



## Christopher Francis Drummond

July 21, 1954 - March 16, 2024

It is with great sadness and much love that the family of Christopher F. Drummond of Queenstown, MD, announces his passing on March 16, 2024, due to a heart attack while doing something he loved — cycling.

Chris was born in London, England, on July 21, 1954, to the late Anthony Drummond and the late Dorothy Drummond Parker. He immigrated with his parents in 1955 and during his childhood he lived in Fort Worth, TX; Norfolk, VA; Wheaton, MD; and Annapolis, MD.

He graduated cum laude from the University of Maryland in 1976 and the University of Maryland School of Law in 1980 with honors. He passed the bar exam and was admitted to legal practice in 1980. He was an associate at an Annapolis law firm before he opened his practice in 1983 in Centreville, MD. He represented a broad range of individual, corporate, and local government clients. Chris was an Assistant State's Attorney in Queen Anne's County for several years and successfully prosecuted many felony cases. He represented Queen Anne's County Planning Commission and the Department of Planning and Zoning since 1988, and several towns on the Eastern Shore were also his clients. Throughout his legal career, Chris always did his best to remember that compromise and common sense produce the best results in difficult cases.

Chris was the quintessential family man. He was a loving and caring father who was very proud of his children. He offered them support and steady guidance to help them navigate through life and achieve their goals. He and his wife Cindy were true partners as they navigated tough times and celebrated the good times throughout their marriage. Also, as a dedicated husband of 35 years, he would do anything for Cindy from building her a “she shed” to championing her in the pursuit of achieving her master’s degree.

An avid boater, Chris sailed to Bermuda, traveled the ICW, and found most of the creeks and coves of the Chesapeake Bay. Taking after his father, he became very handy and did much of the construction work on his home himself. He also recently had become an avid bicyclist enjoying riding along the rural roads of the Eastern Shore.

Chris is survived by his wife Cindy and his children: Ian (Shannon) of Copenhagen, Denmark; and Mallory (Benen) of Falls Church, VA. His siblings also survive him: Susan Vianna of Chester, MD; Colin Drummond (Kathleen) of Maple Glen, PA; Alison Wilson (Craig) of Charlottesville, VA; and his brother-in-law Charlie Mead, Chester, MD. He is also survived by his father-in-law James E. “Ed” Wignall (Sandy); his sisters-in-law Joanne Bullock (Donald) of Harrington, DE, and Bonnie Jackson (Gary) of Stevensville, MD; and his brothers-in-law Robert Ridgeway (Kristin) of Marco Island, FL, and Donald Tasker III of Cocoa, FL. He also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews.

He is preceded in death by his daughter Katherine, his parents, his sister Barbara Mead, and his sister-in-law Janet Wignall.

A memorial service will be held on March 27, 2024, at St. Christopher’s Catholic Church in Chester, MD, at 10:00 am. A private burial will be held immediately after the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly asks that you consider making a memorial donation to [BasenjiRescue.org](http://BasenjiRescue.org) or Queen Anne's County Animal Services.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR 27. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Christopher's Catholic Church  
1861 Harbor Drive  
Chester, MD 21619

# Tribute Wall

MW

“ My wife, Terry, and I were introduced to Chris in 1994. He was our lawyer in a case. He was an excellent attorney. We got to know him quite well outside the case. He was a great human being. Mike Walden

Mike Walden - October 29, 2024 at 08:59 PM

MH

“ I was so saddened by the passing of Chris. I got to know him when I was a past employee of Q. A. Cty. Dept. of Planning & Zoning and past clerk fo the Q. A. Cty. Planning Commission when he was their attorney. Really a nice guy. Such a shock to me. Blessings to his family and may he rest in peace.  
Martha R. Herman



Martha R. Herman - April 10, 2024 at 12:24 PM

CW

Chris was an awesome husband and dad and a great attorney was devastated when learning about his sudden death my prayers to Cindy his beautiful wife Carole Wilson

Carole Wilson - July 28, 2024 at 07:53 AM

MR

“ Maryann & Max Ruehrmund lit a candle in memory of Christopher Francis Drummond



Maryann & Max Ruehrmund - March 31, 2024 at 03:42 PM

RJ

“ Today’s service reminded me of Chris’ dry sense of humor. We worked together in my Annapolis law firm before he went to Queen Anne’s County. Our law firm opened a Queen Anne’s County office that Chris headed for some time before leaving our law firm to open his own law office. Years later, he and I litigated a case against each other. Chris was always smart, unique, and a valued colleague. It is a shame that he is no longer with us.

