



## Christopher John Kalnik

May 1, 1956 - September 6, 2015

Chris, 59, passed away on September 6th at Karmanos Cancer Institute in Detroit, Michigan after a two year battle with prostate cancer. Chris was born in Chicago Illinois on May 1, 1956. He graduated from Brown University in 1978, with a BA in International Relations. He was a senior marketing representative with IBM and a partner and managing director, financial analysis with Technology Partners International TPI, Inc (later ISG) where he worked for 20 years.

Beloved husband of Gina and father of Thomas and Allison. Survived by parents Andrew and Eleanor, brothers Tom (Laura) and Matt (Sheryl), stepsons Alex and Rodger, loving nieces, and dear friends, Mary Riordan and Eli Lamb.

A private memorial service will be held in Charlotte, North Carolina. His ashes will be scattered at his favorite fishing spot in Rhinebeck, NY, where he raised his family.

Arrangements by Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile, Royal Oak. Share your memories at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com).

# Tribute Wall

JH

“ I remember our trips to NY and the times our families would get together. My condolences to Andy, Eleanor, Matt & Tom. May you have peace during this time.

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**Jeff Hesse** - November 05, 2015 at 11:34 PM

LH

“ I remember fondly our family visits from New England to Armonk to visit the Kalnik family. Chris and his brothers were all in close age to me and my brothers. Such a loss. My sympathy and prayers for peace to his family, especially Eleanor, Andy, Tom and Matt.  
Peace,  
Laura Hesse

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**Laura Hesse** - November 04, 2015 at 05:00 PM

GH

“ I just discovered this website and the fact of Chris' passing. Given the severity of his illness this did not come as a surprise, but it is still a shock. I have known Chris since we were little kids, and he is one of the best people I have ever known. What a great loss for the world, and particularly for his family. I wish his kids and parents my condolences, and I share their sorrow.

*Chris was simply the best.*

*Love to all,*

*Guy Hoelzer*

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**Guy Hoelzer** - October 06, 2015 at 01:21 PM



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



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September 18, 2015 at 11:14 PM



“ *Our memories of Chris go back a long way. We baby sat for Chris when he was a baby and the family lived in Des Plaines. We remember many happy family reunions in Armonk and Charlotte as well as birthdays, weddings and anniversary family celebrations through the years.*

*All his life Chris was a hard worker with a positive attitude. His caring for friends and his love of family will be remembered.*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family and we will cherish his memory.*

*With our deepest sympathy and love,  
Carol and Bill Neufeldt*

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**Bill and Carol Neufeldt** - September 12, 2015 at 10:06 AM

AM

“ Chris was my first partner executive at TPI and he was such a extraordinary individual to work with. Over the years we interacted on many occasions and I always looked forward to seeking his counsel and also catching up on things.

*He will be sorely missed.*

*Al Matukonis*

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**Al Matukonis** - September 11, 2015 at 04:24 PM

EF

“ Erion Xhuti & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Christopher John Kalnik.



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**Erion Xhuti & Family** - September 10, 2015 at 02:07 PM

CW

“ I worked for Chris and with Chris for 10 years at TPI / ISG. It was a privilege to work for him and a pleasure to work with him on a daily basis. I will always remember Chris for his quiet manner in dealing with difficult issues and his smile when talking about his family, fishing, or friends. My sincere condolences to Gina, Thomas and Allison. Chris will be deeply missed by all those who knew him.

*Carol Wright*

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**Carol Wright** - September 10, 2015 at 10:32 AM

AB

“ *My heartfelt sympathy to all of Chris' family. May you find comfort in God's presents. Chris now has a new body and is no longer in pain. Prays go out to all of his family and friends.*  
*Anita Le Boeuf- ISG*

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**Anita Le Boeuf** - September 10, 2015 at 08:53 AM

KW

“ I knew Chris from working with him at TPI and ISG.

