



Chris Rushworth

May 9, 2020

RUSHWORTH, Chris 61

Born Blackpool, UK, left us unexpectedly early to join beloved dog Brutus in the tall grass. Professional career chef, meticulous gardener, avid darts player and compassionate lover of animals and nature. Leaves mother Audrey, brother Adrian (Deborah) and nieces Jessica and Sarah and dear friends. Private cremation. Condolences only.

Tribute Wall

SB

“ I was and still am his first born son , Shane Christopher Byrne.

*I see why my mom said I look just like him, I stole his eyes.
Only met him one time at age Four.*

Shane Christopher Byrne - May 28, 2022 at 07:21 AM

TN

“ I had the pleasure to meet Chris back in 2008 as well in 2013 in Canada when I was there on my work Visa. I am from Europe and was fortune enough to work on several projects together with Chris in these times.

I enjoyed every little moment with Chris and his knowledge about life and work.

He taught me many things which I am very grateful for.

Looking back at the times and memories we shared, I am very happy to crossed the path of Chris in his sadly short but beautiful life. Thank you for so much Chris!!

In these moments of loss, words are useless.

May my condolences bring the Family comfort and may my prayers ease the pain of this loss.

I am honored and blessed to have known Chris. He was truly a blessing in my life and I will miss him. A good heart has stopped beating, a beautiful soul, full of love and faith, ascended to heaven Sent with love and remembrance to get through this tough time.

Toby

Toby Nowak - July 25, 2020 at 10:32 AM

RB

“ I only had the chance to interact with Chris for a few short months, almost a dozen years ago when I visited Canada, but I can honestly say the time we spent working together will be something I always remember. Chris was the first "real man" I had the chance to work with and he left a lot of positive impressions on me, as I can see he has with others here.

I distinctly remember setting out in the mornings all bleary eyed and still half asleep, as we loaded Chris's enormous gas mowers into the truckbed, ready to make our daily rounds at his clients' lots. The silent drives as we started our day were always appreciated and the trust he put in me to meet his standard of work, even though I was completely inexperienced was admirable.

We would stop off at a local bar mid-way through our days and Chris would always take care to buy me a drink with a big smile on his face before soundly thrashing me at pool - a part of our day I'm sure we both looked forward to.

Chris was an excellent role model for an impressionable 18 year old and I wish I could have told him that.

To all his family and loved ones, I'm so sorry for your loss. I know It wasn't just me who had the pleasure to work and laugh with Chris, so please be assured that he won't be forgotten and his memory will be cherished, right around the world.

Rob Brown - June 21, 2020 at 07:31 AM

LS

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Lesley Spencer - June 06, 2020 at 09:50 AM

JE

“ Hi Dear Chris, It was always a pleasure to see your tall long figure in the garden , silent and kind, a<< rugged looking and weather beaten man>> with this incredible blond long ponytail. Winston loved you like all the animals in the neiighborhood did. We could feel the warm heart of a nature lover, the shyness of a reflective spirit. All the trees , shrubbs and plants that you have touched will keep your memory alive, as will do the hearts you have touched too. Enjoy the rest that you deserve. Love from Jeanne Zeller and family.

JEANNE - May 30, 2020 at 10:31 AM

CO

“ Best wishes to all the family, he was an awesome friend and his mom used to love my banana bread and carrot cake with raisins.
-Corinna and Family
Always in my heart

Corinna - May 27, 2020 at 11:53 PM

LS

“ I'll miss it all. Our long daily talks on everything from politics to peonies to roast pork for dinner. Morning coffee and crosswords on the veranda. Crazy projects: our TV cooking show pilot; building gardens Welly-deep in mud or in blazing heat;cooking experiments (vodka fennel risotto with halloumi, or colcannon stacks). Late late movies, competing for cat cuddles, bingeing on Narcos, midnight fridge raids and divvying up the Quality Street. Your encyclopaedic knowledge of classic cars, music and movies. Your quirky humour. Your creativity and signature dishes like Bow tie Pasta and stunning Pad Thai sauce. Your strong and gentle hands. So much knowledge, talent and creativity now lost to the winds but always in my heart.
Lesley Spencer

Lesley Spencer - May 25, 2020 at 01:13 PM

AW

“ My family will really miss Chris who was our reliable, friendly, and hardworking lawn maintenance gardener for several years. Chris was beloved especially by our English Springer Spaniel Coquette who adored Chris. Every time my dog heard the low rumbling motor of Chris's lawn mower my dog's ears would perk up in delight, and she'd bark at me to let her outside to greet her big friend! And, without missing a beat Chris would return to his truck to find a dog treat for Coquette. Chris was a kind-hearted, and gentle type of man whom all of my family grew fond of very quickly. He was an intelligent and easygoing fellow who we will miss terribly.

