



Jay S. Christopher

August 1, 1983 - May 14, 2018

Jay S. Christopher, 34, of Mentor, passed away unexpectedly and peacefully May 14, 2018 after a brief illness. He was born August 1, 1983 in Euclid.

Jay was a culinary graduate of CIA, and a highly respected certified Sommelier. His culinary passion took him to Alaska, where he spent many years making great friends, indulging in the camping, hiking, hunting, and fishing adventures that Alaska offers. He enjoyed the outdoors, fine dining, traveling to various countries, and supporting his favorite sporting teams, The Buckeyes and The Browns. "Jaybird or JBone" was a graduate of Mentor High School where he participated in both soccer and hockey. He was known as quite the jokester, always contributing to making a well-known story around town with his friends. He had recently moved back home, traveling often to spend time with his niece and nephew in Columbus and spending time on the "Waterbug" with his father. Just before moving back to his roots, Jay had the honor of cooking private dinners for President Obama and Governor Sarah Palin. He also participated in national cooking competitions, such as The New Orleans Great American Seafood Cookoff for the Food Network.

Survivors are his father, Glenn (Denise Longstreet) Christopher; sister, Heather (Rob) Hodge; niece, Brooklynn Hodge; and nephew, Bronson Hodge. He is also survived by many dear friends, aunts, uncles, & cousins.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Valerie Christopher; grandparents, Bruce (Jeri) Dunn, and Ralph (Mickey) Christopher, and many other loving friends, uncles, aunts and cousins. Jay was taken early from this earth to help cook for his loved ones in heaven.

A celebration of Jay's life will be held from 4-8 p.m. Thursday, May 24, 2018, at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060. A prayer service to conclude the celebration will be held 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. The family encourages you to wear OSU Buckeye or Cleveland Browns attire. In memory of Jay and in lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to a wildlife charity of one's choice.

Please offer condolences at www.brunners.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY **24.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center
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Prayer Service

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Tribute Wall

DC

“ Dave & Gwen Carlson purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Jay S. Christopher.



Dave & Gwen Carlson - May 24, 2018 at 03:38 PM

G.

“ Please accept my heartfelt sympathy in the loss of your loved one. May the God who "binds up the brokenhearted" and "comforts all who mourn" sustain your family during this difficult time. Isaiah 61:1,2

G.Town - May 24, 2018 at 10:30 AM

MM

“ I am deeply saddened at the loss of a friend coworker and excellent palate. I have great memories of Jay at all the wine events we went to or put on. I still have a bottle of Cabernet that my wife bought from him to give me one Christmas. When i finally do open it I will toast my friend. My sympathies to everyone as we mourn our loss. Mike & Penny

Mike McVittie - May 23, 2018 at 05:03 PM

DP

“ My two fondest, amongst many, of Jay were: Being asked to preside over his marriage, a truly wonderful day and spending several occurrences watching his Buckeyes play my Clemson Tigers!! Wish we could continue R.I.P. my friend.

Daniel A Piper - May 23, 2018 at 04:42 PM

SA

“ *Stephanie Alley lit a candle in memory of Jay S. Christopher*



Stephanie Alley - May 23, 2018 at 08:21 AM

SA

“ *Heather and family-
We are sadden to hear of the loss of Jay. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. He was taken way to soon, but we know he is with his mom and grandmother. May you find comfort and peace during this difficult time.*

Deepest Sympathy

Chris, Stephanie, Wyatt & Charlie Alley

Stephanie Alley - May 23, 2018 at 08:21 AM

DM

“ Jay will be greatly missed by so many from his "Alaska family". He was definitely suited well for Alaska with his love of hunting, fishing and the outdoors in general. Not being quite so outdoorsy, our family was the beneficiary of some of the the spoils from many of his hunting and fishing expeditions. A funny memory I have of Jay is when I purchased chicken from the grocery store that still had the bones in it (typically, I would buy boneless). My eight year old daughter at the time asked me if Jay had given us the chicken. I said, "No, why would you ask that?" She said, "Because it still has the bones in it." I laughed hysterically because I realized she thought Jay had hunted "wild chickens" and given us one. I told Jay this story and he laughed hysterically as well. That was Jay, always ready with a laugh and smile.

We will miss you, our friend.

*Love,
Danna and Morgan*

Danna and Morgan - May 23, 2018 at 03:01 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jay S. Christopher.



May 22, 2018 at 10:46 PM

PM

“ I can not express the sadness we feel at the loss of Chris. He was such a sweet and kind person.

Peggy Martin/Dunn - May 20, 2018 at 01:51 PM

LC

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Lynn Christopher - May 20, 2018 at 01:39 PM

MM

“ *To all of Jays friends and family, you have my deepest sympathies and love. I just saw Jay at Brooklyn s Birthday part. RIP my friend.*

Mike Moretti - May 20, 2018 at 10:06 AM

LC

“ *Our hearts are broken because you were taken from us way to soon. What gives us comforted is knowing that your in your Mothers arms once again. Jay, what I will miss most is your smile it was contagious and would light up a room. Until we meet again I love you. Aunt Lynn*

Lynn Christopher - May 20, 2018 at 09:44 AM

GC

“ *lost but never,ever forgotton, love you jaybird dod*

glenn christopher - May 20, 2018 at 07:59 AM