



Christopher John Hanna

March 15, 1951 - February 14, 2023

Christopher John Hanna, 71, of Bloomington, MN passed away at home on February 14th, 2023, after a courageous battle with ALS.

Chris, a beloved husband, Dad, Grandfather, and brother was born in West Vancouver, British Columbia Canada on March 15th, 1951 to John and Freda Hanna. Chris graduated from West Vancouver High School, and then went on to get his BSc (University of British Columbia), MSc (University of Alberta) and PhD (University of Guelph) in Chemical Engineering, Medicinal Chemistry, and Pharmacology.

Chris was a man of incredible kindness, love and compassion. Throughout his life, he always put the needs of others before his own, selflessly devoting his time and energy to the people he loved. Chris was a hardworking and intelligent man, and was highly respected by his colleagues for his knowledge, work ethic, and unwavering commitment. Despite his many professional accomplishments, his true legacy lies in the lives he touched outside of work. He was a guiding light to his family and friends, always offering a listening ear, a helping hand and an open heart. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Chris was preceded in death by his parents John and Freda Hanna, and his brother Todd Hanna. Survivors are his loving wife Barb Hanna, children Lauren Roegele (Cameron), Caroline Goode (Stuart), Alexandra Selkirk-Hanna (Sheena), Cameron Hanna, Connor Hanna, Jill Sanders (Scott) and Lindsey Stevens (Brandt), grandchildren, Stella, Baker, Roscoe, Theodore,

Romy, Margot, Peyton, Brayden, Kennedy, Jackson and Isabel; and sister Laurie Kavanagh (Kevin).

A celebration of Chris's life will take place at St Edwards Catholic Church in Bloomington, MN on Friday, February 24, at 11am. A visitation will be held prior to the service from 10-11am and a luncheon for all friends and family to follow. Livestream of the service on 2/24/23 at 11am at: stedwardschurch.org/funerals

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Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **24**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Edward's Catholic Church
9401 Nesbitt Avenue South
Bloomington, MN 55437

Church Service

FEB **24**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CM

“ Chris was one of my mentors and good friends. We have been in regular contact throughout the years and would spend hours on the phone talking about cloud, imaging, and new products. Of all the executives I have ever met, he was the most generous with his time and has personally helped me to get my strategy on right path multiple times. He was the first person I called at the end of 2021 when I the idea of creating another startup, and I'll never forget his words of encouragement. I will miss talking about our kids, life, and work... Chris was one of the great ones.

Barb, my sincere condolences to you and your family.

Chuck Martin - March 01, 2023 at 12:56 AM

PD

“ I met Chris a few years ago. I immediately struck by his intellect and his personable and approachable demeanor. I truly enjoyed my time talking with him about bringing his novel solution to the world by way of federal research investments. I was deeply saddened when I learned about his passing. Rest in Peace! Commander Pat Dillon, USN (Retired)

Pat Dillon - February 28, 2023 at 02:25 PM

TF

“ The Varian Family purchased the A Full Life for the family of Christopher John Hanna.



The Varian Family - February 24, 2023 at 12:33 PM

JC

“ I first met Chris when I was 23 years old and had just started my job at Varian in the early 2000's. Though his time at Varian was brief, he had a huge impact on me both professionally and personally. He gave me an incredible career opportunity in his organization and the guidance to be successful in my formative years. He had an infectious optimism while demonstrating great leadership and kindness to all that worked with him.

On a personal note, one time I told him that I was learning to play the guitar and played a bit for him. He told me that he had a guitar that he was no longer playing and would love to gift it to me. As with most things, you don't expect people to follow through on something like that. But sure enough, true to his word, he brought that guitar from Minnesota on a plane personally to me in San Francisco when we had a dinner out. Just the fact that a high level executive in a company would take the time and spend the effort as well as provide such a generous gift to an employee, shows you all you need to know about the person that Chris was. To this day, that guitar hangs on my wall and I play it regularly and think of Chris. I have cherished that gift and will always do so.

Barb and Family, I'm so sorry to hear about Chris' passing, I didn't know about his ALS diagnosis and my wife and I were just speaking about Chris the other day wondering how he was doing. I just heard today and I count myself lucky for knowing him and am thankful for all he did for so many people. Wishing you all the best.

- Jeremy



Jeremy Cohen - February 23, 2023 at 07:03 PM

AL

Wow, thank you so much for sharing, Jeremy. Our Dad was incredibly generous and kind and I'm so glad that you had such a special time with him. Take care and all the best to you and your family.

Alexandra - February 24, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Christopher John Hanna.*



February 22, 2023 at 04:00 PM

BE

“ *Brad Erickson purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Christopher John Hanna.*



Brad Erickson - February 22, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Christopher John Hanna.*



February 22, 2023 at 08:46 AM

CZ

“ Chris had a way of making everyone he met feel special-- as if you were the most important person in the world. He took a genuine interest in people, and was always ready to help or give advice in a humble, unassuming way. I met Chris when he joined Varian, and he taught me a lot about software architecture, information and image management through hours of conversations. When I started a new company, Chris was the first person I approached for guidance. He spent HOURS putting his thoughts down in writing, sharing spreadsheets of his past experiences as a startup CEO. What a wonderful, optimistic, and supportive gentleman. He made the world and those around him better.

Corey Zankowski - February 21, 2023 at 04:45 PM

JT

“ John Kalafut & Asher Orion Group team purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Christopher John Hanna.



John Kalafut & Asher Orion Group team - February 21, 2023 at 07:41 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Christopher John Hanna.



February 20, 2023 at 06:57 PM

BC

“ We so appreciated Chris’s smile and genuine interest in others and that made him cherished friend. He was a person you just wanted to be around because you felt better with his presence. We were honored to have him join us on the staff at Mayo where his experience and expertise significantly improved patient care. He was an exceptional person who will be missed but the memories of him will be with us always.

With our love,
Bill and Cathy Charboneau



Bill Charboneau - February 20, 2023 at 12:33 PM

AL

Thank you so much, Bill! Dad really cherished your friendship. Lots of love to the family.

Alexandra - February 21, 2023 at 02:23 AM

SC

“ Sent with love Efrain & Vanessa Cardenas purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Christopher John Hanna.



Sent with love Efrain & Vanessa Cardenas - February 20, 2023 at 10:28 AM

AL

“ Alexandra lit a candle in memory of Christopher John Hanna



Alexandra - February 19, 2023 at 07:13 PM

AL

“ 2 files added to the album Chris



Alexandra - February 19, 2023 at 07:05 PM

RM

“ I first met Chris in the mid 90's when i started at ALI in Vancouver. Here i was, fresh into my first job, intimidated by all that entailed, when the guy who started the company comes up, shakes my hand and then, with Chris' typical honest and open smile, makes me feel completely at home and a friend. Over the last 30 years he's been a great friend and amazing mentor to me - someone who I've respected and admired professionally and personally - a true leader and truly great person.
I'm honored and humbled to have met him and known him
Richard

Richard Moss - February 19, 2023 at 12:03 PM

SS

“ Shawn Sanders purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Christopher John Hanna.



Shawn Sanders - February 17, 2023 at 04:28 PM

TS

“ I have known/knew Chris since I was 18 years old, so 40 years. He was a dear friend and business mentor to me as he had been in the same business as me. He was always a class act, a true gentleman, a fantastic dad , a great husband, and. A true friend . His optimism was contagious , his mind brilliant, and yet always very humble. I could share many , many fond memories. Suffice to say he will be truly missed, but will always remain in our hearts and minds. Barb, he also truly loved you, which I know you already know, but I just wanted to say how often he told Tasha and me this. To Chris' kids, you were his treasure. Chris, RIP in peace my dear friend 🙏, sincerely/with love to the family, Thane

Thane Stenner - February 17, 2023 at 01:46 PM

RI

“ Neighbor of Chris - Just got to know him a bit. Wish I had engaged him earlier, as he seemed to be the nicest man.. Always a smile and wave. Feel like I knew him better than I did, and will miss seeing him.

Rick - February 17, 2023 at 12:58 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Christopher John Hanna.*



February 17, 2023 at 11:19 AM



“ *Truly too soon. I've known Chris since 2002 when I came back to Mayo to help install the image archive his company Teramedica invented. And since then we've been in contact in other spaces, most recently when he helped found our current company. I miss his steady guidance and ready laugh. -Steve Langer*

Steve Langer - February 17, 2023 at 10:03 AM