



Chris Strauss

August 12, 1965 - May 12, 2016

Chris Strauss, 50, passed away suddenly May 12, 2016, from a heart attack, while fly fishing on the Miracle Mile. Chris was born to Roger and Margaret Strauss August 12, 1965 in Lincoln, Nebraska. Chris' family moved to Fort Collins in 1977 and Chris attended Leshar Junior High and graduated from Fort Collins High School in 1983. He met his wife Lori Lighthart in 1990 and they married September 1993. His best friend and hunting buddy, Savannah, was born in 1995 and his bold and quick witted little one, Skylar, was born in 2001. He took his girls hunting, fishing, and camping, teaching them shooting and survival skills that will hold memories for a lifetime. Chris worked at Budweiser for 26 years where he made many friends with his unique sense of humor and off color comments. Chris loved to travel, taking many trips to Mexico to scuba dive, Alaska to fish and numerous hunting trips. He was full of life and laughter and the world will definitely be dimmer without him. Chris' greatest joy was his family, especially his daughters. He is survived by his wife, Lori, daughters Savannah and Skylar, parents Roger and Margaret, brothers Mark (Kirsten) and Jason (Jocelyn), numerous nieces and nephews, and even his in laws loved him and miss him. A celebration of Chris' life will be held Saturday May 21st from 2:00-5:00 pm at Cheers, located in the Visitor's Center at Budweiser, 2351 Busch Drive, where everyone should be ready to share a story about Chris and/or dirty joke he told. To commemorate Chris' love of hunting and fishing, his daughters are asking everyone to wear camouflage. He will be forever missed and in our hearts. Please visit

bohlenderfuneralchapel.com to send the family online condolences.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY **21**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (MT)

Cheers - Visitor Center at Budweiser
2351 Busch Drive
Fort Collins, CO 80524

Tribute Wall

MB

“ Roger, Mark and family, just heard the news about Chris. Verry sorry for loss of a family member and a great sportsman! Our good will wishes are with you all and God will provide the comfort you need. I will look for Chris and his assistants as I continue to fish the Mile in his honor. He will always be a great outdoorsman and I look forward to meeting him in spirit on my journey throughout my outdoor adventures. Chris will be greatly missed but be assured his spirit is always there if and when you need it. Thank you Chris for always being there, see you on the Mile. Mike Bopp, all good freinds are made in the outdoors!

Mike Bopp - May 26, 2016 at 06:56 PM

AR

“ Lori and family,
I was shocked today to discover that Chris had passed away (I don't get the local paper, but I saw his name on a sign at a Muffler Shop along South College Avenue). I went online to see if it could possibly be the same person (how could it be?). Sadly it was. Lori, we worked together at ENSR over on Heath Parkway in the early 1990's, and your mom babysat my first born son, Christian, as an infant. I lost touch with you after your wedding, and after you left ENSR, but I see that you have had an amazing life with Chris and your two daughters. I am so sorry that it ended way too soon, no words can express. Please take care during this difficult time. Positive thoughts are flowing your way.



Anita Barth Rehner (last name was Eye when we worked together)

Anita Rehner - May 25, 2016 at 08:06 PM

CG

“ Chris was quick with a smile, a joke and encouragement. His interests and humble ambitions as a writer serve as motivation and inspiration. He will truly be missed by all. My condolences to Lori, Savannah, Skylar and extended Strauss family.



Cheryl Glanz - May 25, 2016 at 12:05 AM

Jennifer Davis

“ Thank you for the wonderful memorial service and allowing us that time for a goodbye to the great husband, Dad, brother, nephew, cousin, co-worker and joker and so much more..... that he was. I always just assumed id run into him again and we could share a bit and laugh a bit and say goodbye. But this shows we really really don't know what tomorrow brings. And I'm gonna start calling and seeing how old friends more often, if in very least the only good thing this can do. Thanks for the wonderful service. It meant alot for my my family to see his family again.

Jennifer Davis - May 23, 2016 at 05:54 PM

AF

“ Anita Kiefer & Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Chris Strauss.



Anita Kiefer & Family - May 21, 2016 at 07:59 AM



“ Chris, you made every interaction a mechanism to have fun, your humor never coming at the expense of another. As an outdoorsman and adventurer, we lived vicariously through you. In our mutual love of books, you had to outdo my writing 2 novels to my 1. Rather than say I'll catch up, I'll say, I'll use you as my inspiration to complete my sequel.

