



Christopher Joseph Wolak

February 17, 1990 - December 24, 2011

Christopher J. Wolak, born February 17, 1990 in Ypsilanti, Michigan, passed away on December 24, 2011 at the age of 21.

Although Chris' life ended suddenly, he will be remembered for his loving, caring and non-judgmental personality, his passion for poker and his easy going personality. He was also a fan of all Detroit sports teams.

He is survived by his parents; Steven and Francine, sister; Samantha, girlfriend; Ashley Dungan, grandparents; Geraldine (the late Bernard) Marini and Stanley and Rose Ann Wolak, aunts and uncles; Joseph (Janelle) Marini, Scott (Le Anne) Wolak, Carolyn (Tim) Hayduk, Tina (Danny) Seguin, Diane (Mike) O'Hara and Carmen (Matt) Gates, 15 cousins and many other extended family members.

Previous Events

Service

DEC 30. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Isidore Catholic Church
18201 23 Mile Rd
Macomb Twp, MI

Tribute Wall



“ Steven, Francine, and Samantha we will keep you under our alter of prayer. May your hearts be at peace; knowing Jesus is our author and finisher of faith in God. Knowing he entrusted you with an Angel to adorn; and love brings his spirit into your hearts. Just know you have great support under girding you as you grieve this great loss on your soul. If you need me call 313 792 8541.

Your coworker Teresa!##imported-begin##Julius & Teresa Williams##imported-end##

January 04, 2012 at 07:52 PM



“ A very handsome young man! The pain of losing a loved one is very hard and yet to lose a child is even greater. Please accept my deepest sympathy. I know you have a strong desire to see him again, to be in his presence, to hug him again, and yet the Bible tells us that in the near future this will be a possibility. John 5:28,29 says 'Do not marvel at this, but the time is coming when all those in the grave will hear Jesus voice and come out'. They will be resurrected to life on earth.##imported-begin##Denise##imported-end##

January 02, 2012 at 05:29 PM



“ Dear Steve and Francine,
I am filled with such sadness for you. It breaks my heart to think about your loss. Your beloved son was much too young and you must be in so much pain. I pray that God will grant you peace and will guide you through your grief.
Wishing God's blessings for you,
Jane Cheffy###imported-begin###Jane Cheffy###imported-end##

January 02, 2012 at 12:44 PM



“ Francine I am so sorry for this tragic loss, our hearts go out to you and your family, you are in our prayers and you now have a precious Angel with you always. Love and prayers###imported-begin###Renee',Rachel and Jimmy Monaco###imported-end##

December 31, 2011 at 02:20 PM



“ Francine and family,

This is Jessica, the Monaco's cousin. Remember babysitting me and my brother? Of course you do! :) We always loved when you watched us###imported-begin###Jessica Lang###imported-end##

December 31, 2011 at 10:48 AM



“ This is so heartbreaking. May God wrap his loving arms around all of you and help you heal. Thoughts and prayers are being sent to you from Milwaukkee Wisconsin.###imported-begin###Barb Orban###imported-end##

December 30, 2011 at 06:59 PM



“ Fran- words cannot express how very sorry i am for you and your family for such an unimaginable loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. I must tell you I read all the posts on his Facebook page...how proud you must be of that he touched and brought happiness to so many people. Again...i am so very sorry.##imported-begin##Tina Voccia##imported-end##

December 30, 2011 at 06:28 PM



“ I do not know your family and did not know your son, but I heard the story and I want to say how sorry I am for your loss. I have a son who is 19 and I cannot imagine what you are feeling, as a mother, a father, a sister. Know that you will be in my prayers, and will one day be reunited. Something someone gave to me when my mom died and helped me; Think of rain on a windowpane. As a drop of rain falls down,it touches the other raindrops there and the drops are now connected, it doesn't change what the drops are, but now are always connected and part of eachother. You are always connected to your son, because he came down and touched your lives. He is still there, but now in a different form. Your family is forever connected to him. God Bless your family.##imported-begin##joyce##imported-end##

December 30, 2011 at 10:37 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss, I to am a Lion's fan and I am so glad Chris got to go to the game. His last thoughts were happy ones. I didn't know him but I feel your loss and know he is still with you in spirit.##imported-begin##Alicia Walker##imported-end##

December 30, 2011 at 07:13 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Chris was Avery special and sweet person. He was always respectful and genuine. We will miss his spirit in Naples.##imported-begin##Cathy Orban##imported-end##

December 29, 2011 at 08:28 PM



“ Steve, Francine and family. My heart goes out to you. Celebrate your sons life. God be with you.##imported-begin##Teresa Scalise##imported-end##

