



Christopher Charles Harris

May 15, 1958 - November 18, 2015

Christopher Charles Harris, age 57, died suddenly in his home on November 18, 2015 of a heart attack. He was born on May 15, 1958 (6 minutes after his twin sister, Claudia) to Minor (Rudy) and Mary Jane Harris (Hieber) in Toledo, OH.

He graduated from Our Lady of Perpetual Help grade school, Bowsher High School and the University of Toledo.

Chris lived and worked in several cities over a 20 year period before returning to Toledo.

Chris was a dedicated Administrator for the Department of Pathology at Wayne State University in Dr. Kenneth V. Honn's research laboratory since 2001. Chris was a remarkable organizer, fundraiser and meeting planner. He had a gift for bringing individuals together and making friends around the world. He was the exclusive meeting organizer for the very successful international conferences on Bioactive Lipids in Cancer, Inflammation and Related Diseases which showcased the cutting edge of science on the role of lipid mediators in various physiological and pathological processes. Chris managed these conferences since 2003, starting in Chicago, San Francisco, Montreal, Cancun, Seattle, San Juan and Budapest. The success of these meetings was due to Chris's exemplary leadership and business expertise.

Chris was a passionate entrepreneur and was responsible for many small business startups during his career.

Surviving are his sisters, Janice (Mike) Lyons, Claudia (Phil) Stevens, Cindy (Tom) Mohrbach and brothers; Randy Harris, and Greg (Christine) Harris, Step-Mother Dolores Harris, former wife Adenah Lewis. Chris treasured his nieces, Bridget, Sarah, Jill, Melissa, Leanne and Dani, nephew, Andrew and grand nieces and nephews whom he was enormously proud of in addition to his loving cousins, many friends, and his beloved dog, Sadie.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., Toledo, OH 43614 on Monday, November 23rd from 2-8 p.m. where a Memorial Service will be held at 7 p.m. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy can be made to Victor's Hope Foundation. (VHF) which was founded by Chris on behalf of his friend, Victor Chukwueke. The foundation was organized as a neutral and impartial humanitarian organization that aims to provide high-quality medical care to the people who need it the most. VHF is dedicated to providing educational counseling to people affected by Neurofibromatosis types 1 and 2, Schwannomatosis, and related disorders (know as "NF"), both domestically and internationally. Donations can be made to: <http://victorshopefoundation.org>.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **23**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral and Cremation Services
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614
(419) 865-1295
<https://www.coylefuneralhome.com>

Memorial Service

NOV **23**. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

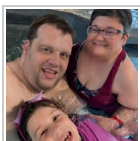
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Tribute Wall

NC

“ Randy, Janice and Mike - I'm so sorry that I was unable to see you last week at the services or funeral home. Please accept my condolences. I wish you only the best.
Ned Coyle

Ned Coyle - December 02, 2015 at 01:27 PM



“ Chris, words cannot express how sad I was to hear of your sudden passing. Even though I knew of your heart condition, I always thought you were immortal because you lived life to the fullest, always shining. You were like an uncle to me, helping me to stay positive during some difficult times in my life. Your kindness, compassion and humor brought so much joy to the lives of everyone who was fortunate enough to know you. I will miss our banter and gossip sessions and the photos that we shared. Thank you for being so good to me and helping to shape me into the strong and capable woman I am today. Hugs, "katiehonn.com"

Kathryn Honn-Dyjach - November 24, 2015 at 06:56 PM

JA

“ To the family of Chris - he was a such good and caring man, and a great friend to my brother throughout the last 13 years. I hope his kind spirit and generosity live on in those who he has touched.

God bless.

Jamie Kerr

jamie - November 23, 2015 at 07:03 PM

SO

I met Chri when he helped bring Victor's Mom from Nigeria. He was such a self giving man, dedicated and fun loving too. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him. My prayers go to his loved ones. May he rest in peace. Amen.

Sister Cynthia Obidike - November 23, 2015 at 08:05 PM

LE

“ *To Chris's Family*

So many memories of growing up in the "hood". What I loved most about Christopher was his quick wit, big smile, and those flashing eyes. Chris was the sharpest dresser in the Class of 76 (including all the girls)! He was Preppy before Prep was cool. His career accomplishments and his desire to help others speak to a life well lived, a family he loved and by whom he was much loved in return. You have my deepest sympathy
Leslie Branyan Jennings

Leslie - November 23, 2015 at 04:19 PM

MA

“ *Mike Anderson lit a candle in memory of Christopher Charles Harris*



Mike Anderson - November 23, 2015 at 03:33 PM

CB

“ I met Chris in Chicago 2003. Part of the Bioactive Lipids organization. Good front man and spokesperson. We got along well and always had some form of light hearted banter between us whenever our paths crossed. He once conned me into placing literature inserts into a satchel prior to a meeting in San Francisco. After about 30min I said to him... so part of being a charitable sponsor for this event is to put your own literature in these bags? Without hesitation “yes and I must say that you’re doing an excellent job, keep up the good work because we have 200 more to get done within the hour!” So many other stories people must have. I will miss him. God bless you Chris Harris. Christopher Banfield – Cayman Chemical Company.

