



## William John Christopher

May 30, 1964 - April 27, 2022

Albany-William J. Christopher, 57, passed away suddenly on April 27th, 2022, in Colonie, New York surrounded by his loving family.

Bill was born in Colonie to William and Beverly on May 30th, 1964. He was married to Tracey Christopher on October 18th, 1997. He worked as a Supervisor at New York State Higher Education for 30 years. He was an avid fan of horse racing, football, and bowling at Sunset Lanes where he bowled 300. He collected baseball cards in his youth and spent free time with his family. He spent the last several years spending multiple nights a week at his mother's house caring for and making memories with his ill father. He was beloved by all that knew him and had a space in his heart for every person that he met. He started every morning by praying for anyone he knew was going through a rough time and ended every evening unwinding with his wife Tracey. He always knew how to make a room laugh, always knew the right words to say to make something easier, and always helped regardless of who it was.

Bill is preceded in death by his father William and his Uncle Charles Christopher.

Bill is survived by his loving and caring wife Tracey, his two boys Billy and Jace, his sister Kimmey, and his mother Beverly. He is also survived by his

nephew Ian and wife Stacy, numerous cousins, family and too many friends to count.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Bill's family Monday, May 2, 2022 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206. Please enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot entrance only.

Funeral services Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 10:00 am at Christ Our Light Catholic Church, 1 Maria Drive, Loudonville, NY 12211 where his Funeral Mass will be celebrated. The Rite of Committal will be held at Memory Gardens Cemetery immediately following the Mass.

To leave a message for the family please visit [www.McveighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com)

Those wishing to remember Bill in a special way may send a contribution to Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation, 10 Lake Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.

# Cemetery Details

## Memory Gardens Cemetery

983 Watervliet Shaker Road  
Albany, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 2** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *William John Christopher*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *I am so sorry for the loss of Bill. He was such a good guy.*

**Jon Finlan** - May 21, 2022 at 05:13 PM



“ *Billy would pass basketball to Joey, who was taller...then Joey would cry foul if he missed the shot. Joey is like 6'3"*

**Rich DeWitt** - May 12, 2022 at 09:17 PM



“ *Too many memories. Billy, Joey, me and Guppy. Basketball games.*

**Rich DeWitt** - May 12, 2022 at 09:13 PM



“ *Dear Tracey and family so very sorry for your loss our thoughts and prayers are with you all as you celebrate Billy's life 🙏🙏 The Millers at 36*

**James Miller** - May 04, 2022 at 10:27 PM



“ *My sincerest condolences to the Christopher family. Bill was a great guy. Always happy and always spoke so highly of his family. He will surely be missed.*

*Colleen and Michael Nagle*

**Colleen Nagle** - May 04, 2022 at 07:50 PM

RI

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Rich - May 03, 2022 at 08:38 PM

RI

*Thank you Paul and Carol T for this memory*

Rich - May 03, 2022 at 08:40 PM

RI

*What exactly is with the robes and hats? That is what Billy would have said.*

Rich - May 03, 2022 at 08:41 PM

RI

*Paul looks like Larry Fine of three stooges, I look like a gay David Cassidy...Lol. Billy would get us going... I swear, I never laughed more.*

Rich - May 03, 2022 at 08:45 PM

SA

“ Dear Tracey, Billy, Jace, Bev, Kimmey, Ian,  
and Chuck:



*I am so shocked and saddened. I am sorry for  
your loss.*

*I want you to know that I am thinking of you. You are in my prayers.  
May God give you strength to endure such pain.*

*I am sorry I am not there in person to comfort you during this difficult  
time.*

*Even as I am shedding tears, I am so happy to have spent beautiful  
times full of laughter. I will cherish those times.*

*My heart is out to each one of you.  
Billy was loved and so dear to our hearts. He will be greatly missed.*

*May his memory be eternal.*

*Please accept my heartfelt condolences.*

*Salam*

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**Salam** - May 03, 2022 at 06:41 AM

AW

“ My deepest condolences to the Christopher Family. I worked with  
Bill for a long time. Once you joined the HESC Team, you stayed  
and became family.

