



Christopher Paul Courtemanche

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Christopher Paul Courtemanche, 46 of Leesburg, Virginia passed suddenly on Sunday, January 17, 2021, at his home.

Born Friday, June 14, 1974 in Silver Spring, Maryland, he was the son of Michael and Karen Courtemanche.

Chris is survived by his parents, his partner, Gregory Morgan, his brothers Patrick (Courtney), Sean (Tai), and David (Christy), nieces and nephew Addison, Jenna, Reilly, Ava, Mary, and Emma, and extended family.

Chris was a graduate of Good Counsel High School, The University of Maryland, and a masters in Human Relations from Marymount. Chris was a career employee of the Central Intelligence Agency and an avid supporter of the LGBTQ+ community.

A Funeral service will be live streamed at 10:00 AM on Thursday January 21, 2021 on Saint John the Apostle Catholic Church's [Facebook page](#).

In lieu of flowers, a memorial donation can be made to [The Trevor Project](#).

Online condolences may be made to the family at <http://www.loudounfuneralchapel.com>



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GB

Gloria Brown posted:

Our deepest sympathy to Greg, Mike & Karen, Pat & Courtney & the girls, Dave & Christy & family, our dear Sean and Tai, and friends of Chris. What a beautiful tribute to his life today. Addison, Jenna, and Reilly did a wonderful job with the readings. I am sure Chris was smiling that beautiful smile as he listened to the wonderful stories. God bless you all and keep you in His care. Sending much love and comforting thoughts to all of you. Gloria and Scott Brown

January 21 at 6:31 PM

LD

Lesia D. posted:

My deepest condolences to Chris's family. I had the honor to work with Chris. He was such a funny, kind, and intelligent person that I enjoyed being around. My heart is saddened. God's Blessings to the family.

January 21 at 3:47 PM

CJ

Cousin John posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. Sometime last week, out of the blue, Chris popped into my head. I don't know why, but it was a memory of a time when we were kids, you all were up for a visit at Judy and Garys house. Anyway, at some point, Chris and I were in the basement playing on the piano. We were singing and carrying on--loudly, having a fantastic time. I don't know that it would have been considered musical --in anyone's estimation other than ours--because, i think part of our goal was to hit as many keys simultaneously as we could. It was probably a noisy mess, but we were absolutely awesome. We were completely absorbed in the moment, being kids and having fun. This is how i will remember Chris. My heart goes out to you all.-John Courtemanche

January 21 at 12:25 PM

JC

Judy Courtemanche posted:

Dear Karen, Mike, Pat, Courtney, Sean, Tai, David & Christy, We are so sorry that we could not be with you. Our hearts are reaching out in hopes that some there is some comfort. It is unimaginable that one of our children would leave before us. We still can't process it. Hearing others reminisce about Chris this morning brought back warm memories for us as well. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Love, Judy & Gary

January 21 at 11:52 AM



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ES

Elizabeth Schwartz posted:

Chris was an amazing man & that was a beautiful funeral befitting his legacy. Chris welcomed me twice to speak to the Intelligence Communities about LGBT legal issues. Folks have spoken of his magnetic smile. So true. In part because one isn't allowed to have cellphones in those high security areas, we had wonderful face-to-face time, in abundance. No distractions. We became friends and stayed in touch, sharing hope for the future of our communities, our nation. Chris was the consummate leader and patriot. My deepest condolences to Greg, the Courtemanche family, and all who grieve Chris' loss. May his memory forever be a blessing and may we all honor Chris by continuing his bravery and big smile in his name. Sending sunshine and love from Miami

January 21 at 11:17 AM

KM

Kristen Melaccio posted:

My love and support goes out to Chris' family. You had an amazing son, brother, uncle, and friend. Chris was always smiling every time I saw him and always interested in having fun and being happy. His energy was contagious and spending time with him always lifted your spirits. We shared a love for Hocus Pocus, Madonna, and the Golden Girls. However, I can never match his love and obsession for the Golden Girls! The theme song will forever remind me of him and make me smile in his memory. Rest in peace my friend. You are greatly missed. With love and support, Kristen Melaccio

January 21 at 7:48 AM

AK

Alan Kennedy posted:

Our condolences to the entire Courtemanche family. Chris was a great guy and I loved hearing his stories about his family and vacations, and could see that he was so tight with his brothers, their families and of course his parents. I know that this is a terrible blow to you all and I wish you all peace as you come to terms with this loss. The world will not be the same without Chris's smile and kindness.