I know your proudest accomplishment was in being a husband and father. May the women in your life be forever blessed forward in the example, role model and guidance you provided.

Heaven will be richer & more rewarding for those you will meet there. And more importantly the way you will touch and influence all those angels the way you have us. RIP & soar high friend!"

Roberta Aberle - May 21, 2016 at 06:12 AM

JD

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jennifer Davis - May 20, 2016 at 03:58 AM

JD

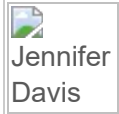
This was at my brothers wedding many years ago. And I think probably Chris was telling me a joke or saying something funny, by the big smile on my face.

Jennifer Davis - May 20, 2016 at 04:05 AM



I am so saddened by the news.

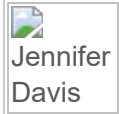
Jennifer Davis - May 20, 2016 at 04:06 AM



Jennifer Davis

He was the biggest jockster. Ever!!

Jennifer Davis - May 20, 2016 at 04:32 AM



Jennifer Davis

Jokester ever!

Jennifer Davis - May 20, 2016 at 04:33 AM



“ So Sad to hear the news of Chris's passing. We were blessed to spend a few precious years around him many years ago, at Whirley Ball. Chris and Jeff were on my team and we shared many great times together that I've never forgotten. He made those times very special for me and my whole family. I will be at you're celebration on Saturday Chris. Matt Davis

Matt Davis - May 19, 2016 at 09:08 PM



Jessica Strauss

“ Have such fond memories of my cousin, Chris 😊 Always could put a smile on my face with his wonderful sense of humor. He brought joy, fun, and laughter wherever he went & was always fully in the present moment 🌸 You will be deeply missed, Chris... Thoughts & prayers go out to all of the Strauss families during this difficult time. 🙏💜🌸

Jessica Strauss - May 19, 2016 at 09:02 PM



“ Joel, Shelley, Scott, Adrienne, Philip and Tatiana purchased the Blooming Garden Basket for the family of Chris Strauss.



Joel, Shelley, Scott, Adrienne, Philip and Tatiana - May 19, 2016 at 01:23 PM

TR

“ Chris, Thank you for all the laughs, the delicious camp meals, the hunting and your never wavering friendship. Your spirit will live in on in our memories, your incredible daughters and your loving wife. Until we meet again my friend on the other side. Save me a spot by your campfire.

Tim Rothschild

Tim Rothschild - May 19, 2016 at 11:31 AM

TR

“ 2 files added to the album Chris Bulls Bend Ranch



Tim Rothschild - May 19, 2016 at 11:27 AM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Chris Strauss.



May 19, 2016 at 01:33 AM

MA

“ 7 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Mark - May 18, 2016 at 08:38 PM

MA

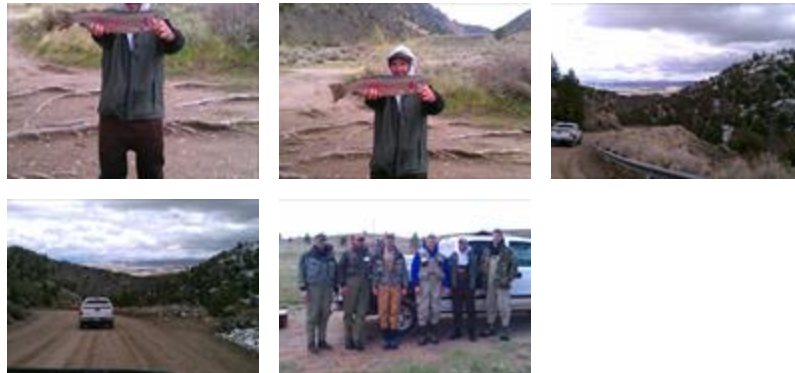
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Mark - May 18, 2016 at 08:37 PM

MA

“ 18 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Mark - May 18, 2016 at 08:37 PM

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“ 9 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Mark - May 18, 2016 at 08:36 PM



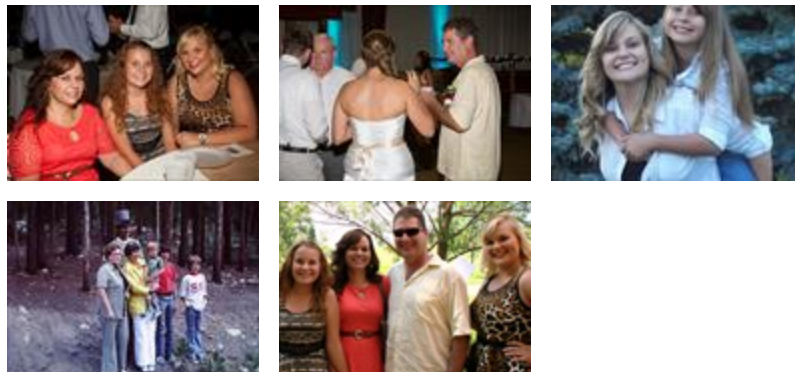
“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of Chris Strauss.