*Ron Jarashow, Annapolis*

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**Ron Jarashow** - March 27, 2024 at 01:06 PM

SJ

“ We will miss our camping buddy! Chris was a great friend and we could always count on him to find the balance of things, not to mention his incredible wit! When we stare at the stars, we know we will be looking for Chris. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Steve & Donna Jupitz** - March 26, 2024 at 03:18 PM

TF

“ The Jupitz Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Christopher Francis Drummond.



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**The Jupitz Family** - March 26, 2024 at 03:11 PM

TF

“ The Jupitz Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christopher Francis Drummond.

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**The Jupitz Family** - March 26, 2024 at 03:11 PM

WV

“ Susan, Allison and Colin and family my deepest sympathy. I met Chris when he came to your mother's home. Prayers and thoughts are with you, Wynn Volz

Wynn Volz - March 25, 2024 at 02:59 PM

FC

“ Mr. Drummond was my "mentor" He will always be remembered . My dippiest condolence to all the family .

fortunato cristiano - March 24, 2024 at 08:37 PM

SH

“ I first met Chris and Cindy when I worked at the Narrows Restaurant. We had so many fun times with Super Bowl parties and just hanging out there. He had such a great sense of humor. You will be miss. Rest in Pease.



Sherri Hunter - March 24, 2024 at 05:59 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Christopher Francis Drummond.



March 24, 2024 at 02:53 PM

BS

“ *Bibi Schelberg lit a candle in memory of Christopher Francis Drummond*



**Bibi Schelberg** - March 24, 2024 at 02:04 PM

MM

“ *Mark Mumford lit a candle in memory of Christopher Francis Drummond*



**Mark Mumford** - March 24, 2024 at 11:14 AM

SP

“ *Chris really helped in me during a time of duress in my life  
A lovely, generous and kind man.  
I wish his family peace.*

**sarah putman** - March 23, 2024 at 06:50 PM



*Thank you for sharing, Sarah*

**Cindy Drummond** - March 29, 2024 at 09:46 PM

RP

“ *Royden & JoAnn Powell lit a candle in memory of Christopher Francis Drummond*



**Royden & JoAnn Powell** - March 23, 2024 at 03:48 PM

FC

“ Faith Bible Church purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Christopher Francis Drummond.



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**Faith Bible Church** - March 23, 2024 at 10:54 AM

JG

“ Knew him since High school and remained friends here on the shore. Such a great person. Prayers to all.



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**Judy Gibb** - March 22, 2024 at 07:53 PM

LD

“ Such a kind person. What a difference he made for me and my daughters. May he be boating and cycling in peace in heaven.



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**Lisa King and daughters** - March 22, 2024 at 06:59 PM

SG

“ Steve Gadow lit a candle in memory of Christopher Francis Drummond



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**Steve Gadow** - March 22, 2024 at 05:23 PM

JP

“ Chris was a wonderful friend and our legal consult for all of the 34 years I have been working at Piney Narrows Yacht Haven. He is missed tremendously. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Cindy and Family. God Bless.

Joe Pomerantz

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**Joe Pomerantz** - March 22, 2024 at 03:38 PM

RL

“ We appreciated the help we received from Chris at a difficult time. We send our deepest condolences to his family. He will certainly be missed in our community.

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**Robin and Jack Laird** - March 22, 2024 at 07:27 AM

MM

“ Chris was my attorney through a difficult split up. He was always very kind and compassionate toward me as I was going through a very hard time. I have never forgotten that. Sending his wife and children, whom he spoke of so proudly, my deepest condolences and praying for their peace and comfort.



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**Megan Manowski** - March 22, 2024 at 01:51 AM

JM

“ John Massey lit a candle in memory of Christopher Francis Drummond



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**John Massey** - March 21, 2024 at 07:52 PM

TS

“ *Tracy Schulz lit a candle in memory of Christopher Francis Drummond*



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**Tracy Schulz** - March 21, 2024 at 05:31 PM

KC

“ *Kim Conley lit a candle in memory of Christopher Francis Drummond*



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**Kim Conley** - March 21, 2024 at 04:27 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Christopher Francis Drummond.*



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March 21, 2024 at 02:59 PM

MS

“ *Moire Scherl lit a candle in memory of Christopher Francis Drummond*



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**Moire Scherl** - March 21, 2024 at 02:24 PM

LP

“ I was lucky enough to know and love Mr. Drummond through my best friend Mallory. Over the last 25 years, I grew to know him not just as Mallory’s father, but as a man I’ve looked up to and as family of my own. His witty humor and patience with our many shenanigans made him not just enjoyable to be around, but a fun person to joke with over the years. All my memories with him on all his boats, at their house in the summer watching him clean the pool over and over, pranking him nonstop with jokes- his scoff and easygoing attitude made us kids continue to try to get a rise out of him, and we never did! One of my favorite memories is him teaching me how to drive a stick in his Acura and stalling out in the middle of Ocean City with cars beeping and zooming by us. He kept his composure as he was telling me to clutch and shift and I just could NOT handle it! Classic Sprinks to keep his cool in the middle of a teenage crisis.

Something I always noted when we were little was that he loved his chair and I think it was his favorite place to digress after a long day at the office, a glass of Dewars in hand. I’ll never look at a lazy boy chair again without thinking of you Mr. Drummond and to be honest, you’ve always come to my mind when I see one anyway. You are leaving behind a strong and beautiful family who will miss you dearly, but will be comforted in knowing that they get to keep all their memories with you close to their heart. I love you and will see you again someday ❤️

Lauren Paul



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Lauren Paul - March 21, 2024 at 01:47 PM

MW

*I will truly miss Chris Drummond. He helped me thru more than one difficult, and always made me smile during those times. Rest in heaven, and my love and prayers to the family. Phil 4:13. Myra Wilson*

**Myra Wilson** - April 05, 2024 at 11:48 PM

GO

“ *My deepest sympathy to Chris's family and many friends, one of the real good guy's!*



**George O'Donnell** - March 21, 2024 at 01:01 PM

TW

“ *I will miss his passion in the courtroom; one of a kind.*



**Tracy & Jeff Whitzel** - March 21, 2024 at 12:14 PM

BP

“ We met Chris and Cindy through our daughters, Mallory and Lauren- the start of a beautiful friendship. We have spent countless hours, days, and weekends together. Our family and friends meshed as one. We have celebrated first communions, birthdays, family events, funerals and holiday parties. But the boating weekends were some of the best times!

Chris sold Pete and I our first boat, The Wellcraft! I remember he took Pete out on a crash course for boating and said '.. here you go, it's easy!' 😊 We loved it so much we upgraded and had so many great summer adventures with Chris and Cindy, the Buniskis, the Duncans, and the Yovienne's.

Chris's laugh always lit up a room. He was smart, funny, and always had some offhanded comment to make through his dry sense of humor.

We loved and made fun of his wrinkled and stained suits, shirts and no socks..Chris would just shrug his shoulders and hold his head high- he was always that confident. We often wondered if the judges were like, "Christopher Drummond can you please iron your shirts?!"

His quiet strength, laugh, and stories will be missed by so many... Mr Drummond, as I fondly called him, Thank-you for all the good-times, bad-times, cries and laughs. Our memories will keep you close to our hearts. We are blessed to be able to call you a Friend. Rest in Peace Friend, we will see you on the flip side...

