



Christopher Burke

September 8, 1976 - July 25, 2021

Christopher Michael Burke, 44, of Flint, TX passed away Sunday, July 25th. Chris was born September 8, 1976, to Timothy Sean and Shaune (O'Connor) Burke in Lehrensteinsfeld, Germany and lived his entire childhood in Winona, MN. He was a graduate of Winona Senior High School, attended University of Wisconsin River Falls, and graduated from Texas A & M - Texarkana with a degree in Business Management.

Chris had a true love and passion for hockey. After high school he played Junior hockey before attending and playing at the University of Wisconsin River Falls. He played on several semi-professional hockey teams over the course of several years, including the Texarkana Bandits bringing him to Texarkana, TX where he would meet the love of his life, Holly Long. They were married on January 31st, 2003, and together were raising two sons, William Connor and Sean Cody, at their home they built together in Flint, TX. Chris had many hobbies and interests. He built and founded Zedonk, a private frisbee golf course for S.M.A.C. He enjoyed skeet shooting and target practice in the backyard. He spent many days caring for the many animals at Diamond B Ranch. He is current reigning champion of Troutenheimer. Chris was involved in his community through Target, his wife's many causes, his church and youth sports with his sons. His greatest interest came from watching, cheering, and helping his two boys succeed in their interests: Connor with his soccer and Cody with his 4-H projects and Cross Country.

Chris is survived by his wife, Holly Long Burke; sons, William Connor Burke

and Sean Cody Burke; parents, Timothy Sean Burke and Shaune O'Connor Burke; sister, Brianna Burke; sister, Kelli (Nik) Kronebusch; nephews and niece, Aiden, Kaelyn, Harlan Kronebusch; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Lea and Brian Holland; father-in-law, William Long; Everly Grace; 15 aunts and uncles; 18 first cousins; and many more extended close family and friends. He is preceded in death by paternal grandparents, Joseph Timothy and Jeanne Burke; maternal grandparents, Harold and Eleanor O'Connor; mother-in-law, Claudia Long.

Visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, July 28th with a celebration of life service Thursday, July 29th at 2:30 pm at Stewart Family Funeral Home Tyler, TX. A Celebration of Life Service is also being planned for a later date in Winona, MN.

If desired, memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **28.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Memorial Service

JUL **29.** 2:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I met Chris and Holly when I helped in planning a surprise visit to Walt Disney World for their boys. They were so much fun to work with and were so excited about making the trip full of memory and magic. I could tell just from that meeting how much Chris loved his family and how much joy they both had in each other and the life they had created together.

Julie Thompson - July 29, 2021 at 03:00 PM

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“ I was fortunate enough to be with Holly the night she met Chris & we attended many hockey games as a result. We all briefly lived together while I was transferring colleges. Holly has always been a sister to me & Chris fit right in as serving as my big brother. Lots of jokes but lots of love as well. I have so many great memories that there is no way to prioritize them. He had a big personality & a big heart. He will be missed & always revered.

Stephanie McCool - July 29, 2021 at 06:55 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Christopher Burke.



July 28, 2021 at 07:36 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Christopher Burke.*



July 28, 2021 at 05:51 PM



“ *We were very fortunate to have been a part of Chris' life through his experiences working at our hockey camps and we also got to know the Burke family, too. Chris and his family are all wonderful people. Such sad news, but Chris will leave a long lasting legacy!*

*Bob and Lisa Montrose
Byron, Minnesota*

Bob and Lisa Montrose - July 28, 2021 at 04:48 PM



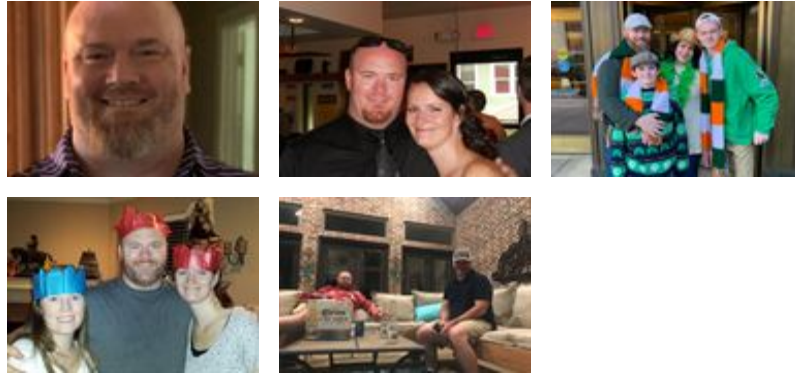
“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Christopher Burke.*



July 28, 2021 at 04:32 PM



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Stewart Family Funeral Home - July 28, 2021 at 03:38 PM



“ *Serene Retreat* was purchased for the family of *Christopher Burke*.



July 28, 2021 at 12:47 PM



“ *Serene Retreat* was purchased for the family of *Christopher Burke*.



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“ *Kelli and family,
My deepest sympathy to you all. May the Lord bring you comfort
and peace during this difficult time.*
Jennifer Woyczik

Jennifer Woyczik - July 28, 2021 at 10:11 AM



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



July 28, 2021 at 07:23 AM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of
Christopher Burke.*



July 28, 2021 at 07:16 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the
family of Christopher Burke.*



July 28, 2021 at 06:35 AM



“ *A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Christopher Burke.*



July 27, 2021 at 10:47 PM



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



July 27, 2021 at 08:21 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Christopher Burke.*



July 27, 2021 at 07:34 PM



“ *Cystic Fibrosis Foundation purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Christopher Burke.*



Cystic Fibrosis Foundation - July 27, 2021 at 01:37 PM



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



July 27, 2021 at 10:37 AM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Christopher Burke.*



July 26, 2021 at 06:45 PM