*Chris lived a life full of meaning.*

*He brought great intelligence, caring, and a remarkable sense of humor to life. I will remember and cherish his counsel and quick wit on so many occasions.*

*I remember Chris as a devoted father, always talking about Thomas and Allison's latest adventures and how proud he was of them both.*

*I remember him as a skilled negotiator to the point of analyzing key terms from all perspectives and teaching others to do likewise..*

*I remember his brilliant financial and analytic mind.*

*I remember his leadership, mentorship, and friendship --- all with time to talk.*

*He had a fun twinkle in his eye and a smile to go with it.*

*As we celebrate his life, there is a lot to remember and cherish.*

*I add my condolences with everyone's to his family and dear ones and to all of us who knew him and remember him well.*

*Chris did make the world a better place and we will all miss him.*

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**Kathy Welch** - September 10, 2015 at 08:20 AM

PB

“ Al and I send our love and sadness to the Kalnik family. Chris will always be an example by which to pattern one's life. Whether great or hard times, Chris was always the same, giving freely of himself both professionally and personally. He loved and cared deeply for his family while remembering to ask about others.

*It brings a smile when thinking of Chris loving to give away the newly minted 'state' quarters. . . he'd always have a chuckle to go went with it!*

*Pat Blake*

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**Pat Blake** - September 10, 2015 at 04:44 AM

JB

“ Amanda and I wish to extend our heartfelt sympathies to Chris's beloved family and friends. Chris will be missed deeply by all those that were so fortunate to have shared his brilliant personal and professional life. Chris was a brother to me for over twenty years. I will never forget the great shared moments of our lives. Chris, you will forever, and always be in our thoughts and memories. Gina, thank you for the sincere love you have always given to Chris.

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**John Buscher** - September 09, 2015 at 05:37 PM

SM

“ I worked closely with Chris for 14 years. There are not enough words to describe the impact Chris had on his colleagues, both personally and professionally. If I were to choose just one word, it would be "beloved."

*To the Kalnik family - although I didn't get to meet some of you personally, I hope you don't find it presumptuous of me to share some specific thoughts with you:*

*Thomas & Allison - your father was the kindest man I have ever met. He talked about you all the time and was extremely proud of you.*

*Gina - I think you and Chris were meant to find each other and make each other so happy. I'm sorry your time together was so short.*

*Andrew and Eleanor - you did an incredible job of raising a true gentleman. Chris touched so many people around the world with his warmth, his intelligence, his humor, and his integrity.*

*Chris was a great friend and mentor to me. I will miss him greatly. My condolences to each of you.*

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**Shawn McCray** - September 09, 2015 at 02:47 PM

DW

“ Chris was a kind and generous man who made this world a better place. I hope his family will find some comfort by knowing he was loved by so many. Chris will be missed by all of us. Donna Walton

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**Donna Walton** - September 09, 2015 at 11:58 AM

FL

“ I have not had the pleasure of meeting Chris Kalnik directly but by the words of Mike I understand the value of the person. Colleagues of ISG Italy and I express our condolences to his wife Gina and her family and we join a prayer for him.  
Fulvio Röhrssen di Limina

Fulvio Röhrssen di Limina - September 09, 2015 at 10:44 AM

CL

“ Cindy LaChapelle purchased the Thoughts & Prayers for the family of Christopher John Kalnik.



Cindy LaChapelle - September 09, 2015 at 10:11 AM

CL

“ Chris was my first people manager with ISG. He was an extremely kind and thoughtful man. He will be missed by all who knew him. My deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

Cindy LaChapelle

Cindy LaChapelle - September 09, 2015 at 09:15 AM

TZ

“ Chris was one of the first people I met at TPI in 2004 and of course that was day one in "boot camp". From that day forward I found him to be a kind, caring and knowledgeable person who was continually willing to share of his expertise and himself. He gave himself to you in conversation especially in general banter. His laughter was so enjoyable to hear. I will miss him. My condolences to all his family and friends.

Tony Zmudzin - September 09, 2015 at 08:17 AM

MH

“ Chris was one of the first people I met when I joined TPI in 2005. Chris was never one to forget those that entered his circle....always kind and a gentleman to everyone. He was always willing to help one learn with the knowledge he had of the business....nothing was ever too much or a bother when he was tapped for his knowledge. I feel like one of the lucky one's that had the opportunity to meet and get to know Chris Kalnik. My sincere condolences to the family and friends of Chris. Marilyn Hopkins

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**marilyn hopkins** - September 09, 2015 at 08:00 AM

CA

“ Chris was truly a great thought leader and friend to everyone in ISG. I remember him as a passionate advisor and a friendly outgoing person full of life! He will be greatly missed. My condolences to his family. Catherine Jaktman - ISG Australia

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**Catherine** - September 09, 2015 at 06:23 AM

SD

“ To Chris's family - my thoughts and prayers are with you all. Chris was a kind, thoughtful colleague and friend. He welcomed me to TPI with his warmth, always offering his support and advice. He will be missed. ~ Sue Danino

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**Sue Danino** - September 09, 2015 at 04:04 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Christopher John Kalnik.



