



## Christopher Michael Phillips

January 13, 1978 - September 11, 2020

Christopher Michael Phillips, age 42, died unexpectedly on Friday, Sept 11, 2020 in Bloomington, MN, while heading to the 17th annual Tribute to the Troops MN motorcycle ride. He was born January 13, 1978, in Toledo, OH to Martin and Connie Phillips. Chris is preceded in death by grandparents Robert and Betty Phillips, Joanne (Sparks) and Eldon Dolby, Edward (Dale) Sparks, and his mother Constance (Sparks) Phillips. Chris is survived by his father Martin (Montana) Phillips, sisters Shelly (David) Ulrick and Brenda (Sean) Blum, and brother Andrew Phillips. Also survived by his nieces, Alisha, Joanna, Lillyana, Constance (CJ), and Julia, a nephew, James, as well as other relatives and friends.

Chris enjoyed his career as a postal carrier out of the Hopkins Post Office, also serving as a Union Trustee, Safety Captain and a USPS Trainer. He loved riding motorcycles, flying his self-built drones, and providing on-going IT tech support for his entire family. Whenever anyone needed anything, Chris was there. No matter if it was work or hobby or friends and family, he was fully-involved and dedicated. His compassionate and generous nature touched the lives of many, including the dogs on his mail route. As one of his nieces asked soon after he passed, "Who's gonna take care of us now?"

Visitation will be held at Noon followed by a private memorial service at 1:00 pm on Sunday, Sept 20th at the Washburn – McReavy Seman Chapel, 1827

Coon Rapids Blvd., Coon Rapids, MN 55443. The family will be hosting a “celebration of life” at his home, 11511 Foley Blvd NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55448. Please join us anytime following the service until 5:00 pm for an outdoor casual event in his backyard where we will celebrate his life and wonderful spirit.

Memorial gifts in Chris’s name are preferred to “Tribute for the Troops Minnesota” (<https://www.tributetothetroops.org/mn/sponsors-mn.php>). To donate by mail, please send your check or money order payable to Tribute to the Troops to: Tribute To The Troops, P.O. Box 272, Circle Pines, MN 55014.

# Tribute Wall

JB

“ *Uncle Chris was my favorite person to be with. He raised me since I was a infant! He was always there for me. It has been 5 years and it still feels like he is here. He will forever be loved and misses.*

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**Julia Blum** - November 02, 2025 at 07:20 PM

CP

“ *Uncle Chris was the best uncle any one could have, he shed light where ever he went. If I told all my stories of him this would be longer than the empire state building! There isn't enough room in the world to write all of the things I loved and miss about him, so i'm going to keep it short. It has now been 4 years without him, and I still miss him greatly, but I know he is in a better place and someone needed a guardian angel more than we needed him here on earth. I know he would've wanted us all to live on in his memory, so that is what i am doing, and will continue to do!*

*Connie (CJ) Phillips*

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**Constance Phillips** - September 12, 2024 at 11:53 AM

BS

“ Chris was not just the guy who delivered our mail @ work, he became a friend that I looked forward to seeing daily and sharing our photos. He loved camping with his family and he would tell me new State Parks to try out (I still don't know how he slept in that hammock!) , his motor cycle rides with friends were such a joy to him, and of course buying his new home and seeing his photos were such fun. Yes, he had to see me and my project photos as well :) He even introduced me to his brother who works on my car when needed. The office was on vacation last week and just I heard about his passing today. This guy will be so missed!

*Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.*  
*Bj Stamper*

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**Bj Stamper** - September 23, 2020 at 11:28 AM

SG

“ One of the most wonderful human beings I have ever met. Chris delivered mail to my business and treats to our puppy Kenai. Our hearts are so heavy. We have been out of the office for 1 week and have just heard.

*We were so excited about his moving into his new home. We looked at what blinds he was picking out and how excited he was to have his brother moving in. Our puppy Kenai is 12 years old and Chris was her most exciting time of each day. The love for his nieces & nephew was so beautiful as he shared stories. Seeing his smile and excitement of a nice weekend for riding his motorcycle. I can not even explain how much we will miss Chris.*

*Rest In Peace Sweet Chris*

*Scharre, Tom & Kenai*  
*Gerrety Systems, Inc.*

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**Scharre C Gerrety** - September 21, 2020 at 05:22 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Christopher Michael Phillips.*



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September 21, 2020 at 12:48 PM