Christopher Banfield - November 23, 2015 at 02:09 PM

NM

“ Nicole L. Moore lit a candle in memory of Christopher Charles Harris



Nicole L. Moore - November 23, 2015 at 01:32 PM

RP

“ Chris was a spectacular human being- a warm and caring person, enlightened and will be sorely missed on multiple levels- rick

Rick Phipps - November 23, 2015 at 11:48 AM

NA

“ Chris,

He was a great dude!

He helped give me business advice early on in my photo/video career.

He was a neat freak, well organized, go getter and didn't sit around for things to happen he made them happen. You will be missed bro!

Smart Binz was a project that I got to be apart of helping him on with photo and video!

Here is it is, a throwback project that brings back memories bro.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tdJtQOZ0AwY>

- Nick Amrhein

Nick Amrhein - November 23, 2015 at 10:34 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Christopher Charles Harris.



November 23, 2015 at 09:35 AM

AF

“ Adam Bernal and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Christopher Charles Harris.



Adam Bernal and Family - November 23, 2015 at 08:33 AM

LA

“ *All my sympathies to you and your family.*
Laure Ardoint

Laure Ardoint - November 23, 2015 at 08:08 AM

SB

“ *Sofitel Budapest Chain Bridge lit a candle in
memory of Christopher Charles Harris*



Sofitel Budapest Chain Bridge - November 23, 2015 at 03:21 AM

SB

“ *Our warmest condolences for the friends and family of Christopher
Charles Harris.*

*Chris, we will miss you very, very much. We loved your personal
presence, humor, charming personality and passion for life. Your
memory will remain in our hearts forever.*

God bless you and rest in peace.

Dana, David and Kriszta

On behalf of the entire staff of Sofitel Budapest Chain Bridge

Sofitel Budapest Chain Bridge - November 23, 2015 at 03:20 AM

PE

“ I came to know Chris from 2006 when I was a graduate student at Dr. Honn Lab. Chris was a great friend who was an integral part of our Lab and was always there to help to students like me. If I had any administrative issues or need any Letters for my student Visa, he was always there to help and make sure it's resolved. He was a great event organizer who was the main reason behind the success of the Bioactive Lipids Conference Series. I was fortunate to participate in 3 of those conferences (Montreal, Cancun and Seattle) and we had a great time in each of those conferences. I was fortunate to get to know him more closely during these conferences and admire his leadership abilities in organizing these conferences successfully.

Also we had a common passion of one day being great entrepreneurs, hence we chat a lot in his office about his startups and various business interests. He is a caring and loving soul and will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him. We had lost a great friend and my prayers and thoughts are with his Family. Please accept my deepest and heartfelt condolences at this most difficult of times. God bless Chris and May his soul rest in Peace.

Prasanna

Prasanna Ekambaram - November 23, 2015 at 01:00 AM

JF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Many good memories come to mind when I think of time spent at the Harris house back in the 70's. We know Chris will be a great loss to your family. Although gone from your sight, he will never leave your heart. Our sincere sympathy - Jim and Connie Flahie

Jim Flahie - November 22, 2015 at 06:47 PM

KM

“ What can I say?

Chris has been a constant presence in my office since he joined our group in 2001. I still recall the day when Dr. Honn and I interviewed him in my office for the Administrator position in our group.

If he knows you, you know of all his friends. That's what Chris was. Barely a student passed by his office without receiving a comment or a remark that would make them smile and befriend him soon. He always felt that life is too short to stay in a cocoon. Never shied away from making jokes about his talking habit that also got him in trouble occasionally. Behind all this, there was an impatient man that could not wait for things to happen. He had to move and move fast. That impatience also landed him in uncomfortable territory on occasion. However, the end always justified the means to him. Be it the organizing of the Bioactive Lipids conference, procuring the supplies for the lab, helping the students and postdocs jump through the bureaucratic hoops, starting the next business venture that would potentially fund his retirement, or helping a student for an assistantship or even with a family issue, Chris had to be front and center to forge forward, but seldom wanted to be in the limelight!

When I said 'Bye Mister' each day as I approached the elevator in front of his office, his response was only two types: "Come here and look at this", he had to show something he changed on the conference website or his next business website. Otherwise, he would walkout, stop the elevator door, and had to talk until the elevator door could not be stopped anymore!

Well, the minstrel show had gone silent and no one to make an exception from his 'dieting for the day' to complete the desert that Rao seldom eats. Good bye, my friend!

Rao (Krishna Rao Maddipati)

Krishna Rao Maddipati - November 22, 2015 at 06:43 PM

NF

“ I have many fond memories of Chris. Too many to express. Chris was the life Human resource officer. He extended his helping hand, due diligence, and love to many poeple of all ages expecting nothing in return. Words cannot sum it up. I will miss him dearly.

Nick Frysinger

nick frysinger - November 22, 2015 at 04:29 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Christopher Charles Harris.



November 22, 2015 at 06:10 AM

PI

“ Patrik, Anna-Maria, Anita & Inge purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Christopher Charles Harris.