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September 08, 2015 at 11:31 PM

DW

“ Chris was one of the kindest people I have ever met. I always thought he had a great deal of patience. He will certainly be missed by many.

*With deepest sympathy,*

*Deb Will*

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**Deb Will** - September 08, 2015 at 11:28 PM

KC

“ Gina, Eleanor and Andrew,

*He was a friend who could take the rough parts of you and mold, shape, or teach you into being better at this business of being an advisor. I will treasure every time we talked. Our thoughts are with you.*

*With Sympathy,*

*Kevin Curry*

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**Kevin Curry** - September 08, 2015 at 10:06 PM

MM

“ I met Chris in 2002. He was a leader, he was articulate, he was smart, he was quick, he was a professional and he was personable. He had a great sense of humor, especially under pressure. And he knew how to have a good time. He always had time for those who had a question or sought his insight. He loved to engage you intellectually and welcomed challenges to traditional ways of thinking. Over time Chris became legend. I am proud to have been a colleague. He will be missed by many. In sympathy and faith .....  
*Mike McMenamin*

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**Mike McMenamin** - September 08, 2015 at 09:51 PM

PS

“ Chris was a truly exceptional leader and friend. Whether "under the gun" with a client or together in Las Vegas for the Super Bowl, Chris could be counted on to provide levity and perspective! Always available, always helpful, whether for professional or personal matters. He will truly be missed and touched many lives.

*Rest in Peace...*

*Paul Schmidt*

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**Paul Schmidt** - September 08, 2015 at 07:30 PM

AB

“ Gina,

*Chris was a terrific mentor to me during my 6 years with ISG. I was lucky enough to spend over a year working directly with Chris on a daily basis during a client engagement. I'll always remember him as a tremendous leader, an advocate for his people, and a great mentor. His heart was huge and his knowledge seemed endless. I always knew that I could go to him with anything for advice.*

*With sympathy,*

*Andrew Brown*

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**Andrew Brown** - September 08, 2015 at 06:55 PM

RR

“ Gina, Eleanor and Andrew,

*Ali and I were fortunate to call Chris "friend". And such a great and wonderful friend he was. Whether business or personal, we could all depend on Chris to lend a hand in time of need. Chris was always the voice of calm and reason in stressful times.*

*I hope he isn't bored with fishing when I see him next. I still need to teach him how to catch Walleye.*

*With much love,  
Russ and Alison Reimus*

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**Russ Reimus** - September 08, 2015 at 05:52 PM

DH

“ *Chris was a great leader and mentor for the Financial Analysis team at ISG. We will miss him. My condolences go to his family.*

*Des  
Sydney, Australia*

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**Des Houlihan** - September 08, 2015 at 05:43 PM

DF

“ *Gina,*

*Chris' influence, leadership and kindness spanned the globe. It was sad news in Australia to hear of his passing. I still have a Chris Kalnik Quarter in my office.*

*His was a life well lived and he will be missed.*

*With sympathy, David Fleming*

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**David Fleming** - September 08, 2015 at 05:40 PM

TM

“ Gina,

*Chris and I met back at IBM and spent a lot of time together at TPI/ISG. He was always happy and a great friend. He will be missed by all. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the kids.*

*Sincerely,*

*Tony Mataya*

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**Tony Mataya** - September 08, 2015 at 05:24 PM

TH

“ *Gina, Chris was my adopted mentor at ISG for over 10 years. He shared his humor, guidance and wisdom with me (and so many others) often. I will miss him greatly and will continue to share the many things I learned from Chris with others. With prayers for peace, Terri Hart-sears*

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**Terri Hart-Sears** - September 08, 2015 at 05:23 PM

MC

“ *Gina--*

*Chris has been a great partner and friend to ISG for 21 years. Unforgettable memories have been created with our clients and employees including our Chairman's Club trip together. The world has been better with Chris a part of it. I'm so glad you and Chris came together--he loved his fishing but loved you even more. He will be forever remembered. Mike Connors*

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**mike connors** - September 08, 2015 at 11:42 AM