



Christopher John Romero

October 12, 1965 - May 16, 2020

Christopher John Romero, Lieutenant Colonel (Retired), U.S. Army, passed away unexpectedly of cardiac arrest at his home on Saturday, May 16, 2020. He was 54.

Born in the Bronx, NY on October 12, 1965, he was the son of John Romero and Andrea Brandenberger Somerville, both from Long Island, NY, currently residing in Florida. Chris graduated from West Islip High School in 1984 and continued his education at Morrisville Community College and the State University of New York (SUNY) - Oneonta, from which he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1989. He continued his education at the Florida Institute of Technology, earning a Master's degree in Project Management in 2005.

Chris enlisted in the Army in 1993 and served in the 101st Airborne Division "Air Assault" in Ft. Campbell, KY, before completing Officer Candidate School (OCS). After a 23-year distinguished career in the Chemical Corps, Chris retired as a Product Manager for the Program Executive Office Enterprise Information Systems (PEO EIS), Ft. Lee, VA in 2016, receiving the Legion of Merit Award. During his career he served as Company Commander for the 59th Chemical Company in Ft. Drum, NY, Department of the Army Systems Coordinator (DASC) for the Asst. Secretary of the Army at the Pentagon, and Program Manager for the Missile Defense Agency in Ft. Belvoir. He served his country both stateside and abroad in Iraq and Kuwait. At the time of his death, Chris worked as a civilian Project Manager for the National Geospatial

Intelligence Agency in Springfield, VA.

Chris found his greatest joy playing the guitar, cooking for his family and friends, fishing, boating and attempting to play golf. He was an avid wrestler in both high school and college and a devoted fan of the music group U2.

In addition to his parents, Chris is survived by his wife, Susan Christine Offley Romero, his son Christopher Matthew Romero, siblings John Joseph "Jay" Romero, David Romero, Andrea Zaccaria, and several beloved nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his stepfather Donald Somerville.

Friends and family may visit on Friday, May 22 at the Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, 130 Speer Road, Chestertown, MD from 4-6 pm. A memorial service will be held at 1 pm on Saturday, May 23 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Chestertown, MD. Interment will follow at a later date at Arlington National Cemetery. In accordance with state guidelines, please wear your mask and observe social distancing while attending the services. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to K9s for Warriors.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 22. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Chestertown Location
130 Speer Road
Chestertown, MD 21620
(410) 778-0055
info@fhfuneralhome.com

Service

MAY 23. 1:00 PM (ET)

Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church
508 High Street
Chestertown, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Christopher John Romero*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - May 21, 2020 at 01:28 PM



“ *Christopher John Romero*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Christopher John Romero*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Christopher John Romero*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



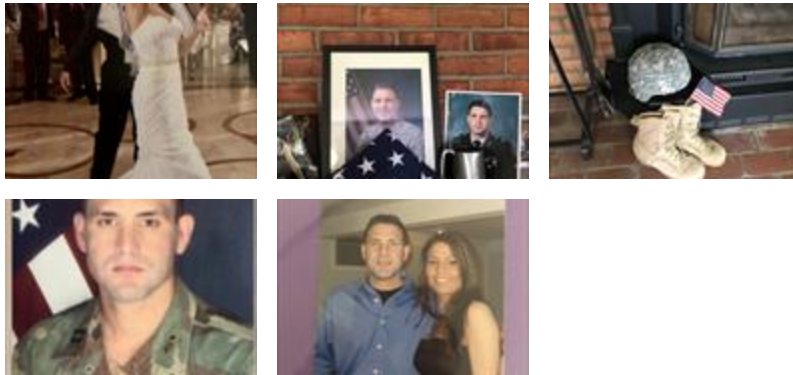
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Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - June 02, 2020 at 01:50 PM

AZ

“ Chris has been one of the most amazing brothers a sister could ask for. He was more than just my brother he was my best friend. He taught me so much. We had so much fun so many memories I'll never forget. He truly truly is gone way too soon he had so much to live for. He was one of the most humble man that I ever known and I will miss him forever. There will be a piece of my heart missing forever rest in peace my brother Chris Romero I love you. There's not a day that goes by that I don't think about you. You are an awesome uncle Valentina she loves you so much! I know you'll be our angel watching over us. Sending XOXO to u in heaven. Love ur sister Andréa



andrea zaccaria - May 27, 2020 at 10:37 PM

LI

“ Luisa's Cucina Italiana lit a candle in memory of Christopher John Romero



Luisa's Cucina Italiana - May 24, 2020 at 08:34 PM

FS

“ *Frances Stassi lit a candle in memory of Christopher John Romero*



frances stassi - May 23, 2020 at 09:42 PM

DS

“ *Susan and family, I offer my deepest condolences. I worked with Chris at NGA. Chris was an extraordinarily talented and professional co-worker but he was also a warm and caring friend. We will miss him dearly. My sympathy and warmest regards to your family.*

Don Self

Don Self - May 23, 2020 at 09:10 PM

FS

I'm so sorry for the loss of Chris, especially to his wife and son... and to his family! It's a terrible loss and I know he will be missed. Please know my thoughts are with each and every one of you, especially Jay! So so sorry! ❤️🙏❤️🙏❤️

frances stassi - May 23, 2020 at 09:25 PM

LF

“ Chris is the brother of one of my best friends Andrea who loves him so much! Its been awhile since I've seen him but what I remember most is when he came to our west islip school district to teach..He was the new cool teacher around and everyone loved him! My older brother who I thought might not know him asked me, did he teach in our school? I said yes..He said he doesnt always remember a lot of things unless it was a meaningful experience, and he remembers Chris as a truly nice guy! Chris touched a lot of lives and may not have realized it all! He was smart, friendly, airways willing to help someone in need, and truly a nice person to everyone who crossed his path!