*Aleah Wendell*

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**Aleah Wendell** - May 02, 2022 at 02:14 PM

DB

“ *My condolences to the Christopher Family, he will be missed by many.*

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**Don Beach** - May 02, 2022 at 11:15 AM

RI

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



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**Rich** - May 02, 2022 at 12:45 AM

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“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



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**Rich** - May 01, 2022 at 11:01 PM

RI

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Rich** - May 01, 2022 at 10:50 PM

MS

“ *My sincere condolences to Tracey, Billy, Jace, Kimmey and Mrs. Christopher and the entire Christopher family. Billy was a great co-worker over 30 years at HESC with many funny stories to tell. Bill's life was taken way too soon, may he RIP. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you,*  
*Michael A Verreau Sr*

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**Michae A Verreau Sr** - May 01, 2022 at 08:26 PM

JP

“ *Dear Tracey, Billy and Jace,*  
*I am so saddened to hear of Billy's passing. He was a great guy and a good friend. I apologize for not being able to make his service because of Covid.*



*Please know that you are all in our hearts, thoughts and prayers.*

*Peace to you all,*  
*John, Donna, Kyle and Evan Plante.*

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**John Plante** - May 01, 2022 at 07:04 PM

BC

“ *We are so saddened to hear the news of Billy's passing. Our hearts go out to Tracey and their boys, and to his Mom. Prayers for the family. God, in his infinite wisdom and love & compassion, will hold you all in his arms, and welcome Billy "home". You are all in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Barbara Christian** - May 01, 2022 at 06:36 PM

DB

“ Billy and I go back to our childhood and I am so happy to say that our friendship continued into our adult life. Marriage, births of our children. We have shared many memories; camping trips, parties at our homes, so much more than I can say. I will miss you very much and will also forever be grateful for the friendship of your wife and the privilege to know your remarkable boys. Simply said "Great people"

Donna Booth - May 01, 2022 at 05:55 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of William John Christopher.



May 01, 2022 at 01:31 PM

RF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you .May God give you strength and peace. Much love sent from the Rodriguez family.

Rodriguez family - May 01, 2022 at 07:14 AM

RD

“ Heartfelt condolences to Christopher family.

*Billy opened his heart and home to me a long time ago.*

*Billy shared his home and family with me.*

*Billy would get me rolling on the floor in laughter.*

*Billy gave me many good memories.*

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**Richard DeWitt** - April 30, 2022 at 07:56 PM

DD

“ So very sorry to hear about Billy. My heart & prayers go out to his family. I worked with Billy for years & had him for a supervisor until I retired. He was good natured & funny.



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**Diana Dalton** - April 30, 2022 at 05:51 PM

PM

“ My condolences to Bills family. Bill and Greg used to close our pool every year in September. He was a very special person. He was friendly and always made us laugh. He used to talk about his wife and kids all the time and how he couldn't wait to retire. We will truly miss Bill.

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**Pat and Bill McDonald** - April 30, 2022 at 09:46 AM

BC

“ My heart breaks for all of Billy’s family. This is such a shock. Billy always made me happy when I was around him because he always had a smile and a funny joke or story to tell. I love the entire Christopher family and so wish I could be with you now in this most sorrowful time. Please know that my heart and prayers are with you now and forever May God bless Billy and take him into his loving arms

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**Barbara Countermin** - April 30, 2022 at 12:36 AM

LK

*Bev, so sorry to hear of Billy’s passing. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Liz Kaufman** - May 01, 2022 at 03:47 PM

GB

“ First allow me to express my deepest condolences to William family.....you are certainly in my prayers  
Billy ..... as he was affectionately known by his “HESC” family.... was my last supervisor before I retired in 2016..... He was a delight to work with and always kept you laughing with an awesome sense of humor.... He was a dedicated family man and his wife and children was the light and love of his life as he had pics of them in his cubicle where he worked..... I Thank GOD for the opportunity of getting to know and work with Billy for many years....  
He will be greatly missed....  
RIP my dear friend....  
Gloria E. Brown

