



Christopher J. Brinkman

December 8, 2015

Christopher J. Brinkman, 26, of Granby, died December 8, 2015 at Hartford Hospital. Chris was born in Hartford to Kathleen C. Sofrin and the late James A. Brinkman. After high school, Chris enlisted in the Navy and proudly served his country. Chris was a passionate and hardworking man who lived life to its fullest. Chris was a gifted athlete who was a scratch golfer. He would light up every room he entered with an infectious smile and great sense of humor. He was a loyal friend to many and will be greatly missed. He was proud to be the apple of his Grandma Ginny Cormier's eye. In addition to his mom Kathy, he is survived by his step father Terry, his sister Katie, the love of his life Mallory Benkert, his step siblings Will, Katie, and Tasha. He is additionally survived by his uncle Chuck Cormier, his aunts, Barb Allen and her husband John, Mari Eisenman and her husband Tom, and Elise Sullivan and her husband Leehan, as well as cousins Melissa and Michelle Allen, special family friend Kay Diamond, and many other cousins who will miss him dearly. In addition to his dad, he was predeceased by his uncle John H. Brinkman, aunt Jane Lolk, and cousin Lyrll Eisenman. Funeral services will be Saturday at 10:00 a.m. in St. James's Episcopal Church, 1018 Farmington Ave. West Hartford. Friends may call Friday from 4-7 p.m. at the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave. West Hartford. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project P.O. Box 758517 Topeka, KS 66675.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

DEC 11. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home
906 Farmington Ave
West Hartford, CT 06119
(860) 232-1322

Funeral Service

DEC 12. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. James's Episcopal Church
1018 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT

Tribute Wall

KM

“ Katherine McAlpine lit a candle in memory of Christopher J. Brinkman



Katherine McAlpine - December 07, 2016 at 10:58 AM

CB

“ Never met you, never knew who you were. Sad to see one of us depart so young. I shall carry our namesake on as long as god allows me to.

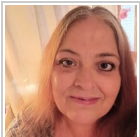
Chris Brinkmann - October 05, 2016 at 01:31 AM



“ Terry Armitage lit a candle in memory of Christopher J. Brinkman



Terry Armitage - July 03, 2016 at 10:10 PM



“ I did know Chris I just came across this and i wanted to say a word. First i'm sorry for the families loss, may he be RIP. I would also like to say to him to his mom and dad i thank him for his servic to our country.

Terry Armitage - July 03, 2016 at 10:03 PM

VA

“ *Miss you buddy!*



Valerie - June 30, 2016 at 06:11 PM

VA

“ *Happy Birthday Buddy We miss you so much.*



valerie - April 12, 2016 at 11:37 PM

VA

“ *Everyday.*



val - April 03, 2016 at 04:34 AM

VC

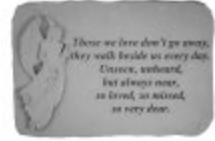
“ *Valerie Castro lit a candle in memory of Christopher J. Brinkman*



valerie castro - February 27, 2016 at 02:09 AM

SC

“ Susan, Richard, Laurie, ken, Scott, Sue, Karen and Chris purchased the Garden Accent - "Those we love don't go away..." for the family of Christopher J. Brinkman.



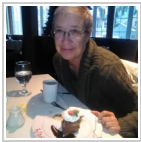
Susan, Richard, Laurie, ken, Scott, Sue, Karen and Chris -
January 05, 2016 at 02:56 PM

VC

“ Always in my heart my dear friend.



