



Christopher Byrnes

January 28, 2025

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Christopher S. Byrnes, who left this world on January 28, 2025. A devoted husband, loving father, grandfather, cherished friend, accomplished artist, and consummate gentleman, Chris's presence brought warmth, laughter and an unmistakable charm to all who knew him.

Chris was, above all else, a true Southern gentleman—kind, generous, and effortlessly engaging. He had a rare gift for making others feel like the most important person in the room. He believed that everyone he met deserved respect, and he carried himself with the same dignity and grace that he extended to others. Whether through thoughtful words, quick wit, or an engaged conversation with his unmistakable southern drawl, he left a lasting impression on everyone fortunate enough to know him.

At the heart of Chris's world was his beloved wife, Bridget Delaney Byrnes. She was the love of his life, his greatest adventure, and his unwavering partner. Together, they traveled the globe, embracing life's beauty in every corner—from the vibrant streets of Miami to the sophistication of London; searching the streets of Italy for Krispy Kreme doughnuts, or taking in the breathtaking landscapes of Big Sur. Their journey together was filled with love, laughter, and memories that will live on forever.

Chris lived an extraordinarily full life, rich with adventure and stories that could captivate a room. Whether recounting a moment from his college days as a Sigma Phi, an unforgettable experience from his time in the Navy, or an unexpected twist of fate in everyday life, he had a way of turning the ordinary into something remarkable.

A proud graduate of Woodward Academy and Auburn University, Chris built a successful career and was a respected member of the Georgia Contractors Association. His passion for craftsmanship, excellence, and attention to detail carried through in every aspect of his life. Beyond his professional achievements, he was a talented and accomplished artist, expressing his creativity through various mediums that left an indelible mark on those who were lucky enough to receive one of his beautiful drawings or a flawlessly made pens.

He was a devoted father to Delaney and Meagan and an adoring grandfather to Jaxon, Elwood, Benjamin, Jack, and Katherine, who lovingly called him “Ga.” His family was his greatest joy, and he cherished every moment with them.

Chris carried himself with confidence and grace. He had impeccable style, always polished and effortlessly put together—a reflection of his deep appreciation for life’s finer details. Whether it was a well-made pair of shoes, a flawless handmade pen, or the impeccable engineering of a racecar, he valued intricacies that made this world so special.

Chris leaves behind a legacy of love, kindness, and generosity that will never be forgotten. He is survived by his wife, Bridget; his daughters Delaney Clement (Ben Clement) and Meagan Shaw; his grandchildren Jaxon Foust, Elwood Shaw, Benjamin Clement, Jack Clement, and Katherine Clement; his sister, Genevieve, Adkison (Richard); and his niece, Andrea Reed (Josh and

Harper); Hayley Fallin and her mom Sarah. As well as countless friends and colleagues who will forever hold him in their hearts. Chris is preceded by Bobby & Bill Fallin, John Byrnes, Jack & Jill Damberg and Heidi Damberg.

In recognition of the profound impact Chris had on so many, his honorary pallbearers will be all of his dear friends and loved ones who stood by him in life and will carry his memory forward.

A Funeral Mass will be held at 9:00 am Saturday, February 15, 2025 9:00 am at St. Henry Church 6401 Harding Pike, Nashville, TN 37205. Celebration of Life will be held after Mass at the River Plantation Clubhouse, Section 3, 8300 Sawyer Brown Road, Nashville TN 37221.

To those who knew him, worked alongside him, or simply shared a drink and a story — Chris leaves you with these words of wisdom, a phrase he lived by:

“Play for keeps, but keep it clean.”

In lieu of flowers the family request donations be made to Relay For Life at University of Georgia. In honor of the students who have made such a huge impact on our life's and so many others. Ryan Leonard and Alexis Victor your love and undying support will never be forgotten.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

FEB **15**. 9:00 AM (CT)

St. Henry Catholic Church
6401 Harding Pike
Nashville, TN 37205

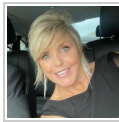
Celebration of Life will be held after Mass at the River Plantation Clubhouse, Section 3, 8300 Sawyer Brown Road, Nashville TN 37221.

Tribute Wall

JH

“ *Bridget and Family,
Please accept my sincere condolences. Chris was a true friend who was like a brother to me for many years. I enjoyed our conversations, which usually started about our work, but always ended in discussion about our families! In every conversation that I had with him about engineering projects that he was helping me on, he always had time to talk about how much he loved you, Bridget, his children, and grandchildren; and he would always ask about my family. He was extremely intelligent, a great engineer and contractor, always reliable and trustworthy, and he had a great sense of humor! He will be greatly missed; however, I believe that we will see him again in Heaven, as Jesus said in John 16:22, "...Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy!" Jerry Hightower*

Jerry Hightower - February 17, 2025 at 12:05 AM



Oh Jerry thank you this warms my heart. He was the love of my life and the greatest man I have ever known. Thank you so much for these beautiful memories and kind words.

