



## Chris Pate

July 10, 1973 - May 31, 2022

Chris Pate was a beloved husband and father and a friend to all he encountered. He loved his farm and animals, but more than anything, his family. To Chris his family included more than just his wife and children - he treated all who walked in his door as his own. He loved having his people around. He was always excited to see you and served as a role model and mentor for his children and many other men and women. He had a servant's heart and lived his life putting other people before himself. A devoted father and avid outdoorsman, Chris loved to hunt and fish and he could fix anything. He took a lot of pride in the renovations and upkeep of the farm.

Meridith Christopher Pate was born on July 10th, 1973 in Athens to Reba Hampton Redding and Leroy Pate. Chris passed away on Tuesday, May 31, 2022. On October 24th, 1997, he married Jennifer, his sweetheart of almost 25 years, in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. Jennifer says he was then and still is to this day, "the nicest person she has ever met." Together they had three children, Morgan, Jasmine, and Maddie.

Chris is survived by his wife, Jennifer; son, Morgan and daughter-in-law, Victoria; daughter Jasmine and honorary son, Kele Leachman; and daughter, Maddie; parents, Reba Redding and Leroy Pate; in-laws Greg and Brenda Haines; brothers, Stephen Douglas Pate, Nathaniel Deron Pate, and Harold Ray (Jay) Tarkington; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Chris was preceded in death by his grandparents, Walter Lee Hampton and Rena B Hampton; brother-in-law, Stephen Haines; and niece, Karrie Pate.

Visitation will be at Stewart Family Funeral Home in Tyler from 5:00-7:00 p.m. on Friday, June 3, 2022. Service will be at South Spring Baptist Church, Tyler on Saturday, June 4 at 10:00 a.m. Interment will be at Oaklawn Memorial Park in Athens.

# Cemetery Details

## Oaklawn Memorial Park

3100 FM317  
Athens, TX 75752  
(903) 675-2347

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUN 3.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home  
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy  
Tyler, TX 75703  
(903) 581-2008

## Service

**JUN 4.** 10:00 AM (CT)

South Spring Baptist Church  
17002 US 69  
Tyler, TX 75703

# Tribute Wall



“ *Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Chris Pate*



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**Stewart Family Funeral Home** - June 03, 2022 at 01:14 PM



“ *What a great neighbor and friend. Miss you always bud. Tom Reardon*

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**Tom Reardon** - June 04, 2022 at 08:53 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Chris Pate.*

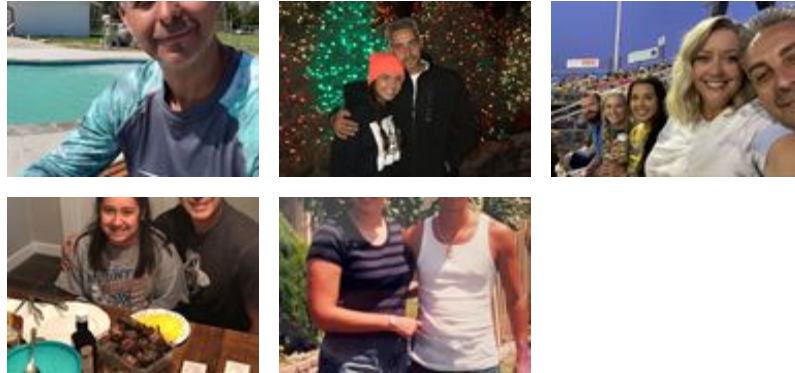


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June 03, 2022 at 04:30 PM



“ 167 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - June 03, 2022 at 01:13 PM



“ *Enduring Grace* was purchased for the family of *Chris Pate*.



June 03, 2022 at 12:37 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of *Chris Pate*.



June 03, 2022 at 11:06 AM

LP

“ Love, Jason and Brenda Pate purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Chris Pate.



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**Love, Jason and Brenda Pate** - June 03, 2022 at 09:38 AM

PO

“ I meet Chris several years ago, while hunting in Splunge, Miss. I had gotten turned around and my partner Judge Britt sent Chris to get me. At that first meeting I was instantly taken and knew I had meet a genuine good person. Over the years we shared many stories about family his new property and he always came with homemade chocolates. My wife Susan always made sure he had cookies on his arrival and cookies to take home with the understanding they were not to be eaten on the way home. Chris enjoyed hunting out of my shoot house and this past year harvested a nice buck. While I wont be able to hunt this year I instructed Judge Britt that anytime Chris was here that he had exclusive rights to it. Chris stood tall in my eyes, he will be missed, I know in my heart that he is in the hands of our Lord he will have a special place in my heart and prayers. He was a special man.

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**Pat Trimboli. 81 years old** - June 02, 2022 at 09:12 PM

MP

“ Leroy and family thoughts and prayers with you and family. Marilyn and Troy Pate Buffalo Texas.

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**Marilyn Pate** - June 02, 2022 at 04:32 PM



“ Terry and Melanie McKnight purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Chris Pate.



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**Terry and Melanie McKnight** - June 02, 2022 at 04:08 PM



“ Betty Herriage purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Chris Pate.



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**Betty Herriage** - June 02, 2022 at 03:06 PM

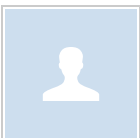


“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Chris Pate.



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June 02, 2022 at 02:23 PM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Chris Pate.



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June 02, 2022 at 12:44 PM

JJ

“ Our prayers go out to the entire Pate family. Chris was always good about calling to check on us old folks through the woods to see how we were doing.



James & Penny Johnston - June 02, 2022 at 11:02 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Chris Pate.



June 02, 2022 at 11:01 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Chris Pate.



June 02, 2022 at 10:57 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Chris Pate.



June 02, 2022 at 10:46 AM

DF

“ *Dean Peyton and Family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Chris Pate.*



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**Dean Peyton and Family** - June 02, 2022 at 05:32 AM