



Christopher Alan Rush

November 14, 1970 - October 6, 2025

Christopher Alan Rush was born in Chicago Heights, IL on November 14, 1970. He grew up as a Chicago Bears fan (even though they broke his heart more often than not) and wrestling. He participated in both football and folkstyle wrestling throughout his youth and high school years. His love of these two sports would remain a constant throughout his life.

Chris made his career as a QA Software Analyst (or as he liked to say, "lazy computer work"). He worked for several companies and ended his career as a contractor. The part of his job he loved most was the people he worked with. He worked with people from all over the world. Chris loved learning about them and their culture. Even though he was a "meat and potatoes" kind of guy, he had a love of Indian food due to the wonderful people he worked with. He considered many people that he worked with to be close friends and extended family.

As an adult, he enjoyed traveling to Disney World with his family and friends. He took his son to Disney eight times. He loved attending the Halloween parties with family themed costumes planned with his son. He enjoyed collecting Disney Pins and interacting with the characters (as he himself could be a character). He also enjoyed gaming, building Gundam models, and recently started 3-D printing. After two decades, he managed to convert his wife into a football fan. She chose the 49ers as her team but he happily

watched those games and bought her jerseys. He was just happy to share his love of football.

In 2016 he was diagnosed with esophageal cancer. He only had a 20% chance of beating it. He approached his treatment with the determination and humor he approached everything with. He deemed the theme of his cancer to be Star Wars and wore a different Star Wars shirt to each of his treatments. After a difficult battle with a few complications, he recovered from his treatments and surgery. After 5 years of monitoring he was declared cured. Unfortunately, in the fall of 2024 the cancer came back. He battled incredibly hard to beat it again, but unfortunately, was unable to. We lost Chris on October 6th, with his son and wife by his side. He retained his positive attitude to try to get as much time as he could and was making jokes throughout his treatment and hospice care.

Chris is survived by his wife of 25 years, Lauren Rush, his son Elek Rush, mother Georgia Rush, sister Becky Rush (Tori), Aunt Penny Blackwell (Bill) and many extended family members.

While we are heartbroken that Chris is gone, we hope he is remembered for his determination and his unique sense of humor that he approached life with. Chris loved to make people laugh. Although his sense of humor was the defining trait of his personality, he was also incredibly loyal and would do anything to help a friend in need.

We would love to see anyone who cared for Chris at this memorial. Your companionship means the world to us. In lieu of flowers please make a donation to the Esophageal Cancer Action Network. www.ecan.org

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **18**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Coon Rapids Chapel
1827 Coon Rapids Blvd.
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Memorial Service

OCT **18**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Christopher Alan Rush.*



October 16, 2025 at 06:20 PM



“ *Meeghan M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christopher Alan Rush.*

Meeghan M. - October 16, 2025 at 03:26 PM



“ *Chris and I were good friends in High School and came on a fishing trip to Minnesota with me around 86-87. He was truly one of a kind personality. We had many a laugh on the bus rides home from school or anywhere we were really. RIP my brother!*

Steve Herzic - October 16, 2025 at 12:08 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Christopher Alan Rush.*



October 15, 2025 at 03:10 PM

KB

“ *Katie Sutton & Nick Bushby planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christopher Alan Rush.*

Katie Sutton & Nick Bushby - October 15, 2025 at 03:10 PM

PY

“ *Pat Y. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christopher Alan Rush.*

Pat Y. - October 12, 2025 at 10:06 PM

BE

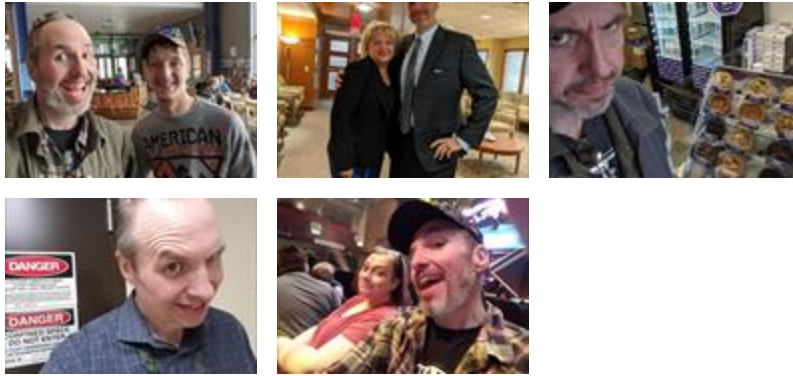
“ *Becky lit a candle in memory of Christopher Alan Rush*



Becky - October 11, 2025 at 09:59 PM

RP

“ My all time favorite memory of Chris is his retelling of his Prince encounter at a comic book store. He could make anything funny. He had perfect comedic timing. When I first met Chris, he was stealing my best friend, his future wife, away from me to spirit her away from Texas to Minnesota, so I wasn't ready to be completely charmed by him, but I was. I will forever be grateful for all the laughter that he gave her for the last 25 years, and the beautiful son that they share. Rest easy Chris.
Becky



Rebecca Passmore - October 11, 2025 at 09:57 PM

KP

I forgot about the Prince story!

Karen Pommer - October 12, 2025 at 04:43 AM

AT

“ Chris seemed exactly like my kind of person. Anyone who can try to make people laugh and find the humor in a situation is just the kind of person I'd want to know and be around. Except for the Bears thing. But I get it, Lilly was a Cubs fan for many years. It's just something we have to accept about our loved ones. You're all in heart.

Annie Tharp - October 11, 2025 at 09:07 PM

NW

“ I always looked forward to seeing what decor Chris would come up with for Halloween. I would have loved to trick or treat at a house like that as a kid!

Nichole Weickert-bevis - October 11, 2025 at 06:48 PM

KP

“ I was thinking about all the sports we have watched over the years. A player would mess up or do something wrong and he would say that they were fired. I will be carrying that to any sports I watch in his memory.

Karen Pommer - October 11, 2025 at 02:45 PM