



## Christopher M. Ray

September 4, 1971 - January 24, 2011

CHRISTOPHER M. RAY, age 39, passed away January 24, 2011 at his residence. He was born September 4, 1971 in Detroit, Michigan. Beloved father of Anna Grace Monahan and Brady Lee Cole. Dear son of Beverley Ray and the late Winfred Ray. Dear brother of Mark Pearl Messina, Brad Ray, Dwayne Linda Messina, Caren Mike Leslie and Cindy Glenn Ludeman. Christopher was a member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church and was employed as a surgical nurse with Utica Surgery Center. He loved to play golf. Friends may call at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Rd., Utica from 5:00-9:00 pm Wednesday and 2:00 - 9:00 pm Thursday. Scripture Service 7:00 pm on Thursday. Funeral Services will be on Friday at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, 44633 Utica Rd., Utica where he will lie in state from 11:30 am until 12:00 pm time of Mass. Burial at St. Lawrence Cemetery. Memorials suggested to St. Lawrence Educational Foundation. [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com)

# Tribute Wall

CM

“ Even though it's been years since our paths last crossed, when I heard of Chris' passing today tons of memories of his spirit and determination came back to me. Rest in peace my friend.

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**Chuck Myny** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Chris, I'll always remember your great smile and infectious fun outlook on life! Over the years since HS I would hear updates on you and as soon as your name was mentioned, I had a smile on my face! You had great courage in seeking enjoyment and fulfillment in life. I hope we can all draw inspiration from your example. We went to a Pistons vs. Lakers game together in the early 1990s and somehow you managed to get courtside and get some great pictures of 'The Shaq' up close. Your charm got you courtside! I know from the comments here that I'm not the only one whose life was blessed by knowing you. God Bless you and while we shed tears today on Earth, surely there are more smiles today in Heaven.

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**Steve Burkett** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Shaky shaky.....Widespread Panic....You forgot ugly, lazy, and disrespectful...St. Patty's in Chicago...more concerts than I will probably ever go to....and swift seat jumping for better pics with the camera I snuck in....car accidents.....VIP at Pine Knob....VIP at the Buick Open....VIP everything!...many memories...a lot of firsts...and lasts..... Peace to Chris's family....and finally....Peace to Chris...

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

KH

“ Chris- I have a lot of good memories of you at St. Lawrence. What a fun character to be around! You will be missed. May you rest in peace.. Kevin Harper

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Kevin Harper - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Christopher, Your loss came so unexpectedly. I thought many more years we would have to share. But God had another plan and at times the loss and grief are things I just can't bear. We created the most wonderful son. And he looks and acts just like you. I never thought that I'd have to raise him and care for him with out you. I'll tell him that you are in heaven and when you reunite you can catch up on all the things that have been. Hours, days, months and years pass by but the love of a father and a son never run dry. I miss you as the father of my only son but I can't change anything that has happened or what has been. Our son is the legacy that you leave for all to see. And I pray that God has wrapped his loving arms around you allowing you the chance to be all that you can be. I love you and I miss you and so does BRADY.

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Ashley - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Chris, When I seen you yesterday it was like a dream. I was waiting for you to jump up and say I fooled all of you. You where really good at making jokes, people laugh and smile. You are going to be really missed by so many people that love you. Thank you for all the great memories and stories. Dont forget to keep up with your golfing... Its between you and your dad now. Rest in peace my friend and you will be a great guardian Angel.

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Stefania - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DI

“ *Katie, I hope these lyrics bring you a little peace & comfort. Here I am, Lord I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold your people in my heart. May the Lord be with you.*

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

JD

“ *Chris, I would run into you every now and again and you always had a smile on your face. I am sorry to hear of your passing and you will be greatly missed!! My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Rest in Peace!!*

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**Jerry DeHondt** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ *Chris, it has been a very long time. I'm very sad to hear the news of your passing. I have many fond memories of you and St. Lawrence basketball...in particular watching you at every practice compete with guys much older than you.... and holding your own I might add.... I guess you got that from your dad. I just found out today about your dad's passing. Not a good day.... However, I know you are in heaven with your dad. I'm very lucky to have known you and your family. It's nice to know that all of your friends and family will have another Guardian Angel in heaven looking down on them. Rest in Peace Chris.*

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

DT

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Chris.*

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**David and Anna Turner** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PO

“ You will be sadly missed. I will always remember you in fondness and fun. Wishing your family my deepest sympathy. Patsy A. von Oetinger Jan. 26th, 2011

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**Patsy A. von Oetinger** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Its been a long time old friend, wish the best for your family, your in Gods hands now, eternal peace.

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**Jim Gizoni** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ Your great sense of humor and smile...that is what we will all miss the most. You always had a way of making someone feel welcome and important! This is our tragic loss and heavens HUGE gain. RIP my friend.

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**Lori Ligi** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Every time I saw you in school, there was a smile on your face or a plotting smile. I always thought you were up to something! I didn't know you well, but was glad to get a warm, welcoming hug and a fun peck on the cheek at the reunion. Your energy was infectious! I wish your family peace in this time of sorrow. -Hannah

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**Rick & Hannah Myrick** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ I have many fond memories of Chris in HS, usually involving him beating me at something, Basketball or Chess, but always with lots of laughs. Our paths recently crossed a few months ago, & grabbed a bite to eat. He wanted to play Chess again, but I chickened out. Wish I hadn't, but he knows he would've won.

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**David Kotwicki** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ You will be missed. Rage into the light!

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**Derek James von Oetinger** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ My thoughts and prayers are with your entire family during this difficult time. Hold tight the memories ...just as I will of our childhood. Blessings, Michele

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**Michele Palicke Czarnota** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ I am deeply sorry for your tremendous loss. Remember all of the wonderful memories. Peace be with all of you.

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**Donna Brunett Siejutt** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ I was so sad to hear this news today. I always remember you laughing, smiling and tearing up the basketball court at St. Lawrence. You were full of life then and am sure that you lived every moment to the fullest. I hope that there is much laughter mixed with the tears at your services. You always made people so happy. Go Mustangs!

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

ML

“ Chris was always smiling. He was the guy when you were down that made you smile. The world is minus one fine Man! RIP! You will be missed by many! Gone but not forgotten.....

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**Melissa Lucas** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ Chris will always be remembered as the little boy next door. You and Chad were the same age and made many memories together. We'll remember you as the little guy who loved his matchbox cars and the young man always full of questions. May you find the answers now...a life cut far too short.

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**Gene & Linda** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ Chris was so full of life. I am shocked. He will be so missed. In grade school he was such an outward tough guy with a heart of gold. I remember him riding his bike miles to come visit me in the hospital in 8th grade. He was my only visitor.

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**Christina Poythress Ames** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Chris you are going to be missed! You were the laughter in the room and simply put...happiness! RIP friend you are now forever safely home!!

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**Jennifer Logan** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Chris you will be greatly missed! You had an amazing sense of humor and made everyone laugh! You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers. Rest In Peace.

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**Shannon Stokes Rea** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM