



Christopher Stephen Massey

November 7, 1977 - November 23, 2015

Dateline: Alton

Christopher Stephen Massey, 38, died at 2:30 a.m. Monday, November 23, 2015 at his home in Alton. In March 2015, he was diagnosed with thymic carcinoma, a rare and aggressive cancer. For the last eight months, he relentlessly fought for his life so that he could be the man that God created him to be. Born November 7, 1977 in Alton, he was the son of Denise (McConathy) Massey Radcliff of Alton and the late Lawrence R. Massey. After much pursuit, he married the woman of his dreams, Julie Hansen. She survives him along with their three beautiful daughters: Lauren (9), Grace (7), and Claire (3). Also surviving are his mother, Denise, stepfather John Radcliff, and two sisters, Jayme Yates of Nashville, TN, and Carrie Cahill (Timothy) of Hoosick, NY. To Chris family and friends were everything—he will be profoundly missed by many. He was preceded in death by his father, brother Jeffrey, and his maternal and paternal grandparents.

Chris's larger than life personality, gregarious ways, and sense of humor made him such a life force. If you knew Chris then you know that he never met a stranger. If you met him once, you were always a friend. He had a heart of gold, a bag of jokes, and was always the life of the party. Chris enjoyed daily drives, taking his girls for Humdingers, and maybe a round of golf or two. Chris and his family enjoyed their church, Sunday BBQs, and boat rides in the Ozarks. He was hard worker, entrepreneur, and provider. But above all else, Chris was a loyal husband and devoted father.

Visitation will be from 1:00 p.m. until time of memorial service at 4:00 p.m. Friday, November 27, 2015 at The Bridge Church. Reverend Steven Helfrich will officiate. Memorials may be made to The Massey Girls Benefit Fund in care of U.S. Bank. Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 27. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

The Bridge Church
504 E. 12th Street
Alton, IL 62002

Service

NOV 27. 4:00 PM (CT)

The Bridge Church
504 E. 12th Street
Alton, IL 62002

Tribute Wall



“ *Christopher Stephen Massey*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Christopher Stephen Massey*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Chris...was a great guy. He and I always had a good laugh when ever we were together.*

He helped me buy a great car that I am really enjoying the ride. It is a great memory of him now every time I get in I can't help seeing his smiling face and what a joy it was binging around him.

God Bless your family and you will be missed by me and a lot other people you touch in your short journey here on earth. Chuck Beard.

chuck beard - November 27, 2015 at 01:24 PM



“ *So sorry your loss, may God give you comfort in this difficult time! Chris was a great guy, his jokes were endless and his personality was huge! Much love and prayers!*

Angie Nicholson - November 27, 2015 at 01:07 PM



“ *so sorry for your loss. my family and i are praying for all of you. may god bless you bring you peace.*

darlene radcliff - November 27, 2015 at 12:10 PM

NK

“ *Nisha, Dia and Karthik Kannan purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Christopher Stephen Massey.*



Nisha, Dia and Karthik Kannan - November 27, 2015 at 10:28 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Christopher Stephen Massey.*



November 26, 2015 at 11:10 PM

JW

“ *John Walker lit a candle in memory of Christopher Stephen Massey*



john walker - November 26, 2015 at 09:32 AM

JB

“Chris was our neighbor when we lived at 509 E. 10th St. I have wonderful memories of him and his sister Carrie. What a great guy he was. Always so sweet to my children. He had a dynamic personality. Painful to read of his death. Light up Heaven like you did Earth. Our prayers and profound sympathy to his family. Heaven gained a awesome angel with Chris.”

Mike and Jane (Edelen) Bracht

Jane Bracht - November 25, 2015 at 08:28 PM

BF

“Chris was a wonderful neighbor to our son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren. We were blessed to make his acquaintance when he and Julie bought and remodeled the house next door to our son and family. Chris was in our prayers since we first heard of his illness. As followers of Christ, as Chris was, we sorrow not as those who have no hope. Julie & family, you are in our prayers. --Bob & Eileen Fields

Bob & Eileen Fields - November 25, 2015 at 08:04 PM



“Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Christopher Stephen Massey.



November 25, 2015 at 07:58 PM



“ *Mary Nordstrom purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Christopher Stephen Massey.*



Mary Nordstrom - November 25, 2015 at 04:12 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Christopher Stephen Massey.*



November 25, 2015 at 12:09 PM

SR

“ Chris Massey was a friend and business partner. For years he would talk to me about opening a car lot, " Just you and me, with all the people we know, we will sell a ton of cars!". Well, after about 3 years of this conversation, we finally did it, Premier Autos of Alton opened up December of 2013, and we were off. I can remember selling our very first car, to Ralph Perdun on New Years Eve, 2008 Avalon. We just knew we were going to be "Thousandaires"... :)

A couple of dinners with us and our wives, discussions of grandeur, talks of Julie and Denice quitting their jobs. We were gonna make it big....

