest condolences to Nancy + John and the rest of the Fanelli family. Much love from Germany.

-Paul Neimeister

Paul Neimeister - December 31, 2017 at 04:53 PM

NP

My first memory of Chris was when he was a baby and Nancy would bring him to DHS! He was the cutest little guy with eyes that were so striking. Flash forward to many moons later and as we would see him as a grown young man, the striking eyes and warm personality were clearly part of the young man described above. To Nancy and John... Jim and I are so very sorry that his bright light is no longer shining. You are in our hearts and prayers.

Nicole and Jim Puglia

Nicole Puglia - December 31, 2017 at 07:48 PM



“ *He was part of the muskingum woods kids. Flashlight tag jailbreak and kickball FOR DAYS. 1 of my best memories was trespassing on the blueberry farmers land and taking buckets if blueberries for blueberry pancakes when we were around 12. Always 1 of the sweetest most polite people i know*

Lindsay Matthews - December 31, 2017 at 02:19 PM

KZ

“ *The flame that burns twice as bright burns half as long. Chris was a great kid/man from a great family. I will continue to keep you in my thoughts and prayers.*

My Deepest and Heartfelt Condolences,

Kevin Zepp

Kevin Zepp - December 31, 2017 at 01:44 PM

KH

“ *We are so saddened to hear today of the passing of Christopher. Our thoughts & prayers go to his father John, Mother Nanci , family & friends. May God give you the strength to get through this difficult time. With much Love & Sympathy, Ken & Nancy Hagerman* ❤️

Ken Nancy Hagerman - December 31, 2017 at 11:12 AM

TR

“ I’m beyond grateful that I have countless wonderful memories of Chris my little brother. I remember playing in the bay at LBI for hours as kids. Just splashing around, looking for crabs and any kind of mischief we could get into. I remember coming home from kindergarten and Chris was there and we would take our afternoon naps together. I remember Aunt Nance making us the best dinosaur pancakes in the morning and how excited we would get when she would make them. I remember as kids sitting at the kitchen table and suddenly his face would light up and that contagious smile he had would be beaming across his face. And I knew he had a fun idea that was going to get us in trouble if we were caught. As adults Chris and I were more alike than most. We shared the same strengths but also our weaknesses are what brought us together. My absolute favorite memory of Chris is laying on the floor at the LBI house and I had my head on his belly. We talked about our struggles that perhaps no one else would get. We both spoke freely knowing there was no judgement. At the end of the night we watched the kids play and fell asleep on the couch together. I will forever cherish every single memory of Chris and I will forever be grateful that he was my family.

Trish - December 31, 2017 at 08:56 AM

SM

“ One of my many cherished memories of my Chris was my weekly grocery shopping trip with him. First, I would zoom over to the cookie isle to get him his box of animal crackers. Chris really didn't care for these weekly trips but found ways to make his trip more enjoyable. I learned I had to hide the dozen of eggs in a spot the furthest away from Chris sitting in the seat up front. You see, Chris loved opening the carton and watched as each egg he dropped through the basket would break or not. Imagine my face when I saw him doing it, but, I could not get angry because he was so stinking cute and having so much fun. The best was, not one egg broke. John and Nancy, my heart aches for you two, for our whole family. I love that boy to infinity and beyond. (Chris' favorite goodbyes he would say before we hung up the phone.)

Sissy Murphy - December 31, 2017 at 08:08 AM

LS

“ My favorite memory of Chris occurred when a group of us were meeting at their home because Nancy was teaching us how to make two Christmas crafts of hers that we had all admired. Since we met in mid-October, their home was beautifully decorated for Halloween. Nancy arranged for Chris and a friend to hide outside and jump out to scare us as we came up to the door! One group of ladies after the other got the scare of our lives as we arrived. Chris and his friend happily went back to hiding after each group arrived, ready to jump out at the next group, until we were all there. Then and in all the years that followed, he was always sweet and welcoming to us. Polite, gregarious, and fun-loving, Chris was a much-loved man.

Laura Schreiner - December 30, 2017 at 11:43 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Christopher J. Fanelli.*



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