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**Gloria E Brown** - April 29, 2022 at 11:11 PM

BD

*Billy as we called him at HESC, was one of the nicest people you will ever meet, he was kind and considerate, the world has lost a awesome man, I am praying for his wife, kids and family 🙏🙏🙏 God bless you all, I'm so sorry for your loss, Barbara Deese*

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**Barbara Deese** - April 30, 2022 at 12:40 PM

KL

*Dear Beverly, You may remember me. I am Snooky Soommers' daughter, Karen. I knew you, Esther and Sue from days gone by. I never forgot you and remembered when you named yourf daughter and when my own daughter was born in 1968, I named her Kimberly. I am so, so sorry for the loss of your son. It is the most devastating situation a parent has to endure. My heart and prayers go out to you, Bev. May God's love and promises help you at this most difficult time. Blessings to all of the Christopher family. Respectfully, Karen Sommers LaMountain*

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**Karen Sommers LaMountain** - April 30, 2022 at 04:47 PM

AR

*To the Christopher family, and many friends.*

*"He'll never be forgotten that simply cannot be. As long as we are living, we'll carry Billy with us. Safely tucked within our hearts your light will always shine; a glowing ember never stilled, throughout the end of time. No matter what the future brings, or what may lie ahead, I know that you will walk with us along the path we tread. So, rest our special angel, be at peace and let your soul fly free. One day we'll join your glorious flight for all eternity". The power of faith – You SPECIAL SOUL! We miss you!!!*

*With a SMILE like that who wouldn't! You are priceless my friend.*

*Que Dios Te Cuide\*\*\*\*\**

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**Alex Rodriguez** - May 01, 2022 at 08:18 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William John Christopher.



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April 29, 2022 at 10:58 PM



“ To The Christopher Family,  
I am so sorry for your loss. I worked with Billy at HESC for 24 years. He was a great person with a great sense of humor. Always made you laugh. I am truly shocked and sadden by his passing. My prayers and condolences goes out to you all. May God send you strength and comfort to get through these trying times. Rest in Peace Billy. You will be missed

Sandra Ford

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Sandra Ford - April 29, 2022 at 10:26 PM



To Billy's wife, two sons, sister & mom & remaining family. I'm in total shock first of all. I'm deeply saddened by the news of his passing. He was my supervisor for years until I retired in 2012 & he would say "Jules" I can't wait to retire to spend more time with my family & parents. If you were having a bad day, a personal problem or just needed to vent, he'd sincerely listen & give you the advice you needed. He'd constantly would make people laugh & feel good about himself. His family was his heart. He would always talk about his wife & boys. I'm asking the lord to send his wife, son's & family the strength to get through this unexpected loss & live on for Billy. That's what he would want. You'll be missed by many Billy because you were truly loved & respected by all. Rock the heavens my friend. Much Love. Julia "Jhotty" Hotaling

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Julia Hotaling - April 29, 2022 at 11:59 PM

MG

“ I am at a loss for words. Know that your not alone in sorrow.. My heart & prayers go out to all Billy's family and friends.  
Melissa Riggs (Gecewicz)



Melissa Riggs Gecewicz - April 29, 2022 at 09:28 PM

RI

“ Bill was the best there will never be another William John Christopher.

Ray White II - April 29, 2022 at 09:03 PM

LL

“ Tracey Billy Jace Beverly Kimmey and family my heart is truly broken 😭😭😭😭😭😭😭😭😭😭 I am here for you all whatever you need he was the best always had a smile on his face and laughed at everything I loved that about him at the same time I could call him anytime day or night for advice and he always knew just what to say and guide me in the right direction he was truly a big brother to me I wish there was something I can say or do to help ease the pain because it sucks I love you guys I am here we found comfort in all the loved ones around us and you have many ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️

Lanie Lansing - April 29, 2022 at 08:45 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William John Christopher.



April 29, 2022 at 08:13 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of William John Christopher.* ”



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April 29, 2022 at 07:46 PM