



## Christopher Petrick

February 26, 1987 - November 13, 2023

Christopher Kim Petrick, 36, of Shoreline, WA. formerly of Spirit Lake passed away unexpectedly from natural causes in Shoreline, WA, on Monday, November 13, 2023.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, December 9, 2023, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Spirit Lake. Visitation will be held on Friday, December 8, 2023, from 4-6 p.m. at the church. The burial will be held in the Lake View Gardens Cemetery in Okoboji. Military Funeral Honors will be conducted by the American Legion Timpe Post #23 and the John W. Kidd VFW Post #4514 both of Spirit Lake. Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Online condolences may be left at [www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com](http://www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com)

Chris was born on February 26, 1987, in Seoul, Korea. He met his adoptive parents, Dave & Bev Petrick on July 31, 1987. He was baptized and later confirmed at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Chris graduated from Spirit Lake High School in 2005. He received his BA degree from Simpson College in 2009. While attending Simpson he received his EMT certification. He also served as a worship leader for Lutheran Church of Hope and continued with that after his graduation from Simpson and later with THRIVE. He also completed his paramedic certification and worked as a paramedic for the West Des Moines and Clive fire departments.

He enlisted in the US Navy where he served as a hospital corpsman and was deployed to Afghanistan and later to Japan. After his honorable discharge he returned to Des Moines where he continued his training to become a lead paramedic and then a flight paramedic. He continued working for West Des Moines, Clive, and Mercy Hospital. He moved to Washington when he was offered a full-time flight paramedic position with Life Flight. In 2022 he became an Organ Donor Coordinator for LifeCenter Northwest.

He is survived by his parents, Dave & Bev Petrick, his beloved dog Bo, aunts, and uncles: Dan and Kathy Petrick, Carlo & Linda Petrick, Sue & Bill Preuss, Lois & Roger Watson, Dea and Bill Otte, Rose Rosenberg, Lynne Bremer, Becky & Keith Bicknase, many cousins and friends throughout the country.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, William and Mildred Petrick, Arthur & Annette Bremer, Uncle Roger Thorson, Uncle Dave Rosenberg, and Uncle John Bremer.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Gary Sinise Wounded Warriors Foundation; Camp Okoboji, Wapeton, IA; the backpack program at the Spirit Lake and Okoboji Schools; or to anyone's personal choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Lake View Gardens

Okoboji, IA 51355

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 8. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
2300 27th Street  
Spirit Lake, IA 51360

## Memorial Service

DEC 9. 10:30 AM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
2300 27th Street  
Spirit Lake, IA 51360

# Tribute Wall



“ *Robinson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Christopher Petrick*



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**Robinson Funeral Home** - December 06, 2023 at 12:17 PM

DE

“ *Chris was an excellent medic and a man of great faith with a charming personality and a wonderful sense of humor! I knew him both at Camp Okoboji and in the EMS/ER world in DSM. I'm sure you miss him immeasurably. Praying that you find peace and comfort in knowing that you will see him again, and when you do, it will be forever. Deb*

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**Deb** - August 01, 2024 at 12:10 AM

CH

“ I'm super far behind on this. And for that, I apologize. I met Chris at the Life Flight Network New Employee Orientation. We were both hired as flight paramedics. On complete opposite sides of the pacific northwest. We spent two straight weeks together in the same hotel. He became one of my best friends instantly. We clicked immediately and had so much in common. He was the greatest man I had ever met. We never saw each other after those two weeks of orientation. But we texted almost daily and talked on the phone weekly. When we would go a couple weeks without talking we would pickup right where left off and talk for hours. He was different. He was an amazing human being. I didn't know his family or loved ones. I only knew him. I hadn't heard from him in a month and decided to Google him. I never wanted to find his obituary. It broke me down. I love you, Chris. I love you forever, brother. Rest in paradise my good friend. We'll take it from here.

