



## Christopher Michael Noonan

April 25, 1968 - June 24, 2014

Christopher Michael Noonan, age 46. Beloved son of Michael "Jerry" and Mayor Jacqueline Noonan. Dear brother of Jerome Brandi, CatherineGregory Lelito, Melissa ChristopherRissman and Tracy BryanOrlowski. Dear Uncle of twelve.

Chris grew up in Utica, Michigan and attended Flickinger Elementary, Eppler Junior High and Utica High Schools. He was a Boy Scout and played little league baseball in elementary school.

While in high school, Chris was on the varsity swim team where he earned his varsity letter. After graduation from Utica High School he attended Wyoming Technological College in Cheyenne, Wyoming, where he earned a certification as an auto mechanic.

In 1990 he was hired to the Utica Fire Department. He was in love with fire service beginning in his childhood. His father, Michael J. Noonan, served 42 years on this department. That is where his love of firefighting began. In 1991, he was hired to the Ann Arbor Fire Department, where he spent the next 18 years of his life. He earned his Associates Degree in Fire Science from Macomb Community College, He rose through the ranks to Captain/Acting Battalion Chief. He loved firefighting more than anything in the world. He is a graduate of Eastern Michigan Fire Staff and Command School. Chris graduated as the valedictorian of his class.

After his firefighting career, Chris returned to school. He attended Wayne State University full time; that is where he earned his Bachelor's Degree in

Mortuary Science. He then began working at Ever Rest Funeral Home in Muskegon, Michigan. Being a funeral director was a passion of his. He had a calming effect on those he helped in their time of need.

Chris was an avid hunter. He hunted everything from deer to boars to rams, even bears. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and The Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

He loved spending time with his family, especially his many nieces and nephews. Uncle Chris was the most fun uncle ever! They all loved him very much. Chris has a wicked sense of humor and could always make you smile.

Visitation is at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home 8459 Hall road 3 blks East of Van Dyke, Utica, Monday 1:00pm - 9:00pm with the Ann Arbor Fire Department Pass and Review service at 7:00pm.

Instate Tuesday July 1 at 9:00am at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, 44633 Utica Road between M-59& Van Dyke Utica, until time of Mass 10:00am.

Contributions appreciated to the Christopher Michael Noonan Memorial Fund.

A Celebration of Chris's Life Chris was a wonderful brother, son, uncle and friend: always dependable, loving and helpful. So good natured and faced life with a smile. As a little boy, Chris loved fire trucks and wreckers - and his Dad had both! What a delight to ride along with Dad beaming with excitement. That joy was only surpassed when he too became a certified mechanic and later a Firefighter. Chris loved having a big family and he said it often. He told people about his beautiful sisters, his talented little brother, and when all were married, he got three new brothers and another sister along with seven nieces and five nephews. He was the most fun uncle ever. Chris marched to his own drum and let life take him on many adventures. He was not timid nor shy but quietly meticulous in all he did. He went skydiving, owned a motorcycle, camped hundreds of time, snowmobiled, hunted, fished, kayaked, traveled across the U.S. and Canada. He loved photography, music, Kid Rock, movies and the Motor City. The Tigers, Lions, Pistons and Red Wings gave him many happy moments. He traveled to Ireland and Mexico but loved Michigan best. In work and play, Chris always gave his best shot. As a firefighter, he served