Valerie Castro - December 24, 2015 at 09:01 AM



“ Beth Stewart lit a candle in memory of Christopher J. Brinkman



Beth Stewart - December 19, 2015 at 03:41 PM

KS

“ Chris had the best heart of anyone I've ever known and I will miss him so much.
Thoughts and prayers to his family and loved ones.
Sincerely all my love Kirstin Stewart

kirstin stewart - December 17, 2015 at 11:21 AM

CS

“ Terry, Family and Friends,
You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Although Chris lived a short life, it was certainly a fulfilling one; a life that never has to look in the rear view mirror. I hope the many great memories of you have of Chris will help somewhat to ease the burden of your loss.
With Deepest Sympathies,
Carl Saraceni

Carl Saraceni - December 15, 2015 at 06:05 PM

LD

“ Lenny And Beth D'Onofrio lit a candle in memory of Christopher J. Brinkman



Lenny and Beth D'Onofrio - December 12, 2015 at 01:33 AM

RL

“ There is no greater love than that of a mother for her son. My deepest heartfelt sympathy to you, Cathy, and your family. You now have another angel to watch over you
Rose Lorusso

Rose Lorusso - December 11, 2015 at 03:24 PM

KW

“ Our loving thoughts and prayers are with Chris' family, and with our dear friends, Joe, Carolyn and Mallory. Although we only knew Chris for a short while, we'll always remember him with a huge smile on his face and we were so blessed to have known him. We're praying that God will give you all comfort and sweet memories.
Wayne & Kelly Weigandt

Kelly Weigandt - December 11, 2015 at 10:55 AM

KS

Kathy, Terry and Katie, I am so sorry for your loss. There is nothing I can say or do to take your pain away so please know that I am praying for all of you that in time your pain will lessen and be replaced with wonderful memories of Chris. He is an angel now and will be with you forever.

- Kathy Sheridan

Kathy Sheridan - December 12, 2015 at 11:09 AM

JR

“ *Chris,
You were a very special person in my life and
I was truly blessed for having known you.
Eternal rest and peace. Luv ya! ~ Joyce
Reynolds*



Joyce Reynolds - December 11, 2015 at 10:24 AM

BF

“ *Barbara Brinkman, Jen chermak family and John
Brinman family purchased the Arrive in Style for
the family of Christopher J. Brinkman.*



**Barbara Brinkman, Jen chermak family and John Brinman
family** - December 10, 2015 at 10:52 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family
of Christopher J. Brinkman.*



December 10, 2015 at 07:33 PM

DB

“ My sincerest condolences to the Brinkman family. What a shock. Chris was one of the most loyal and enthusiastic supporters of DAV Chapter 8's Golden Kielbasa Veterans Open veterans charity golf event and I fondly recall his phone call to me earlier this year informing me he and his group would be playing again, in honor of a lost friend. What irony and what sadness. Tragedies such as this shake us all, and remind each of us to live life to its fullest every day. Chris lived an all-too-brief but honorable life and will be missed dearly. Thank you, Chris, for your friendship and your service to our country.

Dennis Buden - December 10, 2015 at 06:20 PM

SO

“ Shawn and Uncle Otto purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of Christopher J. Brinkman.



Shawn and Uncle Otto - December 10, 2015 at 05:34 PM



“ Dear Family and Friends of Chris Brinkman:

I was so sorry to hear the sad news of Chris's death. I remember what a delightful student he was when I had him in class at Hall High School. He always had a smile or joke to brighten our day. My heart aches for all of you.

I hope that you feel supported by loved ones during this difficult time of grief,

Sincerely,

Simone Vrabel le Coutre

Simone le Coutre - December 10, 2015 at 04:46 PM

KW

“ *Chris was one of the Guardsmen that made being a Guardsmen fun. He always shined in training and throughout our time there. So sad to hear he is gone. Prayers be with your family Chris.*

Kendrick Williams - December 10, 2015 at 04:24 PM

RH

“ *Randy, Janice and Sarah Hess purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Christopher J. Brinkman.*



Randy, Janice and Sarah Hess - December 10, 2015 at 01:40 PM



“ I served with Chris onboard USS Winston S. Churchill in 2010. He was a joy to talk to and stand our watches. He was full of life and energy and he was loved by many. Chris go be with God and make all of heaven smile like you did all of us. Rest In Peace brother. Ron Stewart

Ron Stewart - December 10, 2015 at 01:29 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Christopher J. Brinkman.