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**Conor Holmgren** - December 31, 2023 at 12:58 AM



“ Chris was always playing his guitar/singing during our spontaneous worship circles at Wesley Woods Camp where I was a counselor for many years. We also knew each other at Simpson where he continued to play and sing. While in college, Chris invited me to a church in WDM - Lutheran Church of Hope where I eventually met my Cory. ❤️ Chris connected so many people to God through his music. 🎵 I've always been fascinated with how people's lives cross paths. I'm so thankful for Chris's music and his invitation to Hope. 🕊️

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**Alicia Duff** - December 11, 2023 at 11:07 PM

JT

“ *What a wonderful human being we have all lost❤️❤️🙏🙏, Thank you for sharing such a good man with all of us.*

Jane Tigges - December 07, 2023 at 02:48 PM

LK

“ *Leah Kourtev lit a candle in memory of Christopher Petrick*



Leah Kourtev - December 06, 2023 at 04:25 PM

LW

“ *I still can't believe he is gone. It is clear that he made an impact on so many people that he met. Reading the comments here are an atestatement to the person he was. Kind, loving, funny, competent, loyal, smart, musical, passionate and the list continues... We are holding Dave and Bev in our arms, they chose him and loved him so much. They have so much to be proud of their amazing Son.*

Lois Watson - December 06, 2023 at 01:29 AM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Christopher Petrick.*



November 30, 2023 at 02:44 PM

MH

“ Dave and Bev, we are so sorry for the loss of Chris. Our thoughts and prayers are with you always.

*Dave and Mary Halland*

*Brett Halland*

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**Mary Halland** - November 29, 2023 at 10:01 PM

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“ I met Chris when he was a flight paramedic at MercyOne. During Covid, he picked up many hours with the Rapid Response Team in the ICU. Chris always said working with RRT made him a better paramedic, but working with Chris made us all better people. He was smart, dedicated, compassionate, and supportive to all he worked with and helped brighten our days when Covid was at its worst. We bonded over the trauma of healthcare and our love for our dogs. His impact he left is unable to be measured and he will be missed greatly.

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**Nikki** - November 29, 2023 at 09:25 AM

EP

“ Sending my sincerest condolences to Chris’s family. He was a gift. I knew Chris from Camp Okoboji and I sure gave him a heck of a lot of headaches all those years ago. I was a really troubled kid dealing with a lot of physical and verbal abuse. Camp was my only refuge and his music truly soothed my broken spirit. I’m 32 now and still know every word to every camp song he taught. Heaven is rejoicing to have him in their chorus.

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**Ellie H P** - November 28, 2023 at 11:32 PM

RL

“ Russ And Julie Laue lit a candle in memory of Christopher Petrick



Russ and Julie Laue - November 28, 2023 at 02:05 PM

CB

“ Chris Petrick was a childhood friend. His creativity, laugh, and smile is what I will remember. We were friends separated by a twisted bard wire fence and I am so glad I got to be friends with this man. RIP my dude.

Cody B - November 22, 2023 at 10:10 PM

LB

“ Dave & Bev, I have been thinking of you and your family and am so sorry for your loss. Saying many prayers for you for God's comfort and peace.

Lori Ballah - November 22, 2023 at 07:18 PM

BE

“ Bob And Mary Emgarten lit a candle in memory of Christopher Petrick



Bob and Mary Emgarten - November 21, 2023 at 07:18 PM

JA

“ I would like to echo what Michael Blair posted about Chris being a superhero. I recall a time when he defended me from an uncalled for comment made by someone. His defense was done in a Christian manner and effectively refuted the unnecessary comment. The man lived out his faith with actions as well as words.