Bridget Byrnes - February 21, 2025 at 12:27 AM

LH

“ *Linda Holliday Kat & Ash Hess purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Christopher Byrnes.*



Linda Holliday Kat & Ash Hess - February 13, 2025 at 10:02 AM

LH

“ Linda Holliday Kat & Ash Hess planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christopher Byrnes.

Linda Holliday Kat & Ash Hess - February 13, 2025 at 10:02 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Christopher Byrnes.



February 12, 2025 at 04:28 PM



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

February 12, 2025 at 04:28 PM



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

February 06, 2025 at 03:06 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Christopher Byrnes.



February 06, 2025 at 03:06 PM

JN

“ Keeping you & your family in my prayers! May you feel God’s comforting hand and guidance during this time. Much love & hugs sent from Florida!

joy necessary - February 06, 2025 at 10:31 AM

BB

I love you Joy so much. I hope to see you soon. You mean the world to me.

Bridget Byrnes - February 07, 2025 at 09:17 AM

CM

“ When Bridget informed me of Chris’s passing, I knew I would need a few days to compose my thoughts on a man who had no equal. I’ve known Chris well over 40 years since I broke into this “brotherhood” of wastewater and water treatment manufacturers and manufacturers’ representatives. It is difficult to express how Chris impacted my life other than to say he taught me to find some positivity in the lessons life and business taught me. There was always something positive to be learned about an event that occurred and if you looked you could find it. His impact was so far-reaching he was one of the reasons we chose Christopher as a middle name for my son. Chris was the definition of a “Southern Gentleman”. The days and nights we spent together will never be forgotten.

He loved being a husband to Bridget, father to his girls, and grandfather to Jaxon, Elwood, Benjamin, Jack, and Katherine. I could go on with the many adventures we shared and we discussed in the morning that usually started with...“Chuckie, why’d we do...?” Instead, I believe it best to close with a saying I use for very few people whose passing I mourn. “Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal” – from an old Irish headstone. You my friend were loved and will be sorely missed, but never forgotten.

“Grant the dead eternal rest in Your arms. Shine Your divine light upon them. May the soul of the righteous departed rest in peace through Your mercy. Amen.”

Until we see each other again...

Chuck McDonald

Chuck McDonald - February 06, 2025 at 09:44 AM

BB

I love you, Chuck. Your kind words are so beautifully written. You’ll share a friendship people only dream of.

Bridget Byrnes - February 06, 2025 at 10:11 PM

JB

“ I met Chris well over 40 years ago, while we worked on numerous projects. He was one of the few individuals in the sales work I could trust, and we spent many an hour brainstorming on solutions as well as socializing/solving the world’s problems. He was my best man at my wedding nearly 39 years ago, insisting on driving us up to Gatlinburg for the nuptials. I’ve read the many tributes to Chris, and they are so accurate and heartfelt. He was absolutely a person you would enjoy his companionship in any setting. There is a saying among his friends that we all have “a Chris Story”. I consider myself lucky for participating in some of the many stories he generated, because I had the good fortune to be tagging along on one of his many escapades !!!! Chris was a dear friend to me and my family, and we will miss him greatly. Our thoughts and prayers are with Bridget and his family.

John Burris - February 05, 2025 at 06:25 PM

CM

John, you were in more than one memory I shared with Chris.

Chuck McDonald - February 06, 2025 at 09:47 AM

BB

You mean the world to me John Burris. And the stories I have on ya”ll

Bridget Byrnes - February 06, 2025 at 10:13 PM

GF

“ Chris was a delight to work with, and he could instantly change your mood. There were many times I would call Chris on the way home from work because I knew his soothing voice would just take the stress of the day away. He will be greatly missed, and he will never be forgotten. I am sure he is up in heaven telling story after story with lots of eager ears listening. No matter what subject, he always had another story that would amaze you, and you would learn something new about him. He was a fantastic person to work with and always had something positive to say, even when the situation may have been not so enjoyable. He was also witty and just a pleasure to talk to. My sincere condolences to Bridget and all of his family. He was definitely one of a kind, and no one can possibly compare. I will miss him dearly.

Gina Foster - February 05, 2025 at 05:27 PM

BB

I don't think he could love you more truly. Neither can I.

Bridget Byrnes - February 06, 2025 at 10:16 PM

TC

“ The TDH Company purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Christopher Byrnes.



The TDH Company - February 05, 2025 at 11:06 AM

MH

“ Chris was such a loving, kind, beautiful man...he was so loved and he loved his family to the depth of his soul...

