



## Christopher E. Wolla

March 18, 1968 - August 8, 2023

Christopher (Chris) Eric Wolla was born March 18th, 1968 to Chester and Darlene Wolla in Tioga, North Dakota. He graduated from Tioga High School in 1986, and moved to the Twin Cities in 1987. Chris was united in marriage to Jodie Lynn Rieger on July 17th, 1993 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Lino Lakes, Minnesota. They became parents to three children: twin boys, Caden and Carson, and daughter, Kiley.

Chris's work career was primarily centered around Parks and Recreation. He spent twenty-five years with the City of New Brighton, where he held a number of different positions. He first worked as the Assistant Golf Course manager at Brightwood Hills, and he later held positions with the City of New Brighton as Golf Course Manager, Park Maintenance Employee and then most recently, Parks Superintendent. It was during this time when he was awarded the Michael J Walker Spirit Award.

In addition, Chris also served over twenty years for the New Brighton Fire Department. There were countless times where he answered the call of duty and was a willing servant to those in need. Through these experiences he

developed many indelible bonds with those whom he worked and served.

Throughout his life, Chris had a great love for food. Chris was an outstanding cook and grill master, and he would often prepare food for family and friends because of his great love and passion for serving others through doing what he loved.

Chris is survived by his wife of thirty years, Jodie; sons, Caden and Carson (22); daughter, Kiley (19); brothers, Randy and Ricky. Also survived by father-in-law and mother-in-law Bob and Jan Rieger. Siblings Todd (Renee) Rieger and Tanya (Bryan) Wilkerson, as well as many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins. He had a special bond with his cousin, Don Leholm, with whom he shared many life adventures as he and Don moved to the Twin Cities together in 1987. Chris also developed a profound connection with his many co-workers throughout his years of service to the community and City of New Brighton.

He was preceded in death by his parents (Chester and Darlene).

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the family.

Go Fund Link:

<http://gofundme.com/f/chris-wolla-family>



# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church  
835 2nd Avenue NW  
New Brighton, MN 55112

## Visitation

AUG 18. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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## Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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New Brighton, MN 55112

# Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Christopher E. Wolla



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Washburn-McReavy - August 17, 2023 at 05:17 PM

SR

“ Jodie and family,  
Chris was a classmate. We lost touch after high school, but I remember him as a superb athlete and driven competitor. He worked hard and played a key role in everything he did. He lettered in three sports and was an all district basketball player. He played tuba and competed in music festivals. He was well liked and had a great circle of friends. May his memories give you strength and comfort during this devastating time.

*In deepest sympathy,  
Stacy Redmond*

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Stacy Redmond - August 20, 2023 at 07:33 PM

CZ

“ Whenever we would meet, one of us would say 'Hi Chris' and the other would respond 'Hi Chris'. We would smile. It was a wonderful way to start the conversation. My earthly self misses Chris. But the Kingdom of Heaven is far better, more than we can possibly imagine. Rest in the peace of Christ, Chris.  
Chris, Choon Bee, Jacob & Tina Zahn

Christopher Zahn - August 19, 2023 at 04:23 PM

Washburn-McReavy  
FUNERAL CHAPEL, CREMATION AND  
GRIEVANCE SERVICES

“ 185 files added to the album LifeTributes



Washburn-McReavy - August 17, 2023 at 05:03 PM

SM

“ So sorry to hear about Chris. He was one of my classmates. In high school, He sat behind me in band and liked to have fun whenever he could get away with it. 😊. Many good memories from school. Prayers for healing and comfort in the days ahead.  
Sandy (Moberg) McCloud

Sandy (Moberg) McCloud - August 16, 2023 at 07:27 PM

BB

“ We remember Chris from growing up in Tioga and have fond family & school memories of him.  
We send our condolences.  
Wayde and Joann Nelson  
Bobby and Lisa Beauchamp

Bobby and Lisa Beauchamp - August 16, 2023 at 01:44 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Christopher E. Wolla.



August 16, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Christopher E. Wolla.



August 16, 2023 at 11:37 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Christopher E. Wolla.



August 15, 2023 at 06:04 PM

MP

“ Jodie, Caden, Carson and Kiley, my condolences to you all. I will be keeping your family in my prayers. Maureen Pesek

Maureen Pesek - August 15, 2023 at 12:47 PM

LR

“ Love and prayers for Chris’s whole family. This has certainly been a shock and very heartbreaking. We ll never forget Chris! He was in our son Chads THS Class of ‘86. And was loved by all. A fantastic athlete with a great bunch of friends to play football, basketball and baseball with. And loved by his teachers, coaches and church! RIP Chris. It was an honor to sit in those bleachers all those years with your wonderful family and cheer you Pirates on! With love, the RAAN Family. Gary, Linda Faye , Chad & Jen, Jareb & Beth, and Nate & Randi and children. ❤️🙏🏻

Linda Faye Raan - August 12, 2023 at 01:42 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Christopher E. Wolla.



August 12, 2023 at 09:12 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Christopher E. Wolla.

August 12, 2023 at 09:12 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Christopher E. Wolla.*



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August 11, 2023 at 10:50 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Christopher E. Wolla.

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August 11, 2023 at 10:50 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Christopher E. Wolla.*



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August 11, 2023 at 07:59 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss Jody and family. Chris was a great classmate and friend. Remember many good times when we were younger from high school years through the short time at Minot State. He will be truly missed.*  
*Todd and Toni Marmon*

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**Todd Marmon** - August 11, 2023 at 05:50 PM



“ *Wonderful guy always smiling loved his family*

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**Connie maize** - August 11, 2023 at 03:26 PM

CR

*Family friends and really enjoyed catching up with him at Chets funeral recently. Prayers for his family and friends as they mourn his loss and treasure their special memories of him.*

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**Carole Rohde** - August 11, 2023 at 04:59 PM