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Chris Payne of Tyler left this earth on August 19, 2014.

He was born in Houston, TX on March 18, 1967, to Donald Lee and Anna Taylor Payne. Chris graduated from The University of Houston and received a degree in Journalism.

Chris was a loving and generous son, father, fiancé, and most of all, friend to all the lives he touched. He was a fervent humanist with a boundless passion for helping the common man and those struggling with addiction recovery. He enjoyed writing, working out, and spending quality time with family and friends.

Chris is survived by two daughters: Christina Jean, 19, of Tyler and Amy Anne, 17, of Arlington. He is also survived by his parents: Donald Lee and Anna Taylor Payne of Longview; a sister: Donna and spouse, Larry Courington of Longview; nephew: Will Courington of Dallas; a fiancé: Wendy Hamiter Wagner of Tyler; 3 fur babies: Carrie, Heidi, and Freaky, and countless other friends and family.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made to Dallas 24 Hour Club. Dallas24hourclub.org.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00pm Saturday at Rader Funeral Home in Longview.



Events


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Memorial Service

 **Saturday**, August 23, 2014

 2:00 PM CT

 **Rader Funeral Home of Longview**
1617 Judson Road, Longview TX 75601





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JM

John Mcadams posted:

Anne and Don: This is absolutely so heartbreaking to hear this news of Chris' passing! I will miss him very much, but know that he is in a much better place with Jesus in Heaven. You are all like family to me and I miss you all dearly. I have so many wonderful memories of Chris growing up on Portal Drive with your family and the Gross' family! Chris and I mostly hid in his room when you, my parents and the Gross' were singing Captain and Tennille songs during the 70s. I vividly remember all of the wonderful memories going with your family to the Red Bud Resort during the summer, listening to Willie Nelson and Waylon Jennings songs over and over again! Chris and I had so much fun fishing for hours for rainbow trout, catching craw fish, and even finding a king snake to bring back home for Anne to enjoy! I tell my kids, Marisa and Emi, about Chris and the fun that we had, especially the "a adventure" day when Chris and I were stranded fishing on the island after the water was released from the dam and we then had to swim across the White River with our tiny little perch that Chris had caught! I still get a lot of questions about the scar on my right hand and always enjoy telling people about playing dodge ball at the swimming pool with Chris and Stu and accidentally catching my hand on the sharp metal part of the fence and having to be rushed to the local hospital by Anne to get 6 stitches in my hand! Chris and I also had so much fun conducting funny interviews on tape that we all enjoyed listening to over the years - we were kind of crazy back then! There are so many memories that I haven't even scratched the surface.. Even though I have never met Chris' fiancé and daughters before, Chris told me so much about them that I feel like I know them as well. I will definitely keep them in my prayers. I teach High School Sunday School at our church and had learned about Chris' passing that morning and was able to incorporate this into my lesson about personal testimonies. It was difficult to talk about him without crying, but I was able to tell them that Chris's personal testimony was that the love that was reflected from his heart to others was from the Holy Spirit indwelling within him and he definitely did touch very many people's lives for the better and left the world a better place because of it. I will be praying for comfort and healing for you both during this very difficult time. I care a lot about you and I hope that we can see each other soon so that you can meet my family. Love, John

September 15 at 9:11 PM

VC

Virginia Copeland posted:

Anne and Don I read this with great sadness and send you my deepest condolence at this terrible loss. May you be comforted by the knowledge that there are many who care deeply for you. I have so many fond memories of Chris as a teenager and enjoyed watching him grow up and succeed. I know that his life touched countless others and that his legacy lives on in his children. I know that you feel blessed to have had him in your lives and know that he was blessed to have wonderful parents like you. Please extend my warmest thoughts to his children and fiancé. I will keep you in my prayers. With love and sympathy ...Ginny (Copeland)

August 23 at 5:07 AM



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Doris posted:

Please accept my sympathy for your loss, may the many promises found in the holy scriptures be of comfort to you, soon, our dead loved ones will taste life again on a paradise earth - Act 24:15; Psalms 37:29. May Jehovah God promises comfort you, as you reflect on fond memories of your loved one during this emotional time - Psalms 83:18.

August 22 at 3:39 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Chris by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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