Brandon Rubow

“ *Chris and I started at USPS around the same time and were close in age, so we bonded immediately. In fact, our backgrounds had us crossing paths and shared friends 20 years ago, so this one hits hard for me personally. I take some comfort in knowing his tragic passing was doing something he loved, which was riding his bike and heading to a troop memorial ride which as a veteran I appreciated the support. The office will never be the same without him.*

*Brandon R (route 9102)*

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**Brandon Rubow** - September 19, 2020 at 08:57 PM

EA

“ *Chris was one of the first carriers I got to know when I started at Hopkins. Had my first extended work assignment right next to him. 9110 next to 9111. He was truly one of the nicest and truly genuine people I have ever met. People throw that term around lightly, I mean every word. I spent 15 years in business before I joined the PO. I Learned to be a good reader on character of others and myself for that matter from my Business and personal dealings and life experience before that. Chris has us all beat. Genuine as it gets, heart of gold. He will be forever missed and never forgotten. Erik Anderson-Carrier Route 0574 Hopkins.*

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**Erik Anderson** - September 16, 2020 at 08:28 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Christopher Michael Phillips.*



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September 16, 2020 at 04:11 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Christopher Michael Phillips.*



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September 16, 2020 at 02:34 PM



“ *I truly enjoyed getting to know Chris on our Tribute Rides, He will be missed greatly.*

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**Jill Lally** - September 16, 2020 at 12:32 PM

MH

“ As you can see in the video Stella is going to miss Chris a lot! Somehow she would know when he would walk into our building. Stella would never know how long she would have to wait to get her treat. It all depended on how many people Chris would run into/visit with in the building. We all enjoyed hearing about his camping, motorcycle, family or his new home adventures.

Chris would always let us know when he had his days off. We would look forward to having him deliver our mail to us once he was back from vacation....no other mail carrier could fill his shoes!

We will miss hearing about Chris's next adventure.

American Family Insurance Rachel Malec Agency

Rachel, Mark, Penny and Stella



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mark b heinsch - September 16, 2020 at 11:00 AM

MH

This was during covid, so our doors were locked for a few weeks. Otherwise Chris would have come in and pet Stella.

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Mark Heinsch - September 16, 2020 at 11:07 AM

EB

Chris was kind, friendly and always smiling. He was so well loved by my dog as well as all the dogs in our neighborhood. I will miss him very much. My heart goes out to his family and friends. Sincerely Elaine Boyd

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elaine boyd - September 17, 2020 at 12:16 AM

CC

“ Our condolences to Chris’s family and friends. We had chats at the mailbox when he was delivering our mail. He was so excited about his new house. We have a number of dogs in our neighborhood and they would come running when they heard the mail truck to greet him and get a treat. Neighbors would stroll up to talk to him. We’ll miss seeing his smiling face.

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**Christine Cameron** - September 16, 2020 at 11:00 AM

MW

“ I deliver for FedEx Ground in the same area Chris had his route in. Our paths would cross pretty frequently at the apartments on Central Avenue North. We would chat from time to time on things happening in the world. If the weather was going to be nice for the upcoming weekend, I would ask him if he was planning on riding. He was always friendly, and a joy to talk with. I know I will miss seeing him.

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**Marc Wisti** - September 15, 2020 at 04:46 PM

EF

“ I have never met Chris, but I sure value the IT work he did at his brother's auto repair shop. His work enabled me to work when my car was being repaired. It saved me many a vacation day. My condolences to Chris's family, I am very sorry for your loss.

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**Elizabeth Fredette** - September 15, 2020 at 03:34 PM

BS

“ We are a family on Chris's mail route and he and my dog, Mac, had a special friendship. Mac would hear Chris coming and sit in the drive way patiently waiting for Chris to park at the mailbox and turn of the truck. That was Mac's cue to race down there and see Chris. He would always get out of the truck, give Mac a treat and chat with me for a bit. He always took the time for his customers and, especially the dogs!

Over the years I got to know Chris quite well because of our weekly chats. He was so excited about his new house and he often talked about his niece, his friends, camping and his motorcycle.

My heart is so heavy to lose my friend. I could always count on Chris for a friendly conversation. Mac and I will miss him dearly.

Please know how many lives he touched by doing his job and being such a great guy.

May you find comfort at this very difficult time knowing how much we cared about him.

Tim, Belinda and Mac

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**Belinda Stutzman** - September 15, 2020 at 03:32 PM

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“ Chris will be missed by his friends at Flagship Bank/on his mail route. He was amazing at his job but an even more amazing person! We are so sorry for your loss!

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**Terry Ottinger** - September 15, 2020 at 10:48 AM