God Bless you Chris

Mary Lee hostettler - February 04, 2025 at 11:03 PM

BB

That's Lee Lee..... Lee Lee take care of Bridget.i love you best friend

Bridget Byrnes - February 06, 2025 at 10:17 PM

BB

Took care of me and Chris... we wouldn't know what to do without ya'll

Bridget Byrnes - February 09, 2025 at 11:26 AM

CC

“ *I knew Christopher when Delaney married my nephew, Ben Clement. I saw him over the years at family events and came to appreciate his good humor and easy acceptance and appreciation of sometimes boisterous gatherings. Chris was the embodiment of the Southern Gentleman. His steady presence and goodness will be deeply missed.*

Carrie Clement - February 04, 2025 at 12:14 PM

BB

I love you Carrie and he loved you so much. Your kindness and welcoming us to the family will never be forgotten. I love you Bridget

Bridget Byrnes - February 04, 2025 at 02:16 PM

SS

“ *I knew Chris for a very long time and just spoke with him recently about a job we were competing against. He was always so upbeat and would love to talk for hours. My fondest memory is when he would come into the office with a new pen he had carved. One of his greatest passions that probably not a lot of people knew about. I'll miss talking to you my friend.*

Stephanie Stevens - February 04, 2025 at 10:26 AM

BB

We love you so much! Chris absolutely adored you. He cried so hard when you moved. He truly thought you hung the moon. Never ever forget how deeply you were loved by him. I'm sorry I didn't have the strength to call you myself. Always know you can talk to him anytime you want. You don't need a phone. I told him after ya'll spoke.... Tell her to send us a picture of her little boy. He said you do realize he grew up. I love you so much. And brought him so much joy. I can never thank you enough . Bridget

Bridget Byrnes - February 04, 2025 at 11:46 AM

LS

“*I was fortunate enough to have shared a small part of my life working with Chris through various stages of projects withing the municipal water world. He was not only one of the funniest guys I have ever met but always treated everyone with respect while finding something to appreciate, even in the in the most daunting of situations. He truly was an optimist and could see the glass as half full while everyone else was focusing on the empty portion of the cup. There is no doubt that his personality and positive qualities aided him in living a successful life to the fullest. My sincere condolences to Bridget and the rest of his family, whom he was so proud of. He always made sure to ask about my family and share a "short story" that ran long about his. Rest In Peace to a truly one-of-a-kind, beautiful soul.*

Levi Spurlock - February 04, 2025 at 09:39 AM

BB

Levi.... I personally asked Gina to call you. Chris use to call you MY FAVORITE! Cuz you open the door and bring in so much joy. He loved you so much. On the trip from St. Louis back to Orlando we talked about you the entire trip. Thank you for the kind words. You are truly a one in a million. Bridget

Bridget Byrnes - February 04, 2025 at 11:50 AM

LS

Thank you so much, Bridget. He truly was one of the best colleagues I have had the pleasure of working with ever. Many more will attest to this. I appreciate you telling me this and the hearing of his passing has really hit home. I am thankful to have met the both of you and am praying for your family through this. He certainly was a life worth celebrating.

Levi Spurlock - February 04, 2025 at 12:32 PM

BB

Thank you from the bottom of my heart

Bridget Byrnes - February 04, 2025 at 02:17 PM

TJ

“ *Tham Le (Janney) purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Christopher Byrnes.*



Tham Le (Janney) - February 03, 2025 at 05:27 PM

LB

“ *He was the funniest man I've ever met! He could make a coon laugh! 😂 He adored his wife and all the family around him! We wanted to attend a NASCAR race with him but never made it sadly! We will forever be with you Bridget, and miss this husband of yours forever! RIP Chris ❤️ Gone too soon!!!*

Lori Bengert - February 03, 2025 at 04:46 PM

GW

A special person. My life would have been less if I had not known him. G. W.

George Wootten - February 04, 2025 at 11:58 AM

BB

Oh George thank you. He would absolutely love this.

Bridget Byrnes - February 04, 2025 at 12:05 PM

BB

I love you Lori! Thank you so much. I can't imagine this world without him.

Bridget Byrnes - February 04, 2025 at 12:08 PM

GR

“ *I know one boy he loved that he was his godfather. Silas adored Chris and knew he would always be there whenever needed.* ”

Gina Rotella - February 03, 2025 at 04:22 PM

BB

One of the greatest honors of his life. I love you,

Bridget Byrnes - February 04, 2025 at 02:18 PM

JB

Bridget I am so sorry about Chris. Yes he was one of a kind. I too loved him. Julie Byrnes,

Julie Byrnes - February 18, 2025 at 08:40 AM