January 21 at 7:40 AM

KK

Kim Kotch posted:

My sincerest condolences to the Courtemanche family. Chris will be missed by many. May you find strength in the days ahead to get through this tough time. Prayers and hugs to you.

January 21 at 7:24 AM



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FR

Francesca Diclemente Russo posted:

My deepest condolences to the Courtemanche Family! May you find comfort in knowing that Chris is now in Peace with our Lord! Chris was in my class at St. Andrews the Apostle School Fondly, Francesca Di Clemente Russo

January 21 at 7:07 AM

AL

Anita Lasansky posted:

Too young....too soon.....so sad...so sorry

January 21 at 5:36 AM

JU

Julia posted:

Beyond words. Chris was one of the kindest, most warm-hearted people I have ever known. His light is living on in the people he recruited to a life in public service, and the inspiration he delivered to others. He left those he met believing that they too could make a difference, no matter their race, gender, or orientation. The world is fuller, safer, and more joyous because of the mark Chris left. Rest in peace and power from a life ended too soon, but well lived. -Julia

January 21 at 5:11 AM

JO

John shared an album called **Memories Album**.



January 21 at 5:04 AM

JO

John January 21 at 5:07 AM

During this time of fear and division, Chris was proof that we can be better. I always thought of him as the next, better version of humanity and someone that I tried to be more like. His light will be missed.

PB

Peggy Baker posted:

Chris was so blessed to have such a loving family. Their love made him into the fine young man he became. Our hearts go out to his family. Peggy and Vaughn Baker

January 20 at 7:05 PM



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LB

Lorraine Butler lit a candle in honor of Christopher.

He is now resting in peace may god be with you and your family you are all in my prays Always remember the good times you had with him always remember the good times you had with him

January 20 at 6:28 PM



GU

Grant Van Ulbrich lit a candle in honor of Christopher.

Chris was so instrumental in helping myself and Francisca Phillips, in creating the first office of diversity and inclusion in the cruise industry here at Royal Caribbean. He came to Miami and merged right in with our Royal Caribbean family and our community. I was so honored to work with him in championing equality and inclusion. Chris was real, honest, sincere, caring, and so full of life. I am proud to call him a friend. On behalf of Royal Caribbean, Celebrity and Azamara Cruises and from my own heart, I share our sincerest condolences. Chris May you Rest In Peace. I know God needed you now more than we do. We will meet again. Your friends Grant and Francisca

January 20 at 5:33 PM



AR

Anita Roberts posted:

I'm so sorry to hear about the sudden loss of Chris. I'm thankful that I got a chance to work with him and get to know him. He had a beautiful spirit and will be greatly missed. My prayers are with the family. God Bless, Anita

January 20 at 5:18 PM

TD

Tiffanee D posted:

My heart hurts and I am struggling to deal with this loss. Chris is an amazing person and an even better friend. I had the privilege of working with him for many years in recruitment and outreach. His warmth, openness, and positivity are contagious. His smile and sense of humor made even the longest, toughest recruitment trip enjoyable. Most importantly, his heart is so big, so giving. I am so blessed to have known him and to have called him friend. Even though you are no longer here physically, my love for you does not end. It just means I will love you that much harder so that you can feel in Heaven. Love you always, from your Diva. To Chris family, may God's love hold and keep you through this very difficult time. May you find comfort in the fact that your beautiful son, brother, and uncle touched and is loved by so many.

January 20 at 5:12 PM



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Pam Hagerty posted:

Chris was hands down on off the most positive, exceptional, and proactive officers I have ever met. Luckily, we became best of friends. I am deeply heartbroken that he has left us, but moved onto the everlasting life. We will live on the legacy you left to us- always move forward and be better than you thought you could be. I will forever love and miss you. Pam H

January 20 at 4:58 PM



Brenda Smith lit a candle in honor of Christopher.

Thoughts and Prayers to the family and friends in the sudden loss of Chris. May his memories last in your hearts forever. Hugs to all.Glenn & Brenda Smith

January 20 at 4:52 PM



Blane Amphthor posted:

I worked with Chris for just a few months 25 years ago, but he made such a positive impression that I never forgot him. Our paths crossed again about five years ago and the same positive, happy and kind person that I recalled made my life better a second time. When I heard the sad news of his death, my first thoughts were of all his positive attributes - quite a testament to him. You will be missed but not forgotten, Chris.

January 20 at 4:47 PM



Ed Pauley January 21 at 2:53 PM

To the family you have my deepest condolences. I had the opportunity to meet you all on several occasions at Chris Christmas parties and I know how close you all were.