December 10, 2015 at 01:01 PM



“ Chris was a great friend and even better person . Glad to have known him at KO and Hall, as well as on the golf course. Prayers and thoughts are with the entire family.

Dan Clarke - December 10, 2015 at 10:13 AM



“ Thoughts and prayers going out to the entire family. Chris was a good friend during my early childhood and I only wish I had gotten to know him later in life!

Andrew Campbell - December 10, 2015 at 10:08 AM

MP

“ Hi Kathy & Terry,
Jason and I send our love and prayers to you and your family.
Kathy, although I never met him, I feel as if I had through hearing
about him through you all of these years. With love, Mary Painter

mary painter - December 10, 2015 at 10:01 AM

YF

“ Your Robinson & Cole family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Christopher J. Brinkman.



Your Robinson & Cole family - December 10, 2015 at 10:00 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Christopher J. Brinkman.



December 09, 2015 at 09:27 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Christopher J. Brinkman.



December 09, 2015 at 03:25 PM

JC

“ I will miss you, Cousin Chris...I will miss your smile, your laugh, your love and your family support...I will forever keep your love-filled voicemail on my phone from Friday, November 20 with your compassionate sympathies being sent to all of us for Dad's passing. Forever in our hearts- Chris. <3



To - Kathy, Terry, Katie, Mallory and all of Chris's family and friends...please know our prayers, love and hugs are covering you all. Much Love-from NJ...

Jennifer, Nicholas, Joseph and Meghan Chermak

Jennifer Chermak - December 09, 2015 at 03:03 PM

BB

Kathy, katie, Mallory, Terry, Ginny and Chris's extended family. Chris' loss will be so deeply felt. He was so dear to my heart. Three weeks ago Chris drove to NJ to visit His Uncle John and me. He brought joy, laughter and love. He left saying " I'll be back soon"... I'd like to think Chris is with Uncle John and his Dad now playing golf in heaven for eternity.

Love, hugs and prayers.

Love,

Aunt Barbara (Brinkman)

Barbara Brinkman - December 09, 2015 at 07:23 PM

CG

Kathy, Katie, Terry and extended family I am so very sorry for your loss. I am praying for your strength at this time. May God rest his soul in peace. Love Chris Gioscio

Chris Gioscio - December 10, 2015 at 07:31 AM

GP

Words cannot express my sorrow for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Love Gina Palmieri

Gina Palmieri - December 10, 2015 at 09:13 AM

JR

Hard to imagine a world without Chris in it. We loved spending time with him, his positive energy and spirit knew no bounds and his love of life was contagious. We are better people for having known him and are grateful for every minute we were lucky enough to have spent with him at the lake, on the ski slopes, at the golf course, etc. Our deepest condolences to his family, he will be forever deeply and sadly missed. With love, Mark, Jill, Andrew & Ali Ricci

Jill Ricci - December 10, 2015 at 02:18 PM

SC

Kathy and Family, my thought and prayers go out to all of you. With deepest sympathy, Sue Campbell

Susan Campbell - December 10, 2015 at 07:34 PM



Dear Kathy and Family, my heart breaks for you at this time of sadness, I'm so sorry for your loss. With deepest sympathy my thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. Love Donna Rossing Easter

Donna Easter - December 10, 2015 at 09:24 PM

HH

Dear Kathy and family, I just learned of Chris's passing. I'm so very sorry and am sending you my deepest sympathy at this time. Cherish the beautiful memories that you have. In peace, Heather Hurd

Heather Hurd - December 13, 2015 at 06:15 PM

DC

Dear Kathy and Family -- you are in my thoughts and prayers. I picture Chris, a smiling, handsome young man. Hope you can find moments of grace. Much sympathy, Debi Cooper

Debi Cooper - December 13, 2015 at 06:27 PM

KS

Kathy, I just heard about your son, Chris. Our deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family.

Karen (Barnowski) & Chris Stetson

Karen Stetson - December 28, 2015 at 10:01 AM