*Dave and Bev you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Jonathan Andreasen** - November 21, 2023 at 04:56 PM

KK

“ So sorry for your I. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you



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**Kent and Jo Kastrup** - November 20, 2023 at 05:38 PM

TP

“ Teresa A. Place lit a candle in memory of Christopher Petrick



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**Teresa A. Place** - November 20, 2023 at 02:27 PM

PB

“ Pete And Julie Bergquist lit a candle in memory of Christopher Petrick



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**Pete and Julie Bergquist** - November 20, 2023 at 08:32 AM

BS

“ Dave and Bev - I can't begin to express how heartbroken I am for you and the loss of such a wonderful person. I have so many fond memories with Chris from high school I can't think of my time there without him being a part of it. He was so genuine - devoted to his family, friends, and God. We shared so many activities together: the music we played together, our praise band More Than Conquerors, going to All State speech in Improv, joking and laughing together, and deep conversations. The way he lived his life was inspiring to me as I am sure he was to everyone he met after. I pray that God sends you peace and healing. I will carry him and both of you in my heart forever.

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**Benjamin Sedlacek** - November 19, 2023 at 08:00 PM

CB

“ Clarys & Mel Berryhill lit a candle in memory of Christopher Petrick



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**Clarys & Mel Berryhill** - November 19, 2023 at 07:42 PM

AJ

“ Alison J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christopher Petrick.

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**Alison J.** - November 19, 2023 at 12:17 PM

AJ

“Chris and I were friends at Simpson. As admitted “literature and music nerds,” we bonded over our love of these subjects as well as our senses of humor. Some of my fondest memories of college are Chris and I making sly asides and comments during class until we were both near to crying with laughter. His friendship and humor brought me joy, and my heart breaks to learn that he is gone from us. I send all of my love to his family and friends who are missing and mourning such a wonderful person.

Alison Jepsen - November 19, 2023 at 12:11 PM

KW

“So sorry for your loss.



Kristie & Tim Wintz - November 19, 2023 at 09:10 AM

CA

“Bev and Dave, I know the pain you're suffering and pray that God give you strength and comfort in the coming days. He will be there for you. Cheryl Aumer

Cheryl Aumer - November 18, 2023 at 07:45 AM

BG

“Dave and Bev, we are so sorry to hear of your loss. Chris was so fun to work with that summer at Camp. His service there blessed those with whom he shared his faith. May God's love surround you during this time of grief. Bruce and Lori Gamble

Bruce and Lori Gamble - November 18, 2023 at 07:11 AM

NB

“ *Nick& Nyla Bertram lit a candle in memory of Christopher Petrick*



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**Nick& Nyla Bertram** - November 17, 2023 at 10:19 PM

NB

*Many prayers and love for you are surrounding you both.*

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**Nick& Nyla Bertram** - November 17, 2023 at 10:24 PM

MH

“ *Dave and Bev, you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*TJ and Maxine Huntsinger*



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**Maxine Huntsinger** - November 17, 2023 at 05:34 PM

DM

“ *Dennis McDonald lit a candle in memory of Christopher Petrick*



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**Dennis McDonald** - November 17, 2023 at 12:04 PM

MB

“ Chris and I were best friends for most of our childhoods and as time goes on people grow and distance happens, but the memories and relationship always hold a special place in your heart.

*My first memory in life was my 4th birthday. I came downstairs to find all the "babysitting gang" waiting for me dressed up as ninja turtles. Like always Chris was Donatello, the charismatic and ingenious leader of the pack. As we grew in life and friendship it was apparent Chris was a real superhero. His passion for people and helping others took him down a path of service and care for others in the toughest situations.*

*When I heard the news of his passing I was truly at a loss for words and overwhelmed with emotions and truly unforgettable memories of the times we shared together.*

*Bev and Dave - there are no condolences that can come close to satisfying the loss of such a great human being. The way Chris respected you and looked to you as parents and role models is truly second to none.*

*The entire Blair Family has been thinking of you during this tragic time. I pray at some point you are able to find peace knowing that Chris spreading that same superhero love, cheer, and spirit in a better place.*

*Michael.*

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**Michael Blair** - November 17, 2023 at 11:11 AM