both his hometown, Utica, for two years and Ann Arbor for 18 years. He was educated having gotten national mechanics license and Funeral director's license besides his Associates Degree in Fire Science, Valedictorian status in Eastern Michigan's Fire Staff and Command School, and Bachelor of Science in Wayne State University's Mortuary Science Program. He worked for funeral homes in Midland, Cadillac, Saginaw and most recently was Managing Director of Ever Rest FH in Muskegon. Service beyond work was what Chris was known for: waterfront supervisor at Summer Burn Camp for children who were victims of fire tragedies as well as Ski Camp for the same groups in the winter up north. He was a member of the statewide Urban Search and Rescue team. He belonged to both the Knights of Columbus and Independent Order of Odd Fellows fraternal organizations and Midland Encampment 42. He volunteered for home repairs for the needy in and around Midland and children's summer camp. Chris was a great friend, a very special uncle, an incredible son and a brother of whom to be proud. He is the son any parent would be honored to have. His humor and calm, reassuring demeanor were gifts that served him well both professionally and personally. No one ever saw him get really angry - ever. While he had his demons, he hid them well and others rarely if ever saw him upset. We are grateful for his presence in our lives, the memories he gave us, and we celebrate the life he lived so gracefully. Goodbye, Chris. We will love and remember you always on this your last journey.

# Tribute Wall

JH

“ My dear Jackie and Jerry, I was in Maine for a family reunion when I heard the news. All of us Haineses were deeply saddened. Memories of Chris as a young boy came flooding back. I know your loss is overwhelming and earth-shattering. My condolences to you, his mom and dad, and to his brother Jerry and his sisters -- Katie, Missy and Tracy. Your love for each other will help you get through this.

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**Janice Haines** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Jackie and Jerry...so sad to hear about Chris..he was such a nice guy one you wanted to spend time with...my prayers to you and your family...he is now an angel watching over you.

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**Bonnie Bowman** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Jerry & Jackie, I am so shocked to read about Chris.. My & Carol's Deepest Sympathies to You and Jerry...We shall see Chris again, only in a better land...Bill & Carol Bevins, Almont, Mi.

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**Bill Bevins** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ I am so very sorry to hear of the loss of your son. You and your family are in my prayers. Linda M. Boehmer

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**Linda M. Boehmer** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ My condolences to the entire Noonan Family on your loss of Chris. My heart aches with you. I had the pleasure of working with Chris in Saginaw and we shared many common interests. Deer hunting, fishing, camping, Detroit Tigers were some of the passions we talked about. He was so patient to work with. I remember how he proudly talked of his family and I know they were treasures to him, especially the nephews and nieces. Prayers,

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**Ron Roggow** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ You will be missed Chris. So sorry for the family's loss. God bless.

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**Montie Jennings Konieczny** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Thoughts and prayers are with the Noonan family. Capt Gary MicuWarren Fire Dept retired

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**Gary Micu** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Jerry, Jackie and family. Our sympathy and prayers to all of you on your loss. Dave and Brigitte Turrel

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**Dave Turrel** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ My childhood memories with the Noonan family always brings fun and laughter to my mind. Chris was a big part of that. He was always smiling and keeping things fair. But his sisters may not have thought so. ∴ Our loss of Chris is definitely Heaven's gain. He will surely be missed.

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**Cheryl Navock Doerr** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ Dear Jerry, & Jackie, Our Deepest Sympathies go out to you both, and all your family. We were really sorry to hear about Chris. All of you are in our thoughts and Prayers. AI & Bernice Navock

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**AI & Bernice Navock** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Jane and I are sorry to hear of your loss. We are 250 miles away, but are thought are with the family.

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**James Bannan/ Jane Makulski** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ We were saddened to hear of the loss of your beloved son. Although he was only with us in Muskegon for a short time, he had endeared himself to us and will be deeply missed. Sincerely, Susan Nye Family Service Counselor Ever Rest Funeral Home

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**Susan Nye** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ So sorry for your loss. No words can express the pain of losing a child no matter their age. My heart aches for you. Prayers for strength being said for all of you . â?j

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**Malana Cataldo** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ I was very sad to hear about Christopher's death. I liked Chris and was sorry that his marriage to Maureen did not endure. I will always remember how kind he was to me during and after the death of my husband. Many years ago my favorite aunt said to me that her sister-in-law, who was a nun, told her that God needs some of the rose buds to help him do his work. This thought helped me at the time of Maureen's death and it still comforts me today. Good thoughts and prayers

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**Mary Cox** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ My husband and I worked with Christopher in Saginaw. He was such a nice person that we had the pleasure of meeting and getting to know. He always had that twinkle in his eye and a big smile to share. He talked to us about his family and he loved you all very much. Especially his nieces and nephews!!! He was very proud of his Irish heritage and talked about his travels. Carry with you his upbeat spirit when the void of his passing is taking it's toll on you from time to time. May the Lord wrap his arms around you and give you strength to endure.