Lauren farina - May 22, 2020 at 06:27 PM

EH

“ Susan, young Chris and the Sommerville/Romero family,

We are heartbroken for such an untimely death of someone so good and deeply respected. Although we didn't see each other often the hug and conversations were always worth the wait!

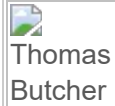
A patriot funeral wreath of flowers should be arriving tomorrow at the church to show our love and support. Wish we could be there to morn our cousin but alas, we cannot as Ross and the kids and mom are all still quarantined. I am immunocompromised so going no where fast.

Say goodbye to Chris for us with a kiss and wishing you peace for tomorrow.

Love Elizabeth

& Ross, Baxter, Dixie'drea and Aunt Irene

Elizabeth Hurst - May 22, 2020 at 05:56 PM



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Thomas Butcher - May 22, 2020 at 02:57 PM

EH

Thank you for sharing wonderful photos of cousin Chris to his beloved music of U2.

Elizabeth Hurst - May 22, 2020 at 05:48 PM

FS

Beautiful photo's keep and treasure these memories forever ❤️

frances stassi - May 23, 2020 at 09:40 PM

DR

Oh man ..love you my brother..

David Romero - May 26, 2020 at 07:17 PM

SG

“ Sending my continued thoughts and prayers to the family. This has been a hard week for the SCPBB team as we miss our colleague on our morning meetings at NGA. His presences is greatly missed. I have not only lost a fellow colleague but a fellow Army Veteran. Thus my lighted candled is none other than Army Green...RIP Chris HOOAH!!!!



ShaReese Garner

ShaReese Garner - May 21, 2020 at 01:24 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Christopher John Romero.*



May 21, 2020 at 12:42 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Christopher John Romero.*



May 20, 2020 at 10:26 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Christopher John Romero.*



May 20, 2020 at 08:39 PM



“ *Condolences to the Romero family & all of Chris's fri*

Jennifer - May 20, 2020 at 05:55 PM



Somehow I got cut off... Condolences to the Romero family & all Chris's friends. We went to college together & had many good times. RIP and thank you for your service. JennyO.

Jennifer - May 20, 2020 at 05:57 PM

NS

Susan & the entire Romero family, please accept my condolences. I will miss my friend and co-worker so much! Please know Chris was well-liked and respected by all... My desk is right next to his and I always enjoyed talking with him and looking at his family photos above his desk, including the one of his beloved Ray Ray dog.....

Nancy Springer - May 22, 2020 at 11:07 AM

HM

*Condolences to the entire Romero family, may Chris's genuine heart and soul live on forever within us. May he RIP! Love and prayers.
Heather*

Heather Miletì - May 22, 2020 at 06:37 PM

KC

“ Susan, I am so sad to hear of Chris's death. I cannot begin to understand what you are going through. I wish I could be there to lend a shoulder to cry on. I will always remember the beauty of seeing you two fall in love. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help you through this horrible time.



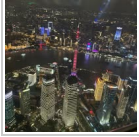
Karen Colmie

Karen C - May 20, 2020 at 05:25 PM

BC

“ I had the pleasure of working with Chris over the past few years. He was always helpful and willing to do anything to aid the mission or a co-worker. Please accept my deepest sympathies on your loss and the loss to our nation.

Bryan Cowan - May 20, 2020 at 12:56 PM



“ So sad to hear about the loss of Chris Romero. We knew him over many years from the Ridgeway Springfield VA neighborhood. He was always a nice guy and now gone way too soon. RIP Chris Romero. Condolences to the family. Carol Russell

Carol Russell - May 20, 2020 at 09:10 AM



“ Chris was a good kid that grew to be a great man. His accomplishments should inspire us all. God bless Chris Romero, May he Rest In Peace for all eternity



Warren Pavon - May 19, 2020 at 08:31 PM



“ Chris was a great officer, an excellent comrade, and an even better human being. My deepest sympathy and warmest regards to your family.

John Robson - May 19, 2020 at 08:30 PM



“ Vin Danna lit a candle in memory of Christopher John Romero



Vin Danna - May 19, 2020 at 07:10 PM

EB

Grew up with Chris he was always so kind going to miss you chris sending prayers to ur family so sorry for your loss RIP CHRIS may you be st peace xoxo you will be missed

Eileen Babino - May 20, 2020 at 02:33 AM

CH

“ I worked with Chris and was so shocked to hear of his passing. He was a kind person, straight forward, and excellent in customer service. He will be missed. My husband and I offer our condolences to his family.



Charla Helmers - May 19, 2020 at 07:08 PM

BL

“ I watched Chris grow up to be a kind and loving young man. He was always very respectful and always had a smile on his face. We are so terribly sad and know that he will be missed by many. There are no words that will heal your suffering but know that all of Chris's family is on our mind and in our heart. We love you Chris Romero💔💔

Barbara Leiss - May 19, 2020 at 05:41 PM

TG

“ Tameka G. lit a candle in memory of Christopher John Romero



Tameka G. - May 19, 2020 at 05:03 PM