December 29, 2011 at 06:48 PM



“ I'm very sorry for your loss and this tragic situation. May you find strength in God to get you through these hours, days, weeks, months and years. Mr. & Mrs Wolak, you raised a very fine and good son/gentleman. We will never know why God does what he does, but I know he's in good hands. As a Cheesehead, I love your son's passion for the Lions. My heart is hurting knowing you're hurting, but please keep the faith and live off all the positive memories.##imported-begin##Patrick##imported-end##

December 29, 2011 at 04:34 PM



“ It has been 50 years since a movie was made which contained a portion of a poem by William Wordsworth. It moved me then and over the years has helped me during difficult times. I want to share it with you, Steve and Francine.

What though the radiance which was once so bright
Be now for ever taken from my sight,
Though nothing can bring back the hour of splendour in the grass,
of glory in the flower, we will grieve not, rather find strength in what remains behind...

Christopher has left us with so many beautiful memories. Love, Uncle Rich##imported-begin##Richard Wolak##imported-end##

December 29, 2011 at 04:21 PM



“ We are all so sorry for your loss, Chris maybe with the angels now but he is forever in all our hearts, he will be missed deeply but his laughter and genuine smile will always be a reminder of what a beautiful soul he is. God Bless your family.##imported-begin##Detroit Wholesale Produce##imported-end##

December 29, 2011 at 04:18 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about your loss Fran-you are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Shanna Anderson##imported-end##

December 29, 2011 at 03:58 PM



“ Dear Wolak family. I am so sorry for the loss of your son. I went to highschool with Chris and I can honestly say he was the most kind hearted person I have ever come across. You guys are very blessed to have a son like him. He's not gone forever, one day you guys will be reunited. Until then, keep his memory alive and charish all the goodtimes you guys had. Again I am so sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Jessica Waller##imported-end##

December 29, 2011 at 03:22 PM



“ Steve, I am so sorry to learn of your loss. May you find comfort in your memories and in knowing that many are holding you and your family in their hearts and prayers.

Connie Boyd,
WCI Communities##imported-begin##Connie Boyd##imported-end##

December 29, 2011 at 01:59 PM



“ We are so sorry to learn of this tragedy. We have fond memories of our time as neighbors with you in Naples. We remember Chris' smile and his spirit, and I laugh when I think of how I teased him about pro and college football. Our thoughts and our prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Mike & Peggy Miller##imported-end##

December 29, 2011 at 12:41 PM



“ Fran, Steven and Sam... We are here for you whatever you may need. Hoping our presence and availability to you will help in any way you may need...Your sweet smiling son has touched our hearts and created laughter and love for us,as he has done for so many people! What a great honor as a parent! You are in our prayers - with much love to you all. Jeff, Sandy, Amanda, Asia and Anthony. XOXO###imported-begin##Guerra Family###imported-end##

December 29, 2011 at 09:13 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to your family Stephane. You a great and strong guy. You will effectively guide your family through this. I appreciate our relationship and have concern for your family. If there's anything needed- please reach out. I am in your corner.###imported-begin##Gregory Fahrenbruch; REST Environmental###imported-end##

December 28, 2011 at 11:42 PM



“ You and your family are in our prayer and we asked that God provide strength at this time of terrible loss. Nothing brings us closer to our maker than a loss like you've experienced. I can assure you that your many friends offer prayers, not just for your immediate family but for those around you as you all suffer this loss. Our assurance is that God will bless your family for you deserve His blessings! Our words really mean nothing at this time, and our prayer is all that really will mean anything.

Martha and Jim Wilton
(Friends of Kara Gates)###imported-begin##Martha & Jim Wilton###imported-end##

December 28, 2011 at 09:17 PM



“ As a total stranger, yet another grieving mother from the loss of my only son too, also killed by a bus and at the tender age of 21, my heart aches and my prayers are often. Please believe that only God will be able to carry you through this tragedy. We both have daughters and husbands that need us now more than ever. My prayer is that you will never hold back any amount of tears for your sake and that you'll remember that one glorious day, your family be all be reunited again, exactly like ours. In His grace.....
Brenda

December 28, 2011 at 09:06 PM



“ To Grandmother Geraldine Marini, As a grandmother, I cannot possibly imagine the grief you are feeling at the loss of your grandson and the the pain you are witnessing in your own child, her family and all those who loved and cared for Christopher. While the pain of losing him will not be easily lifted, may the fond memories and his spirit live on in your hearts. Condolences and Peace. The Orlando's. Old Family Friends
Grace Orlando