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**Cindy Wisniewski** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Jackie, I was so sorry to hear of the loss of your son Chris. My condolences to you and your family.

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**Jane Kort** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ My sincere condolences to the Noonan family. Chris was a great friend in high school and great roommate at Wyoming tech. We had lost touch since then, but he will always be remembered.

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**Joseph Opatik** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ So sorry to hear this news and hoping your faith will help you through this difficult time. Life has a way of delivering surprises and one must cherish every day spent with family and friends. My sincere sympathy.

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**Mary Kay Eschenburg** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ To the entire Noonan family we send our deepest sympathies. Katie, Greg and kids - we are so sorry for your loss. You, and your entire family are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**The Hannan Family** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TO

“ My deepest sympathies to the Noonan family. I am part of a small, strong core of friends that Chris would come 'home' to visit as often as his rigorous schedule would allow. If it was the Corktown Parade, a Tiger game, someone's birthday...whatever the occasion he was either there or making sure he was there in Spirit. I had the very lucky circumstance in my life where I had a job opportunity in of all places....Midland. As soon as Chris found this out of course he immediately offered to share his home with me. I had the honor and the pleasure of getting time to spend with him that offered me the opportunity to get to know him better than I ever would have otherwise. I lived with him right toward the end of the mortuary science program. I saw him work hard to travel, work hard to study, work hard to play. He aced his program and he valued and respected every aspect of the unique work he did. I can only hope that I influenced him a fraction of how his intellect, knowledge, and caring affected me. I will certainly miss our conversations, my dear friend. For now. Tony.

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**Tony** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Noonan family and all that knew Chris...he will be missed.....

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**Kim Spinek** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Our collective prayers are with the Noonan family at this difficult time. Chris was a delightful young man. Peace and blessings. Faculty and Staff at Wayne State Mortuary Science.

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**Sharon L. Gee-Mascarello** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ Mayor and family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss of Chris. I pray your memories of Chris will give you comfort in the days ahead. God bless you. Cheryl Arft

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**Cheryl Arft** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ Dear Mr. and Mrs. Noonan, I am a Pastor who enjoyed working with Chris in Saginaw. Chris was a comfort to many in his work and ministry. I am praying for you and your family. Jesus is our comfort and hope. I praise God that Chris now resides with our Lord and Savior! Pastor Paul R. Hinz

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**Pastor Paul r. Hinz** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ Thoughts and prayers go out to my Aunt Jackie and Uncle Jerry and all my Cousins, from Tom and Cheryl Jessop, Tommy and Kelly

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**Tom L Jessop** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ Dear Jerry and Mayor, our hearts ache for all of you at this terrible loss. Please know that we are sending prayers for comfort and peace, and let us know if there is anything at all that Paul or I can do. We are so very sorry for your loss, and understand your pain. Parents are not supposed to outlive our children - and when we do, the pain is overwhelming. Rest in peace, Chris.

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**Terri Kowal** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Mr. and Mrs. Noonan & Family, I grew up with Chris from elementary through high school. He was always in a good mood and had a calming affect about him. I don't remember him ever saying anything negative about anyone. It is with my greatest sympathy to send my condolences and prayers to you and your family.

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**Linda Bischoff Schutz** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Thoughts and prayers go out to the Noonan Family. Rebecca Muessig from MML

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**Rebecca Muessig** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Our heartfelt condolences to Jerry, Jackie and family. God must have decided that he needed Chris's expertise with him at this time. Although grieving we are sure that everyone will celebrate the life that Chris lead - a consummate professional in all he did.

