



Christopher Armstrong Kaukis

September 18, 1981 - April 9, 2020

Christopher Armstrong Kaukis, referred to as “Kaukis” by his work team, was a software engineer and resident of downtown Minneapolis, died unexpectedly from a heart attack on April 8, 2020.

Chris is survived by his parents Cheryl and Karl, his brother Nicholas Kaukis, an uncle, Erik Kaukis, three cousins, Mike (Annie) Armstrong, John (Tina) Armstrong, their son Brekken Armstrong, cousin Andrew Harrington, and by his aunt Sharon Armstrong, and other family members. He is predeceased by his Uncle Terry (Sharon) Armstrong and grandparents Alla and Karl Kaukis, Myrtle and Oliver Armstrong and step-grandmother Francis Armstrong.

Chris was born at Mercy Hospital in Coon Rapids, MN, on September 18, 1981, and baptized May 16, 1982, at Advent Lutheran Church in Anoka, MN. He was an avid hockey player and skater when in grade school and middle school in Anoka, MN and in high school in Fond du Lac, WI. He loved playing goalie throughout his traveling hockey years. When the family moved to Stillwater, OK he changed to roller hockey.

After high school he attended New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology but decided to return home to Stillwater, OK and graduated with a Bachelor of Science, in Computer Science at Oklahoma State University.

He enjoyed his several years at Interworks and the relationships he developed there especially with his boss Behfar. He then explored other work adventures that took him to Austin, TX, finally returned to Minneapolis, MN finding a home with his work team and thankful for Derrick his boss at Arux Software in Downtown Minneapolis.

He worked hard with intensity and always wanted to be better than the day before. He enjoyed working out at the gym daily and was bummed when the gym closed; so he would walk across the Hennepin Av bridge through the park walkways with a weighted vest. He took pictures from his walk and then took pictures of views of the city from his apartment on the 25th floor for a friend. He was reserved and yet cared deeply about people with a tenderness in his soul. He didn't realize how much others cared for him and was just beginning to open up and accept himself and others. Much credit goes to his boss and the team at Arux.

The loss of Chris is immense and we give thanks and pray for those that care for him and know he will be deeply missed with many tears by his family and friends and all who knew him. Thanks be to God for the life of Christopher Armstrong Kaukis.

Romans 8.38-39 "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Tribute Wall

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“ Cheryll and Karl; wishing you peace of heart and love on this first anniversary of Chris' passing.

Terrie Beninati

Terrie Beninati - April 09, 2021 at 04:36 PM

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“ Shine on my friend, it was a pleasure knowing you. You are missed.

Paul

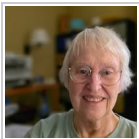
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“ We are so glad that he found happiness in Mpls. We hope you find peace in knowing that. We are grieving with you. Hugs!

Cynthia and Ed Gustavson

Cynthia Gustavson - April 16, 2020 at 12:25 PM



“ To Cheryll and Karl, as well as the rest of Christopher's family and friends -- we are so sorry to hear of Christopher's passing (way too young). Condolences for all of you.

Toni Ristau and Roy Ball

Toni Ristau - April 15, 2020 at 07:28 PM