With our sincere condolences to the Rushworth family in your sad loss,

Deepest sympathies from,
Arlene & Eric Walker, and our beloved English Springer Spaniel,
Coquette (died Dec. 11, 2018).

Arlene Walker - May 18, 2020 at 06:29 PM

RL

“ *My condolences to the Rushworth family.*

Chris was one of a kind. When he took up a cause, he owned it. He would chuckle about his sometimes perceived image as a biker, and he would take no guff, but I can't name another that would help others in need like Chris did. He was a big man with a big heart, full of compassion. And funny as hell.

We will miss you Chris,

Rick Lintlop

rick lintlop - May 17, 2020 at 12:35 PM

MA

I will miss you big man, our chats, our darts, or you popping round the house for a cuppa. You couldn't go anywhere without anyone knowing you that's how popular you were. Ilona misses you and Ziggy still talks about you all the time, we will all miss you lots.

Mano

Mano - May 17, 2020 at 04:49 PM

RC

My deepest condolences to the family. I knew Chris since his day's as chef at Quigleys. He was such a good man, always willing to listen to and help his friends. I have no words. Rest in peace my friend. Ron Campbell

Ron Campbell - May 18, 2020 at 04:35 PM

MS

My sympathies to Chris's friends and family on this sad news. I was skimming through the Star this morning and Chris's obit popped out at me. I recognized him even though I haven't seen him in almost 40 years. We used to work together at Street's Restaurant in Mississauga around 1981. Chris was a good guy and a lot of fun to be around, unless you were driving with him. He used to drive a white muscle car, and would get us from one end of Mississauga to the other in under 6 minutes for last call. I will remember our many good times together.
Mike Shaw-Rockwood, ON

mike shaw - May 19, 2020 at 11:06 AM

RB

When I moved into an apartment in Scarborough several years ago, it was across from a place called The Chicken Burger. It was quite literally an old-style diner and I thought "who would ever go in there?" Well, it turns out a lot of people went in there. And when I eventually went in there myself, I met a landscaper named Chris. He had several lots that he worked on in the area and this pit stop was perfect for him and his truck and trailer. We immediately got along and our humour was eerily similar. As we got to know each other more, we found out that we both had backgrounds in the hospitality industry and that only strengthened our relationship even more.

I pretty much saw Chris every day for a couple of years and then he stopped going to the diner - and those in the know, know why. He was a particularly great buddy to my son Khalin - gave him a tree to plant, taught him how to play pool and joked with him in such a nice way.

Chris and I would go to play darts sometimes and he would tell me to "stop prancing around!" because I had this little dance I did before firing off the dart. And when I didn't call him for a while, he called me up and said "What? Are we divorced now? What's going on?"

I reached out to him just a little while ago and I apologized for not being committed as a friend. I met him a couple of times and we went to Rosetta Park and spoke for length about many things. Obviously with the virus, we kept our distance, but he looked and sounded great and I was really happy to be connected with him again. A little while later, I texted him a picture that he loved of himself and his buddy, but there was no response.

Just over a week ago, my friend Corinna told me of his death. I was absolutely devastated. This one hurt really really bad. I wanted to comment earlier, but I couldn't wrap my brain around never seeing or talking to him again. There are a select few that I love in my life - they know who they are - and Chris was at the top of the list.

What some may not know, is that Chris and I were going to do a kids cartoon where he voiced the main character Saucy, the snake in the grass. I had already started developing the show and he was all in. Chris was by no means a snake in the grass - far from it - but boy was he saucy. Such a sharp wit. I often called him "Quips" because of that wit. And just not hanging around him and doing this project is heartbreaking. I think one of my last words to him was "we can do this for the next twenty years if it works out. It's our retirement fund."

I miss him dearly and both my son and I loved him immensely.

You'll always be in our memories Chris!

Randy and Khalin

Randy Bonk - June 07, 2020 at 10:25 PM



Chris, I did not know you well, met you maybe once at Quigleys. But you were so impressive. Your skills at managing a kitchen doing such large numbers! You are an artist! Years after reaching out to you I still wish you were here with me at my restaurant. Birdys Fine Casual Dining in Belleville Ontario Canada. May the Lord love you for eternity, I am certain it is so.

Tina Van Egmond - October 21, 2021 at 06:56 PM