Peggy Keens January 21 at 2:40 PM

My heart goes out to the entire Courtemache family. I will keep all of you in my thoughts and prayers. Peggy Keens



Linda Foltz posted:

Chris was always the light in any room. His smile, his humor, his love for life and his family was infectious. I was privileged to not only work with him but share him with many as a friend. Chris reflected positivity in life and although his family and friends are feeling that 'hole' in their heart, know that God had a bigger plan for him. Prayers for the family and for his friends. Chris impacted ALL of us for the better.

January 20 at 4:23 PM



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Francisca Phillips posted:

I met Chris a few years ago when my boss and I were invited to the CIA to share best practices on diversity and inclusion. He was an incredible host and so open to share with us. He was a true professional and a delight to work with. My prayers go to his loved ones in these difficult times.
Francisca Phillips

January 20 at 3:17 PM



Jeff McGuire posted:

My heart goes out to Greg, Mike, Karen and all his family. Of all of Chris's wonderful attributes, his gentle nature and enjoyment of giving will resonate forever to all of us who knew him. His nieces and nephews were pure joy to him. As grief stricken as we all are who knew him, I'm thankful he shared a final Christmas with those he loved and loved him as we all know what a special time of year that was for Chris. He shares eternity now with others gone before and though his was a short time on Earth, he is forever happy and will share that infectious smile throughout the heavens. Our understanding of such pain in our hearts will eventually fade into happy memories and add to our joy of meeting him again in heaven. Truly, the tears from so many will continue for weeks as we come to terms with such a sudden loss. Rest in peace dear, dear friend. Thank you for sharing your life with us while you were here. Jeff McGuire

January 20 at 3:07 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Courtemanche family.



January 20 at 3:06 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful Heart Bouquet to the Courtemanche family.



January 20 at 2:00 PM



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BG

Brian Gilreath posted:

Although time passes, hearing the news about Christopher breaks my heart. Remembering all of the good times and Sunday dinners and traveling that we shared will always be special and never forgotten. All of my thoughts and prayers to Karen, Mike, Patrick, Sean, and David and all of the family. I know he will always be with me in some way and I hope the memories will bring that smile to all of us. He had the smile and laughter that was truly infectious. May God look over all of you during this time and sorrow. Brian Gilreath

January 20 at 1:52 PM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Courtemanche family.



January 20 at 1:15 PM

AH

Alisa Hayes posted:

No words can explain how saddened i was to hear of the passing of a dear friend Chris. I worked with Chris in two assignments in my career and he was always the consummate friend and co worker. Always supportive and his sense of humor always kept you laughing. I will surely miss his morning greetings occasional lunches and his gregarious smile. I never witnessed a frown on his face. He will be forever missed and I'm praying for the family that their grief will be replaced with joy in time that their son, brother, uncle was loved and respected by many. RIP dear friend. We shall meet again. Alisa.

January 20 at 12:53 PM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Courtemanche family.



January 20 at 12:52 PM

JM

Jennifer Moore posted:

I was both shocked and saddened by the news of Chris' passing. Though my time working with him was brief, Chris was the consummate professional. He will truly be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with him family. May God grant you peace and solace at this time of sadness.

January 20 at 12:26 PM



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GG

G. Guglielmo posted:

I knew Chris since high school. We played football together, had many classes together, went to concerts, laughed, shared life. We stayed in touch loosely over the years but always as friends. When I heard he passed a light went out in the world and my heart darkened for a moment. A light filled the moment though. I remembered Chris smiling and laughing, oftentimes when I needed it the most. He was my friend when I had few. I am proud and lucky to have known such a wonderful person. His light will be with me all my life.

January 20 at 12:23 PM

CK

Chris Kittinger posted:

I am deeply saddened and shocked by the news of Chris' sudden passing and extend my condolences to Gregory and Chris' family. I was privileged to have worked with Chris in the late 90's (young pups) and have always remembered his smile and infectious cute laugh:) He was genuine, supportive and caring of others. Over the years it would never fail that when we passed each other his bright smile and "hello" would just make you feel good. I am better for having known him. May Christ's love comfort you at this time and his memory be forever in all our hearts. Blessings Always, Chris K.

January 20 at 12:08 PM

AG

Angelica Grace posted:

I'm sending so much love and comfort to all of Christopher's loved ones during this time. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

January 20 at 12:00 PM



Media

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John shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.

January 21 at 5:04 AM



We will miss you! Love Gabe, John, Ben and Noah



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Christopher by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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