

## Christopher Carter Sowle

July 2, 1971 - June 22, 2021

Visitation for Chris Sowle, 49, will be held Saturday, July 10, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Shiloh Road Church of Christ with a Celebration of Life to follow at 11:00 a.m. with Dwight Sowle officiating. A private family burial was held at the McKnight Cemetery in Cushing under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Chris Sowle passed away gracefully and peacefully on June 22, 2021 at Hospice of East Texas with his parents at his side.

Chris was born July 2, 1971 in Dallas to Dwight C. and Billie Sue Sowle. He and his family moved to Tyler in 1997. He was born with MPS III, a mucopolysaccharidosis disease also known as Sanfilippo Syndrome Type IIIB.

Chris' motto from the time he first began to talk until just months before his passing was, "It's gonna get better!"

In 1984, Chris was chosen as the Poster Child representing the Association of Retarded Citizens (ARC) for the state of Tennessee. During that time, he met the State Governor, Nashville City Mayor, and a host of Country Music singing stars.

Chris participated in Special Olympics and once won a Gold Medal in the 40-yard sprint, and was a two-time winner of the Mr. Congeniality award at

annual award events.

Chris is preceded in death by his brother Lance Carter Sowle. He is survived by his parents; his brother and sister-in-law, Cameron Carter Sowle and Jennifer Ruth Sowle of Dallas; and a host of aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Pallbearers will be Chad Bilby, Ross Bilby, Todd Bilby, Richard Cantrell, Mike Hale, Billy Hooten, Rusty Killian, Cameron Sowle, and Keith Thomason. Honorary pallbearers will be the staff of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Chris' memory to Cure Sanfilippo Syndrome Foundation, P.O. Box 6901, Columbia, SC 29260 ([www.curesanfilippofoundation.org](http://www.curesanfilippofoundation.org)) or The Hospice of East Texas Foundation, 4111 University Blvd, Tyler, TX 75701 ([www.hospiceofeasttexas.org](http://www.hospiceofeasttexas.org)).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **10**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Shiloh Road Church of Christ  
1801 Shiloh Rd.  
Tyler, TX 75703

## Memorial Service

JUL **10**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tyler, TX 75703

# Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Christopher Carter Sowle



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**Stewart Family Funeral Home** - July 06, 2021 at 12:01 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. We, too, had a child who died with San Fillipo. Nancy McCormack

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**Nancy McCormack** - July 08, 2021 at 12:02 PM

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“ Dwight, Billie Sue, Cameron, and Jennifer:

*Throughout the years, so many prayers and been lifted up to our Heavenly Father to give thanks for the blessings you have each brought to the hearts and lives of all you have touched in such special ways. Your testimony of love and faithfulness to God has been consistent and a beautiful example to witness. We want you to know that Chris has been a huge part of the blessing of the Sowle family, as your love and faithfulness for Jesus was clearly seen in and through him! While his physical presence will definitely be missed here on earth, we thank God for the extended length of life he was given to lighten the hearts share the love and joy of Jesus with us! May God temper your hearts and tears of sadness with praise and thanks for the promise of Jesus for the indescribable joy that is now his forever! We love you dearly. Gwynn and Ron Shultz*

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**Ron and Gwynn Shultz** - July 08, 2021 at 10:04 AM



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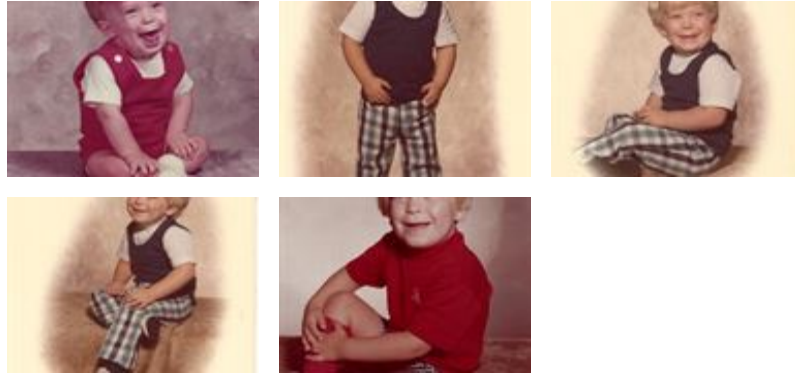


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**Stewart Family Funeral Home** - July 07, 2021 at 04:01 PM



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Stewart Family Funeral Home - July 06, 2021 at 11:52 AM

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“ My favorite memory of Chris is when he used to sing songs in the foyer of the Church as he was greeting people. He always had a beautiful smile on his face when he did that. I know that wherever he is, he is probably singing and talking to Jesus. God bless him.

Richard David Cantrell - July 04, 2021 at 05:05 AM