CB



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**Cody B** - November 22, 2023 at 10:18 PM

JM

“ *Jan McDonald lit a candle in memory of Christopher Petrick*



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**Jan McDonald** - November 17, 2023 at 10:29 AM

DF

“ *Dianne And Steve Franker lit a candle in memory of Christopher Petrick*



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**Dianne and Steve Franker** - November 17, 2023 at 10:02 AM

RL

“ *Rod And Connie Lange lit a candle in memory of Christopher Petrick*



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**Rod and Connie Lange** - November 16, 2023 at 11:17 PM

DF

“ *Bev and Dave,*

*I don't know you but I was Chris' paramedic instructor. I am simply at a loss for words. I can't express the level of grief felt by the EMS personnel who knew Chris. He displayed every quality truly needed in healthcare. He was compassionate and competent. He was a best friend to everybody he met and truly made a difference in the lives of his patients and his co-workers. The EMS profession is worse for this loss. Too soon. May God grant you some level of peace during this difficult time.*

*David Filipp, former EMS Program Director at Mercy College of Health Sciences*

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**Dr. David Filipp** - November 16, 2023 at 07:21 PM

JP

“ *Oh my goodness! I am just reading this now and I'm in complete shock. Chris was such a kind and caring person and I greatly appreciated having him as a student in the Spirit Lake band program. We stayed in touch off and on over the years talking about music and life. Prayers to Dave and Bev in the loss of their wonderful son.*

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**Jason Pentico** - November 16, 2023 at 06:38 PM

RD

“ *Bev and Dave*

*So sorry for your loss. You raised a kind and caring son. My heart breaks for you both. May you feel our prayers during this sad time.*

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**Rosemary Davis** - November 16, 2023 at 05:35 PM

JK

“ To Chris' family - My deepest sympathies to all of you. I was stunned to hear this news last night and you will remain in my prayers. I always enjoyed serving with Chris at Lutheran Church of Hope "back in the day." The world was a better place because of his contributions. My heart breaks with yours at this profound loss. May you feel the comfort of the Father's arms holding you close, Jen Keating

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**Jen Keating** - November 16, 2023 at 05:35 PM

JK

“ Dave & Bev- I spent countless hours with Chris in high school as you know. We did most of our school activities together, which mainly revolved around music. I remember all of the nights hanging out with friends in the basement playing cards, pool and watching movies. I am beyond sad he is no longer in our presence. He did great things in his time here and helped a lot of people in his field of work. He will truly be missed by me and everyone else. Justin Kitzinger

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**Justin Kitzinger** - November 16, 2023 at 04:28 PM

JK

“ Bev and Dave, There are no words to express our sadness with the news of Chris's passing. He leaves a very special place in our hearts and memories as he and Justin hung out together along with quite the "cast of characters" in our downstairs during their high school years. Such a polite and gracious young man that I will never forget! God Bless Chris and all of your family. Dave and Jeri Kitzinger

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**Jeri Kitzinger** - November 16, 2023 at 03:51 PM

JS

“ My heart is broken for Bev, Dave, and Chris’ extended family and his many friends who he treated like family- while it’s hard to come up with any words of comfort for you, I wanted to continue sharing memories. Most of my memories with Chris revolve around music, since we got to know each other through all the high school band activities, with jazz band being the one that stands out- a smaller group traveling to competitions with all the shared jokes, pranks, rituals, and fun that entails, with Chris always at the intersection of fun and being a kind, caring, friend, ready to listen to anyone who needed. More recently, I love remembering the time we met up in Denver for a Dear Jack benefit concert, singing along with Chris and my sister to every song from the Jack’s Mannequin and Something Corporate era. Beyond the music though, it was the deep conversations you could always count on with Chris that I loved- he wasn’t afraid to delve into the mysteries of life, faith, identity, our relationships to work and other people, and I know I’m among many who he helped navigate difficult periods of life. Forever grateful for that, Chris.

