



Christopher Mark Lawrence

July 5, 1959 - January 1, 2023

Christopher Mark Lawrence, 63, passed away on New Year's Day in the Intensive Care Unit at Vanderbilt University Medical Center after a lengthy illness.

Mark was born July 5th, 1959, in Nashville to the late Chickie Lawrence and John M. Lawrence, Jr. He graduated from Hendersonville High School and Middle Tennessee State University.

Throughout his career in the food and hospitality industry, Mark made many friends and business contacts across Tennessee, including long-time managerial stints at Opryland, USA and the Nashville Sounds. Although a quiet and gentle man, his quick-wittedness and dry sense of humor always attracted attention and laughs. Upon his retirement, he was a caregiver for his 95-year-old father, John M. Lawrence, Jr.

Mark is predeceased by his mother, Chickie Lawrence. Survivors include his father, John M. Lawrence, Jr.; Sister, Leslie Lawrence Pippin (Steve); Brother, Gary (Susan); Brother, John; Nieces, Lindsay Baleka and Cassidy Spaulding; And special friend, Paula Harwell.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home in East Nashville. A visitation will be held Friday, January 6th, from 12pm to 2pm. A Celebration of life will be held Friday at 2pm. Inurnment will be held at Spring Hill Cemetery in Madison at a later time.

The Lawrences would like to extend their sincerest thanks to the many members of Mark's medical team at VUMC for their professionalism, skills,

and support.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Mark's name to The Wounded Warrior Project.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 6. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home - Nashville Chapel
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Nashville, TN 37216
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Celebration of Life

JAN 6. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Louis, Jeannie & The Manna Group purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Christopher Mark Lawrence.* ”



Louis, Jeannie & The Manna Group - January 05, 2023 at 07:05 PM



“ *The Manna Group purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Christopher Mark Lawrence.* ”



The Manna Group - January 05, 2023 at 07:05 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Christopher Mark Lawrence.* ”



January 05, 2023 at 12:03 PM

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“ *Mary Lynne, Charlyn, Randy, Toni purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Christopher Mark Lawrence.*



Mary Lynne, Charlyn, Randy, Toni - January 05, 2023 at 11:18 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Christopher Mark Lawrence.*



January 04, 2023 at 10:25 PM

KP

“ Mark was always easy going and helpful when we worked together at MainStay Suites. He was very proud of his sister and her amazing cakes. We would always keep an eye on his sweet tooth and have him walk around the building when his blood sugar got too high and he would always come back in in good spirits. He always kept a picture of his beloved dog at his desk and worried about him when he had to go to the vet. He would be so happy looking forward to his visits to Gatlinburg with family..He really loved it there. He would tell us about the restaurant visits he and his dad had together and how dad would flirt with the lady servers. Mark was always a gentleman to all. I did tell him that I suspicioned "that the apple did not fall far from the tree". He'd smile, and say his dad and he always enjoyed dinners out. He also really enjoyed and was proud of his work at Opryland. He was friendly and gracious and kind and he will be sorely missed. My deepest condolences to his family and all who cherished him. My Deepest Sympathies, Kim Pritikin.

Kim Pritikin - January 02, 2023 at 09:47 PM

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I had the privilege of working with Mark at the Nashville Sounds for many years. He was loved by many and we always enjoyed his cooking. You will be missed my friend. Condolences to your wonderful dad and family and friends. Rest in peace dear Mark.

Sharon Ridley - January 06, 2023 at 11:57 AM