We had plenty of good months, a few great months, and a bunch of really bad ones, but through it, Chris was upbeat, more so than I. He would bring me back into a positive frame of mind with just a comment and a laugh. See, it was tough, because we both still worked full time jobs, and worked the car lot too. But Chris had passion, and it was infectious.

Chris was sooo good with customers, didn't matter what type they were, if he was talking to them, they were listening, and smiling. He had a great way with people, and people instantly took to him.

Even after Chris got the news about his cancer, he tried to maintain his positive attitude. Still sold cars, still did what he could to try to make sure the car lot was a success.

The last months took its toll, both physically and on the business. Luckily, Kyle Aulabaugh stepped in and took over for us. He kept the name, maybe in a small way(or a big way) as a tribute to Chris. But for whatever the reason, we were thankful. Please visit the car lot on Godfrey Rd if you need a car, detail, or something related.

Chris will forever be in my heart, his laughter in my bones, and his genuine generosity in my soul.

I love you Chris, and will miss you always, Scott

Scott Redman - November 25, 2015 at 09:56 AM

BR

We didn't know Chris but we know his Aunt Judy and she told us a lot about him and his family. We are aching for all of you and pray that peace will lighten your hearts. God bless you all, John and Byrl Rhoads Godfrey..

Byrl Rhoads - November 25, 2015 at 01:23 PM

JW

Sending an outpouring of love and prayers.

john walker - November 26, 2015 at 09:31 AM

DW

“ I met Chris on several occasions and since I was friends with his father Chris asked many questions about Larry and was curious about him. I found him to be a humorous but respectful young man I am very sad to see him go so young.

Dave Wickenhauser - November 25, 2015 at 09:41 AM

JM

“ Julie, my deepest sympathy to you and your family. As you know, I was Chris's high school assistant principal which was challenging to say the least. Chris and I developed a great relationship and became friends. Even though I had to enforce discipline on Chris he still treated me with respect and was always honest with me. It is such a small world since I went to high school with Larry, Chris was a friend of my niece from school, and my son Josh became friends with Chris. My Dad who passed away from cancer in 2010 also got to know Chris and they always joked with each other and had stories to tell. I am sure they will meet again and I can see them now telling stories and making each other laugh. Chris and I continued to cross paths over the last 20 years and I valued our friendship deeply. Please accept my condolences and I will miss the services since I will be out of town until Monday November 30.
Sincerely, Jack Martin

Jack Martin - November 25, 2015 at 09:00 AM

PM

“ Pauly Mckee lit a candle in memory of Christopher Stephen Massey



Pauly Mckee - November 25, 2015 at 08:26 AM



“ Heavenly and Harmony was purchased for the family of Christopher Stephen Massey.



November 24, 2015 at 10:09 PM



“ *Mrs. Fields Nibblers® and Brownie Bites Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Christopher Stephen Massey.*



November 24, 2015 at 10:03 PM



“ *Mandy lit a candle in memory of Christopher Stephen Massey*



Mandy - November 24, 2015 at 09:25 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Christopher Stephen Massey.*



November 24, 2015 at 05:45 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Christopher Stephen Massey.*



November 24, 2015 at 05:35 PM

CP

“ *CENTURY 21 HOUSE CENTER PLUS- JERSEYVILLE purchased the Simply Elegant Sp athiphyllum for the family of Christopher Stephen Massey.*

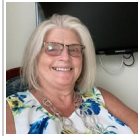


CENTURY 21 HOUSE CENTER PLUS-JERSEYVILLE -
November 24, 2015 at 04:42 PM

ST

“ *My condolences to the girls Lauren. Grace and their little sister and to their mother. Met Mr. Massey at Evangelical school when I took care of the girls in after school. A wonderful and friendly man and a beautiful family. I'm so sorry for your loss.*

Sheila Thompson - November 24, 2015 at 04:25 PM



“ *Sending prayers to Julie and the girls and the rest of his family and friends. I am so sorry.*
Kathy Pritchard

Kathy Werner Pritchard - November 24, 2015 at 03:26 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Christopher Stephen Massey.*



November 24, 2015 at 02:39 PM

YP

“ *Your friends at Loy Miller Talley, PC purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Christopher Stephen Massey.*



Your friends at Loy Miller Talley, PC - November 24, 2015 at 02:17 PM