



## Christopher John Ebertsch

March 9, 1970 - October 6, 2022

Chris was born on March 9, 1970 at the Mercy Hospital in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He passed away on October 6, 2022 while being treated at the Medical Center of the Rockies in Loveland, Colorado. Chris is survived by his parents, Ted and Julie Ebertsch, his sister, Laura Barden, her husband Brett, his niece, Alexis and two nephews, Trent and Zach.

Chris grew up in a family of Mediterranean descent, he was proud of his heritage. Joe Sparano his grandfather was Italian and Constantine Trovas his other grandfather was Greek. They provided the foundation for our family. Jim and Sue Sparano and Mary and Gary Oakley, aunts and uncles and their children provided Chris with support while growing up.

Summers were marked by many happy days spent at Grandpa Joe's and Grandma Betty's in Iowa City. Riding to and from the University of Iowa on Dad's shoulders to the homecoming parade would be a top "to-do", as would fishing for catfish at midnight on the Iowa River. Staying up late to watch Letterman with grandpa would also be a great learning experience for Chris.

Chris and his friends made several trips to Steamboat Springs during his high school years where they learned how to ski and experience all the wonderful things about Colorado. When this group finished college, many of them stayed in Colorado and made it their home, including Chris.

Over the past ten years or so, Chris became an excellent contractor doing carpentry, plumbing, heating and electrical work. He managed the facilities for an apartment complex in Fort Collins, Colorado.

On Saturday, October 1, 2022 Chris suffered a heart attack at his home. By the time emergency services arrived he had already been deprived of oxygen. Unfortunately, the damage was irreversible. We discovered that Chris was an organ donor. His organs are now helping several people survive. As a family, we are grateful that Chris chose to help others receive a new life. He will be missed.

We love you Mom and Dad

# Previous Events

## Reception

OCT 8. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (MT)

Bohlender Funeral Chapel  
121 W. Olive Street  
Fort Collins, CO 80524

# Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sad and sorry to hear of Chis's passing. My parents alerted me with a clipping from the Cedar Rapids Gazette. Chris was such a wonderful friend to me at Garfield Elementary. I was a big tomboy and it never mattered to Chris I was a girl when he'd include me in all the great things the boys were doing, baseball, basketball, football, exploring, whatever. His parents and sister Laura were always kind to me too. I remember he was an exceptional Speed Skater and had so many medals for his accomplishments. I used to think someday he'll probably go to the Olympics!! I found it made sense he settled in Colorado after reading the article, it's where the best snow is.

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**Josie Bennett (McCollum)** - November 06, 2022 at 10:03 PM

JM

*He knew me as Josie Bennett :)*

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**Josie Bennett McCollum** - November 06, 2022 at 10:06 PM

SB

“ It's hard to put into words seeing a friend pass away. Chris we were friends since preschool. The sleep overs, the basketball games, the kickball games. It goes on and on. Sure going to miss you buddy!

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**Scott Brown** - October 24, 2022 at 12:16 PM

JT

“ He was my absolute best friend, I miss him, miss him hard, bad, we had sooo much to still do. I'll see you soon brother...🕊️🌀🌈🕊️🕊️



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**Jon Tschopp** - October 24, 2022 at 12:53 AM

TB

“ My group of friends were close with him in junior high. I always loved his smile and goofy laugh. We ruled the NE side at night! My thoughts are with you all, praying for you as a family. ❤️

*Teresa Bailey (Hepner)*

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**Teresa L Bailey** - October 14, 2022 at 02:02 PM

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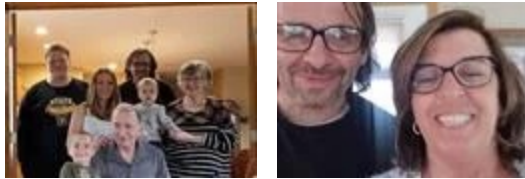
“ I went to school with Chris, from preschool through high school. He was my first “boyfriend”...in 5th/6th grade!! :). He brought me flowers to school and a necklace for Christmas, he was my first kiss (on the cheek!!). I'm so sad to hear of his passing, my thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

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**Holly Bailey (LeMaster)** - October 14, 2022 at 09:49 AM

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“ Sympathies for the family of Chris. He was a candle in a dark room, he was always willing to lend a helping hand, he was a friend to everyone. We love him so much ❤️. Mary and Gary.



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**Mary Oakley** - October 11, 2022 at 09:42 AM

BR

“ My family was so lucky to know the Ebertsch Family. Our children grew up together, attended the same grade school, and the children were close. Our son was a little older, and Chris looked up to him. They got along so well, and had such fun, just, being little boys. I will always remember that adorable, sweet, and always a little pistol, of a boy. My heart breaks for this Wonderful Family. We Love You.

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**Billie Rundall** - October 09, 2022 at 04:01 PM

JK

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We remember Chris through his friendship with our son Joe Houlahan. It was always a pleasure to see his smiling face when he visited our home with Joe. May he Rest In Peace. With sympathy,  
Jan and Chuck Kupka

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**Jan Kupka** - October 09, 2022 at 11:33 AM

LB

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



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**Laura Barden** - October 09, 2022 at 12:37 AM

VA

“ My heartfelt condolences to the Ebertsch family for your loss. Chris was quite a character who I won't ever forget. Sometimes I jokingly told him I needed him to stop talking because my ears were tired but he knew a lot about a lot of things and loved to share his knowledge. He had quite a work ethic. When he had a job to do he gave 110%. He was always offering to jump in and help out and loved to spend hours in the kitchen creating a meal. I will miss him! Gina Apt and family



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**Virginia Apt** - October 08, 2022 at 05:32 PM