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**Jen Skalbeck** - November 16, 2023 at 01:41 PM

LB

“ Chris was my best friend during one of the most defining parts of my life. We played countless hours of guitar together, enjoyed marathons of *Scrubs* and *How I Met Your Mother*, and always made time to enjoy some *BWW* and brews after a good night of music.

*I don’t know what happened to you man, but you were the bro to end all bros. I wouldn’t be where I am today without your friendship. The world is a worse place without you in it.*

*Lucas*

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**Lucas Brown** - November 16, 2023 at 11:47 AM

GG

“ *Glenn And Pam Gjerde lit a candle in memory of Christopher Petrick*



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**Glenn and Pam Gjerde** - November 16, 2023 at 08:11 AM

TG

“ *My heart goes out to his family!*



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**Tammy Gillette** - November 16, 2023 at 01:24 AM

NB

“ *Nora Beving lit a candle in memory of Christopher Petrick*



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**Nora Beving** - November 15, 2023 at 11:16 PM

MW

“ *I met chris in the navy. Although we were not best friends he was an amazing person and truly had a sense of care for others. He was our corpsman and he did a great job and was a truly great person.*

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**Marcus Weis** - November 15, 2023 at 10:27 PM

TR

“ *Bev and Dave, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. My heart goes out to you. I wish you nothing but comfort and strength. You will all be in my prayers. Tammy Riesberg*

Tammy Riesberg - November 15, 2023 at 08:17 PM

LM

“ *My sympathy to Christopher's family.*



Luanne Mehan - November 15, 2023 at 07:43 PM

SO

“ *Bev and Dave,  
I am so very sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers 🙏. Keith and Susy Ostrum*



Susy Ostrum - November 15, 2023 at 06:46 PM

CD

“ *Pete and I were in the same squadron in the Navy. He was had the driest most sarcastic sense of humor. We got super close on our deployment to Afghanistan and had so many laughs and deep conversations together. Being at war brings people close together and I'm happy I had him and many others to get by. I will miss his snarky comments and jokes and our chow hall chats. I hope he knows how much he was loved and how much he will be missed. Rest easy. Fair Winds and Following Seas my friend.*

Courtney Dosch - November 15, 2023 at 05:42 PM

AD

♥ We've got the watch.

**Alyssa J Decker** - November 15, 2023 at 06:01 PM

JS

*I am honored to have served with Chris on the Fire Department in Indianola. We shared many laughs and a few tears. The bond forged in the fire service is strong. Fly high my friend.*

**Jeff Spencer** - November 15, 2023 at 10:22 PM

KN

*Dave and Bev, please know the Norris family sends our thoughts and prayers! What a kind soul Chris was. Blessings on this difficult journey and know the memories of Chris will be forever in our hearts!*

**Kathy Norris** - December 09, 2023 at 09:15 AM

SS

“*Chris and I were in the band together in college as well as several classes. He was always so grounded and funny. He was one of the first friends I made at school and he won't be forgotten. I'll be praying for you and Chris.*”

**Scott Schuknecht** - November 15, 2023 at 05:32 PM

AD

“ I think some of the strongest bonds are made with the friends you lean on to get through a deployment. Maybe even more so if that deployment is to Afghanistan. Because in addition to missing our families and our homes, we were being mortared and attacked.

*Petey was one of those friends that I leaned on. We held each other and saw each other cry on that deployment. But we also laughed a lot and raised each others' spirits. I don't think I would have made it through the same without him.*

*And then we lost touch, all except for social media. And that happens, we both got out of the Navy and moved away. I can't remember the last time I talked to him but I know that it was years ago. I hate that it was years ago. His friendship meant more to me than that, his presence and our bond on that deployment meant more to me than that.*

*But I will treasure my memories of him and thank God every day that he was on that deployment with me. And I'll cry every time I hear Slide by the Goo Goo Dolls.*

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**Alyssa J Decker** - November 15, 2023 at 05:26 PM

CD

*That will forever be our Pete song ☐*

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**Courtney Dosch** - November 16, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Christopher Petrick.