Patrik, Anna-Maria, Anita & Inge - November 22, 2015 at 05:34 AM

MR

“ I remember the Harris family living on Glynn and attending OLPH. The parish was a great family. Later on I worked at Lamson's/Value City with Chris. A bunch of us would always get together after work and go out. Even though I was one of the younger people working Chris always made me feel welcomed. We will keep Chris and his family in our prayers.

Peace to all,
Maggie and Brent Reed(Bosch)

Maggie and Brent Reed - November 21, 2015 at 03:53 PM

SJ

“ Sangeeta Joshi purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Christopher Charles Harris.



Sangeeta Joshi - November 21, 2015 at 12:51 PM

FE

“ *My sincerest sympathies for all his family...and Dr Honn
No words can express my consideration for his passion for service
and details.....
Gracias Chris...*

*El que quiera ser el primero que sea el último ,,,, the one who
wants to be the first has to allocate as the last one and first to
serve....*

*i enclose below his last message,,,,,, we shall take one day last
beer Chris ,,,,*

De: Christopher Harris [mailto:aj0548@wayne.edu]

Enviado el: miércoles, 06 de mayo de 2015 0:38

Para: Fernando Gonzalez Santos

*Asunto: Re: Bioactive Lipids Conference: Mr. Fernando Gonzalez
Santos (80629321) - FOLLOW UP*

*Always a pleasure Fernando. I'm still holding you to that beer we
were going to have in Puerto Rico :-)*

fernando - November 21, 2015 at 12:11 PM

BE

“ I met Christopher in August of 1970, along with his twin, Claudia. They were both going into the 7th grade at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, and this would be my first year teaching. I was assigned to teach 6th grade, so I missed them by one year to ever be their teacher. So in comes these two "skinny" kids who want to help me get my room organized and decorated for the coming school year. And that was my introduction into the Harris family! Chris was happy-go-lucky, funny, super energized, and a wonderful, giving person. I haven't seen Chris for a long time, but Claudia would always give me updates, since she and I are very close. I am shocked and saddened about Chris's death. I will keep all of his family in my prayers. Chris had done God's plan for him on this earth, and he will be greatly missed.

Barbara Ehmen - November 21, 2015 at 11:39 AM

 Cyndi Ramirez

“ Chris was such a heartwarming person. When Bill Perry lived next door to him, I would come up from Dayton and we always had good times together. I loved how caring he was. Sadie is such a sweet dog. We use to watch her on weekends when Chris was out of town. I will miss him calling me Rita. Rest in peace dear friend.

Cyndi Wozencroft/Bill Perry

Cyndi Ramirez - November 21, 2015 at 09:53 AM



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



November 21, 2015 at 07:16 AM

MA

“ *My heart aches. I'm terribly sad and speechless. He will be in my thoughts and prayers forever. Marybeth Abodeely, first cousin in Phoenix.*



marybeth abodeely - November 20, 2015 at 10:20 PM

JH

“ *It was with great sadness that I learned of Chris's passing today; He was a great friend and lifelong mentor of mine. Chris was a once in a lifetime of a guy, from start to finish he strive for perfection and pushed everyone around him to do better., when he wasn't pushing people to their limits and -far beyond- he loved to travel and live.*

Rest in peace my good friend,

~J. Hartman

Jeffery Hartman - November 20, 2015 at 10:09 PM

RZ

“ *My sincere condolences to his family and friends. We have known Chris since he was in his early 20's. We had many fun times years ago. We will miss his stories, he had so many. Thinking of him and his family, Robert Zollweg & Steve Tester*

robert zollweg - November 20, 2015 at 09:51 PM

DE

“ *The world is a bit sadder place with Christopher leaving us way too soon. To Chris' twin sister Claudia and the rest of his siblings and extended family, you have been with Chris the longest and you all have my deepest sympathy. Chris loved his family above all else as I remember he returned to Toledo to be close to his dad in his dad's final years (and to be close to his twin). I am glad he got his wish. Chris had a great life, traveled the world, and met great people along the way. Although we started out as colleagues at work at WSU his personality soon steered our relationship to fun-loving buddies. Everyone at work knew that! Chris always saw the best in me and would push me to do better whenever I needed that push. I will miss him, truly. Good friendships and memories do come out of Detroit! What a great loss. What great memories he left behind.*

denise - November 20, 2015 at 08:51 PM

NM

“ *My prayers go out to his family and friends. Chris will be truly missed by his true friends. Nothing can explain the sadness and sorrow of this untimely loss.*

Nicole (He used to always call me Nikki Minaj) Moore

Nicole L Moore - November 20, 2015 at 08:23 PM

CI

“ *Cindy and Tom, so sorry to hear of your loss. Thoughts and prayers sent for you and your family. Dave & Cindy Tidrick*

Cindy - November 20, 2015 at 08:06 PM

TF

“ *the Mohrbach family purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Christopher Charles Harris.*



the Mohrbach family - November 20, 2015 at 06:34 PM

MR

“ *Randy,
My deepest sympathy to you and your family for your untimely loss.
My thoughts are with you.
Marco De Rosa - Adorable Outerwear*

Marco De Rosa - November 20, 2015 at 03:55 PM