Love- Pete, Barb, Lauren, Peter and Sarah

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Barbara G Paul - March 21, 2024 at 11:22 AM

EL

“ Elizabeth Lepre lit a candle in memory of Christopher Francis Drummond



Elizabeth Lepre - March 21, 2024 at 10:36 AM

TM

“ Town of Millington purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Christopher Francis Drummond.



Town of Millington - March 21, 2024 at 09:36 AM

EC

“ Eastern Shore Dental Care lit a candle in memory of Christopher Francis Drummond



Eastern Shore Dental Care - March 21, 2024 at 09:26 AM

MZ

“ Mike Zimmer lit a candle in memory of Christopher Francis Drummond



Mike Zimmer - March 21, 2024 at 09:07 AM

MZ

*Chris was one of the pillars of Queen Anne's County.  
Thank You for your dedication all of these years.  
You will be missed by many.*

**Mike Zimmer** - March 21, 2024 at 09:11 AM

GP

“ *Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in  
memory of Christopher Francis Drummond*



**Gene and Lynda Palmatary** - March 21, 2024 at 09:01 AM

GP

*Cindy and family. We were so saddened to hear the passing of Chris.  
He was a good friend to many and will be missed in Centreville. We  
would always chat when I would see him on the street or in a store. He  
helped me with many Zoning issues when I worked for the County  
Commissioners. A great loss to many. He was one smart man and  
always willing to help. God bless your family and Chris you will never  
be forgotten. Memories live on forever. Blessings. Gene and Lynda  
Palmatary, Centreville.*

**Gene and Lynda Palmatary** - March 21, 2024 at 09:06 AM

MM

“ *Chris was a formidable and wonderful attorney. He will be missed.  
Prayers for his family. May God comfort you.*

**Michael-Anne Mundy** - March 21, 2024 at 07:49 AM

VC

“ We are deeply saddened to hear of Chris loss and pray for the family. He was our attorney but also a wonderful friend and customer of our downtown business. He had extraordinary wisdom and insight into so many matters. Rest in peace Chris

Valerie Coulby - March 21, 2024 at 07:04 AM

JH

“ Joan Horsey lit a candle in memory of Christopher Francis Drummond



Joan Horsey - March 21, 2024 at 06:32 AM

KR

“ Sending our deepest sympathy prayers to his family. Kim Ruth

Kim Ruth - March 21, 2024 at 06:10 AM

PF

“ Phil Foster lit a candle in memory of Christopher Francis Drummond



Phil Foster - March 21, 2024 at 03:50 AM

DA

“ Thank you, Chris, for helping me a great deal over the past 9 years.  
I will miss your kindness and your quiet, brilliant, strength.  
Prayers, Debra L. Alms



Debra L. Alms - March 20, 2024 at 10:31 PM

AS

“ April Sharp lit a candle in memory of Christopher Francis Drummond



April Sharp - March 20, 2024 at 09:24 PM

EC

“ The Wargotz family shares in the sorrow, and mourns the loss of Chris. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Drummond family.



Eric & Cheryl-Ann - March 20, 2024 at 09:23 PM

PP

“ Pam Price lit a candle in memory of Christopher Francis Drummond



Pam Price - March 20, 2024 at 08:23 PM

TT

“ *Tonya Thomas lit a candle in memory of Christopher Francis Drummond*



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**Tonya Thomas** - March 20, 2024 at 08:19 PM

MA

“ *Mitchell Andrew lit a candle in memory of Christopher Francis Drummond*



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**mitchell andrew** - March 20, 2024 at 06:48 PM

TH

“ *The staff at The Commerce Street Creamery Cafe is saddened to hear of the passing of Chris. He stopped in everyday for his lunch.*



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**Traci Haas** - March 20, 2024 at 05:46 PM

DC

“ *Debbie Callahan lit a candle in memory of Christopher Francis Drummond*



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**Debbie Callahan** - March 20, 2024 at 04:35 PM

CW

*Christopher Francis Drummond was an incredible attorney .husband  
father to two daughters my prayers go to Cindy and the girls he will be  
missed*

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**Carole Wilson** - July 28, 2024 at 08:06 AM