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November 15, 2023 at 03:17 PM

KS

“ *Kathy Stockdale lit a candle in memory of Christopher Petrick*



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**Kathy Stockdale** - November 15, 2023 at 03:04 PM

PR

“ *Dear Bev and Dave,  
My heart aches for you. Losing a child is the worst. I remember Chris from 6th grade. He was always fun to have in the room with his abilities. Prayers go out to you both and his family as you journey through this chapter.*



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**Peggy Rick** - November 15, 2023 at 02:33 PM

AS

“ *Chris and I attended many excellent concerts together in college and loved discussing music, pondering life's big questions, and bantering about great TV shows. He was a kind, sweet person with a lot of talents that he so generously shared with everyone in his vicinity. I'm so sad to hear of his passing. Big hugs and love to all in their grief.*

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**Andrea Shultice** - November 15, 2023 at 02:21 PM

EB

“ *Sending you our deepest condolences. Chris was one of my earliest friends at school, growing up in Spirit Lake. He was so creative, fun, kind and a friend to everyone. The SL class of '05 is thinking of you and will always remember Chris as a wonderful friend.*

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**Emily Northey Brown** - November 15, 2023 at 02:20 PM

K(

“ We are heartbroken to hear this news Bev and Dave. I have so many fond memories of Chris and my brother Erik making home movies and many other, mischievous, adventures growing up...and all the music memories from high school. I remember him by his contagious laugh and great humor. Our whole family is keeping you in our prayers. We pray you find comfort and peace during this time.

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**Krista Aliga (Rowley)** - November 15, 2023 at 01:12 PM

SH

“ Our heartfelt condolences to you, Bev and Dave, and rest of family. We feel so heartbroken for you. Chris was such a kind and caring boy and this carried on into his adult years. We are thinking of you and pray for comfort as you cherish all your good memories. Steve and Sharon Hanson



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**Sharon Hanson** - November 15, 2023 at 12:33 PM

JR

“ Chris and I went to college together. He was such a great person. I am sending my deepest condolences. He will be missed.

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**Jasmine Riedemann** - November 15, 2023 at 12:04 PM

KL

“ Sending my deepest condolences. I have many fond memories of Chris from high school. From the music we enjoyed together, to being partners on our school's news program, we had so much fun together. He was always so kind. Myself and many of his other classmates are thinking of you all during the difficult time.

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**Kelli Lange** - November 15, 2023 at 11:31 AM

JC

“ Jeff And Linda Christoffer lit a candle in memory of Christopher Petrick



Jeff and Linda Christoffer - November 15, 2023 at 11:25 AM

JC

Keeping your family in our prayers..he and Chance went to school together.

Jeff and Linda Christoffer - November 15, 2023 at 11:26 AM

PJ

“ Oh, Bev and Dave, our hearts are broken,too, over this crushing loss. Chris and Rob were friends in band and music for sure. Please know that many, many are grieving with you and lifting the family up in prayer.  
Pam and Mike

Pam Jordan - November 15, 2023 at 10:55 AM

JB

“ So sorry to hear of you families loss. Sending our sincere condolences. 🙏❤️🙏



Jim and Annie Bauer - November 15, 2023 at 10:51 AM

LS

“ *Devasted by this news. Chris was a big part of Forrest's youth and had an important influence on him growing up. Always a polite young man and a joy to be around. Cannot imagine your grief Dave and Bev. Lonnie and Kathy Saunders.*

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**Lonnie and Kathy Saunders** - November 15, 2023 at 09:13 AM

DR

“ *Dear Bev and Dave - we are just heartbroken for you. Our deepest sympathy and love. - Kris and Dave*

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**Dave Rowley** - November 15, 2023 at 08:40 AM