May 18, 2016 at 08:24 PM

MA

“ 12 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Mark - May 18, 2016 at 07:49 PM

GS

“ Gary and Kathy Smith purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Chris Strauss.



Gary and Kathy Smith - May 18, 2016 at 05:14 PM

JW

“ Chris was always so positive and upbeat! Always had a smile and tried to make everyone laugh! My thoughts and prayers to the family. He will be missed.

Judy Workman - May 18, 2016 at 02:35 PM

PH

“ *Patti Teraoka (& Hidey) purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Chris Strauss.*



Patti Teraoka (& Hidey) - May 18, 2016 at 09:56 AM

AB

“ *Chris,*

You were a son, a brother, a husband, a father, a role model, a co-worker, and certainly a character.

You were admired by many, for your ability to make the best of any situation; and you taught people how to laugh, even when they were not in the mood. Your smile was contagious and your personality was infectious.

You were my cousin , my friend, and truly one of my favorite people. There are not enough words to describe how much you will be missed.

*With Love,
Annette.*

Annette Bockman - May 17, 2016 at 11:29 PM

MA

“ 4 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Mark - May 17, 2016 at 11:20 PM

 Elise Thompson

It still doesnt seem real...you are truly missed Uncle Chris. Your fun-loving spirit, quick laugh, and kind heart left an impression on all that knew you. Thank you for all the memories, I pray that you are at peace and in a better place. Love you.

Elise Thompson - May 18, 2016 at 10:02 AM

DR

We will miss you, Chris Kitty & Dean

Dean Rydholm - May 18, 2016 at 10:40 AM

KS

Chris, we're all still in shock over the loss of you! We'll never forget your wonderful infectious smile, your love of a good joke, and your zest for life. Not everyone leaves this world on one of the happiest days of their life, ...in your case, on an annual fishing trip in the Wyoming wilderness, sharing the river, its bounty, your stories, and memories with your dad, brothers, nephew, and friends... We're certain they will treasure that time they had with you forever. Wishing you eternal peace, Chris, and wrapping Lori, Savannah, Skylar, and your entire extended family in our love...Kitty, Dave, Jessie, Tom

Kitty Strauss - May 18, 2016 at 05:12 PM

DG

Strauss Family whom I have always admired, I am so sorry to hear of Chris's death. I am Grandma Skyhawk from Fort Lewis College and took the counseling Masters course with Joclyn and was her partner. My heart goes out to all of you. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.

Dona Guy

Doba Guy - May 19, 2016 at 04:09 AM

KF

“*Chris. Too soon our friend. You will be missed. We were friends in high school but lost touch. We send your family our thoughts and prayers for comfort. Words can't change things but we want your family to take comfort in the fact that you made an impact in so many lives. You made this world a brighter place with you presence. I will try to be at your celebration on Saturday and I do have a funny story to tell. I hope you laugh.*

Kevin and Lori (Gunlikson) Fulks

Kevin Fulks - May 17, 2016 at 09:10 PM



“*Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Chris Strauss.*



May 17, 2016 at 07:33 PM

MS

“ How can you express what it feels to lose a friend, a brother...someone you love. We grew up together, experienced things for the first time together (including getting our butts paddled). Our relationship was something I took for granted, something not spoken of very often but, felt very strongly. I have years of memories of you Chris but, the ones I will cherish most happened this year. I love you and always will.

You leave a legacy behind with three beautiful women that you loved dearly. You now live in and through them.

May God bless you and keep you.

May His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

May He turn His face to you and give you peace.

Mark Strauss - May 17, 2016 at 07:30 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Chris Strauss.



May 17, 2016 at 06:16 PM

RK

“ Our condolences to the entire Strauss family in your loss of Chris. Our prayers are with each of you.
Phyllis & Ron Kuenning

Ron Kuenning - May 17, 2016 at 05:47 PM