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**Mike & Karen Reaves** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ Paul and I would like to express out heartfelt condolences on your loss. Your family is in our prayers during this difficult time.

Laura Jenuwine-Nowacki - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BY

“ I'm so sorry to hear this. Many prayers coming your way.

Bob Young - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ So sorry to hear of Chris's passing. Your family is our thoughts and prayers.

Emily Martin - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

YK

“ My deepest sympathy to the whole Noonan family. Good thoughts and prayers.

Yvonne Kniaz - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Mayor Jackie and Jerry,I was torn when I had heard of the passing of your son Chris, I had the pleasure of talking to him several times he was a great person. I cant put into words how sorry I am. my prayers have been with you and your family. if there is anything I can do please contact me. with my Deepest sympathy.Ken Shepherd

ken shepherd - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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RB

“ Deepest sympathy to the Noonan Family. Praying that you find peace during this time. Chris was such a wonderful soul.

Rachelle Brown - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ Chris was a wonderful man, friend, brother, son, uncle, etc. I had the pleasure of knowing him since junior high school and he would do anything for a friend in need. We all have lost a wonderful person, but he will continue to watch over us from above. My condolences go out to Noonan family in this time of loss. I'm sad that I cannot be there to say goodbye to my friend, but will be there in spirit. Rest in Peace my friend. We will meet again one day.

Penny James - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ Very sorry for your loss. Sending prayers for your family.

Lisa Edwards - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this very difficult time: God Bless Chris May he rest in peace,

Carrie Brdak Chojnacki - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Chris was a great guy and a dedicated OddFellow he was on his way to be our Chief Patriarc Next term, he was always willing to help when needed , We will surleymiss his upbeat personality in our lodge hall,Brother and Friend.

Ken Pat Hckman - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ To the entire Noonan family, Chris will be deeply missed. He was very kind to all that he met on his journey. I am deeply saddened to hear of his passing. When my son ventured to Central Michigan, Chris was the first phone call to tell me that he would help my son with anything that he might need because he was nearby in Midland. I've known Chris from the age of 15 and he has always been a great person. Your family has lost a great man and gained a new Angel. Xo

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**Dawn Gleason Bartolomeo** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Dan and I can not tell you how sorry we are. We are praying for your whole family. Please tell us if there is anything we can do. God bless.

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**Jessica Good** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Dear Noonan family, My sincere condolences during this difficult time. My thoughts and prayers to you all.

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**Stacey Hart Kacarka** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family.

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**Amy Freigruber** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ We are so very sorry for your pain. Chris was a wonderful man whose company we truly enjoyed. All of you are in our prayers. If we can help you through this in any way, we will.

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**The Carter Family** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DY

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Noonan family and all that knew Chris...he will be missed.....

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**Dawn Yurisko** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ Our condolences go out to you Uncle Jerome and Aunt Jackie and family. It was always a pleasure to see Chris when he visited and he always loved to go fishing back at the pond and he really loved to come up and go deer hunting at the Noonan farm. Will always treasure those memories and he will be greatly missed by all. Cousin Mike, JoAnne, Morgan and Aunt Shirley Noonan

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**Mike Noonan** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ My heart goes out to all the Noonan family. Christ was a great person, he will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Carol Hudson

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**Carol Hudson** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Our sincere sympathy to all the Noonan Family. We know how much Chris will be missed. Your family will be in our thoughts and prayers Tim & Marcia Lemley

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**Marcia** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ My sincerest sympathy and love to all of the Noonan Family my extended family Chris will be missed but never forgotten he had the kindest and a most loving manner about him and always a smile may he rest in peace and enjoy his eternal reward in Heaven.

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**Marion Lelito** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NN

“ *My deepest condolence on your loss.*

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**Nancy Nadrowski** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *We're so sorry for you lost. Out thoughts and prayers are with you and your family .Hal and Judy Suggs*

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**Judy Suggs** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *My heart goes out to all of you. I am so sorry. Lots of love and hugs to your family. Xo, Mary Prange*

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**Mary Prange** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM