



## Christopher John Parsons

September 8, 1974 - June 15, 2023

Christopher John Parsons, 48, of Minneapolis passed away on June 15 at Hennepin County Medical Center surrounded by family and loved ones. Chris was raised in Minneapolis, the city he loved. Since 2000, he served as a St. Paul firefighter, and was promoted to Captain in 2007. Chris served as president of the Minnesota Professional Fire Fighters and an officer of Local 21, the local union representing St. Paul. Chris was a trailblazer, testifying before the Minnesota legislature and U.S. Congress, and ensuring that Minnesota led the way on issues of firefighter safety. Chris successfully fought for laws that banned cancer-causing chemical retardants and provided financial assistance to firefighters afflicted by at-work injuries, as well as many other laws that protected first responders.

Chris had a strong physical presence - a large stature, deep voice, and beaming smile. And he loved life. He was outside at every opportunity - especially for skiing, hiking, and running. He enjoyed playing music on his guitar and ukulele. Chris had a unique authenticity that enhanced his connection with friends, colleagues, and anyone who crossed his path.

Chris was a loving father, partner, son, brother, and friend. He will be greatly missed by his daughters Kaya and Annika, his partner Johanna, his parents Johnny and Kathy, his brother John (Kevin) and John's wife Samantha, and many, many others.

Service to be held Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 1pm at Nicollet Island Pavilion, 40 Power St, Minneapolis, MN 55401, with visitation from 10am to

1pm.

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Davies Chapel 612-377-2203

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 21. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Nicollet Island Pavilion  
40 Power Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55401

## Memorial Service

JUN 21. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Nicollet Island Pavilion  
40 Power Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55401

# Tribute Wall



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



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June 19, 2023 at 03:13 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Christopher John Parsons.*



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June 19, 2023 at 09:23 AM



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



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June 19, 2023 at 09:10 AM

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“ Chris was a wonderful person! I was privileged to work with him to pass legislation banning flame retardants and other firefighter safety legislation. Chris did so much to improve the lives of others. He will be greatly missed.

*He was kind, caring, smart -- and he had a great sense of humor! I am so sorry to hear about his unexpected death. You are in my thoughts and prayers at this time of grief.*

*John Marty*

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**John Marty** - June 18, 2023 at 10:42 PM