



Christopher Phillip J. Coleson

November 10, 1965 - March 15, 2015

Christopher Phillip J. Coleson, 49, passed away March 15, 2015. Words cannot describe how much he was loved and will be missed. No day will ever be the same without him. Chris was an amazing, loving father, husband, uncle, son, brother, and friend. He did so many good things in his life and had so much love in his heart. His great sense of humor brought laughter and joy to everyone he met. Family and friends were blessed to have had him in their life. Chris was such an inspiration to everyone and the memories we have of him will be cherished forever. He will be forever in our hearts. A dedicated husband and father, he left behind his wonderful wife Patricia Sumner; loving kids, daughter Meghan Coleson, and son James Coleson of Quinton; his three sisters, Michelle Wilder of Suffolk, Caroline Pittman and husband Barry of Battery Park, and Christina Hohman and husband Dean of Quinton; sister-in-law, Joanne Sumner of South Kingstown, RI; brother-in-law, James Sumner of Asheville, NC; and 12 nieces and nephews, Tyler, Austin, Danielle, Kirsti, Collin, Blake, Talia, Teresa, Hayden, Kyle, Dylan, and Brayden. He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Marta Coleson. A funeral service will be held at 11 A.M. Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 2631 Pocahontas Trail, Quinton, Virginia. Burial will be at Olive Branch Cemetery, Portsmouth, VA. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to help 16 year old Amanda Baker who is battling an unknown illness at <http://www.gofundme.com/dfeu2c>.

Cemetery Details

Olive Branch Cemetery

2 Cpl. J M Williams Avenue
Portsmouth, VA 23701

Previous Events

Service

MAR 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
2631 Pocahontas Trail
Quinton, VA 23141

Graveside Service

MAR 18. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DS

“ To Trish and all of Chris' family, my sincere condolences and deepest sympathy for your loss. I was a colleague of Chris' from the Massachusetts days and during the start of NEIE. I was lucky enough to spend time with Chris off hours in the Caribbean as well. Generous beyond measure, always looking for the next challenge in life. A void in my life never to be filled and memories never to be forgotten. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. - Drew Shelby

Drew Shelby - April 01, 2015 at 08:34 AM

JM

“ I love how he treated me as a family member. He took most of his family to TN for a week. I was blessed to be invited. Best vacation ever. He was so generous and full of fun. Every once in a while you get to me a great human being and Chris was that and way more. I am truly blessed to have had him in my life. Never to be forgotten but to be like him. Thoughts and prayers are for the family. All my love June Merritt

June Merritt - March 18, 2015 at 06:14 PM

LL

“ Ciao Chris un giorno ci rivedremo. Luca Leardini

luca leardini - March 18, 2015 at 12:36 PM

BE

“ *Tricia, and all of Chris' family, I am so very sorry for your great loss. There are no words, just sorrow and heartache from the huge hole left behind from Chris' passing. These tributes are beautiful, a testament to the mark he obviously left on everyone who had the pleasure to meet him and the honor to have known him. I wish I had known him longer. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Beth Edwards

Beth - March 18, 2015 at 08:36 AM

TE

“ *We had the pleasure of meeting Chris and his family through Antioch Swim Team. Chris' passion for life was apparent in everything that he did. His generosity knew no bounds. My children thought he was just the coolest guy. He'd sit with them at swim team practice and show them magic card tricks. He'd tell us fascinating stories of his travels and experiences. Chris, Tricia, Meghan and James were wonderful supporters of my family during our own health issues with our youngest son. It's so hard to lose such a big life, but we must have faith that God had bigger plans for our friend. We will miss him poolside at practices and meets photographing all the kids for the annual slide show. His family will remain in our thoughts and prayers. We'll miss you Chris!*

Craig, Traci, Savannah, Logan, Carson and Ben Evans

Traci Evans - March 17, 2015 at 09:05 AM



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



March 17, 2015 at 08:08 AM



“ *Caroline and Family, Our hearts break for you at this time. Prayers and loving thoughts are with you. Treasure all of the wonderful memories. May God hold you in the palm of his hand. Love to all.*

The Stoup Family - March 17, 2015 at 06:57 AM



“ *I will always remember Chris as a man who lived life to the fullest, who loved his family, and who spread joy to all who knew him. He was a great practical joker, loved to see people laugh, yet had a tender spot in his heart for all humanity. He was loved and will be missed by his family and his many friends.*



Dave Sumner - March 17, 2015 at 05:49 AM

CP

“ my brother, my friend, my heart is broken. I am in awe of the fight you fought, I am in awe of your bravery. You had such a loving heart, a caring spirit. I am so blessed to have had you in my life. I cannot imagine living in this world without you here. I find comfort knowing that you are not suffering, that you are at peace and are in heaven rejoicing. This world will not be the same without you. I know how much you love your wife, your children, and how hard you fought to stay. I have always looked up to you Chris, you are my big brother and that will never change. I miss you terribly. We are family, nothing, not even death, will change that. We will watch out for Tricia and your beautiful children, they will never be or feel alone. Until we meet again, I will always love you Chris, I will think of you often and I will remember the great times we shared. You were and are an inspiration, I am proud to be your little sister. I love you always, Caroline

caroline pittman - March 16, 2015 at 07:08 PM

BP

I am lost for many words, Caroline you said it just right. This man was the brother i never had. He was an awesome husband, dad, brother and friend. I dont know why GOD chose to take him away from us, but GOD knows. We have to trust and trust and know deep within that we will see him again, i just know it.

barry pittman - March 16, 2015 at 07:29 PM



Brother i have not seen you since Virginia long ago, but i feel sadness and pain, yet i feel joy that you are no longer suffering. I will see you again my friend.....i promise you.

I love you Chris.

Your friend always,

Bobby West

Bobby West - March 17, 2015 at 12:29 AM

DW

“ I am heartbroken for the world, especially Chris' family. I only met him once. By a stroke of luck, I sat next to him on a plane heading back from Spain in December of 1985. We talked the entire time as only 19-year-olds can. For me, it was a positive ending to a hard semester abroad in a foreign country where I wasn't yet fluent. When we found each other on FB a few years ago, I was ecstatic, and had hoped to make a trip with my family to D.C. area and visit Chris and his family. Then, his illness struck, and he fought it like a Navy Seal. As he described his fight in posts on FB, I prayed and tried to be supportive from my home in Connecticut. I wish I had seen him again...and would have next month if he had recovered. I am so sad that the world has lost his incredible light and energy. My extreme sympathies to Chris' family and friends, especially Tricia and the children.

Dianna Wilson - March 16, 2015 at 05:48 PM

BW

I haven't seen Chris since his graduation ceremony at Ft. Knox many years ago but we did chat on FB. A good man, he will be missed by all. To the sisters, his memory will fill the hole in your hearts. To Trish and kids, take comfort that he no longer suffers. Now he's reunited with Marta and her "Jimmy". Good bye, Chris..

Bob West
Tallahassee,Fl.

Bob West - March 17, 2015 at 08:39 AM


Kimberly
Martin

I met this beautiful soul at the pool when I was new in the county and very lost. He and his family made us feel at home for ten years..... I will miss him so. Kimberly Martin RN

Kimberly Martin RN - March 17, 2015 at 09:35 PM