December 28, 2011 at 09:05 PM



“ Fran and Family, So sorry to hear of your horrible loss. May your faith in God help keep you strong in this time of need. Praying for you and your entire family. God bless.
Kristi Feyers (CCF)

December 28, 2011 at 07:59 PM



“ We are very saddened and so sorry to here of this tragic loss...I have known the Marini family for 40 yrs....lots of love and prayers go out to you xoxo

Robyn and Brian##imported-begin##Robyn and Brian##imported-end##

December 28, 2011 at 07:49 PM



“ So sorry for your loss, here is a poem that helped me get through the loss of my mom:

The Broken Chain Poem by Ron Tranmer

Little I knew that morning, God was going to call your name, in life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone, for part of me went with you, the day God called you home. You left us beautiful memories, your love is still our guide, and though we cannot see you, you are always by our side. Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same, but as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again. Little I knew that morning, God was going to call your name, in life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone, for part of me went with you, the day God called you home. You left us beautiful memories, your love is still our guide, and though we cannot see you, you are always by our side.

God Bless, The Rothe Family##imported-begin##Jenny Rothe##imported-end##

December 28, 2011 at 07:36 PM



“ To the Wolak family, I did not know your son. Words seem inadequate at a time like this. What a tragic loss during the time we celebrate the birth of a Savior/King, who came that we might have life and make everything right that is wrong. Your story has impacted me, in that you stated "don't take gifts for granted". Life can be short and so unfair. May God in His own way grant you grace & peace, as you say "so long" to your loved one. (I am acquainted with Matthew through his business.) Many thoughts & prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Manfred North Peigan##imported-end##

December 28, 2011 at 07:15 PM



“ Steve, Francine & Samantha,

It is with very heavy hearts that we send our condolences to the Wolak Family. Chris and Justin shared very special times together growing up in Naples that created a very strong bond of friendship. The Naples boys and their families loved Chris and we are all in shock and feeling the loss of your very special young man. We are all very saddened by Chris's passing and you will all be in our thoughts and prayers in the days ahead. We hope that you are able to find comfort to help your family during this most difficult time.

Our deepest and heartfelt sympathy.

Brian, Sheila, Justin & Kyle Leith##imported-begin##Sheila Leith##imported-end##

December 28, 2011 at 06:40 PM



“ Chris I will always remember you as a careing, dedicated friend. I hope you know how much you meant to me. My one constant, rest in peice.##imported-begin##Jera Brown##imported-end##

December 28, 2011 at 06:37 PM



“ To the Family of Chris Wolak:
You are in my prayers. When I heard of the tragedy, I immediately began praying for the family. Lets not focus on how he died but what a great person he was. I am a Detroit Police Officer and a Christian so my heart goes out to your family. Stay strong and each day will get better for you.##imported-begin##Sheila Brown##imported-end##

December 28, 2011 at 05:31 PM



“ Dear Fran, Steve and Sam
When Amy Lovett told me the news yesterday, I couldnt believe my ears. I looked up the article yesterday. I am at a loss for words but I did pray for you last night and will continue to ask God to guide you and help feel comfort. I remember cutting the kids hair when you lived in Naples and I feel like I knew you all so well. My son is my life as well and I tremble as I write because I dont know what I would do in your shoes. I am so sad and I pray time will help your heart heal. I love you all and I send your family the white light from God and healing energy.##imported-begin##tammy goldstein##imported-end##

December 28, 2011 at 02:58 PM



“ Dear Wolak Family,
I care about you and pray for GOD to give you support and comfort
you.

Lee Bailey##imported-begin##Lee Bailey##imported-end##

December 28, 2011 at 02:57 PM



“ No words can console the loss of your child. I just wanted to let you
know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-
begin##Marie Przybyl##imported-end##

December 28, 2011 at 02:42 PM



“ Dear Steven, I do not know if you remember me but I was your Aunt
many years ago, I was married to your Uncle Ken, I never had the
honor of meeting your wife or children but I want you to know how
awfull feel about Christopher. My heart is breaking for you and all of
your family, all of you are in my thoughts and prayers. When you are
up to it please tell your Mother and Father that I still Love all of you
very much and wish I could helpin some way. With Love Always,
Aunt Nancy##imported-begin##Nancy Montague##imported-end##

December 28, 2011 at 02:16 PM



“ We are deeply, deeply saddened for your loss. You will be in our
thoughts and in our prayers for the difficult days ahead.##imported-
begin##John and Janie Wilson (and Jordan and Jamie)##imported-
end##

December 28, 2011 at 12:50 PM



“ To the family of Christopher, Universal Gospel Church want to let you know we will continue to lift up your family in prayer. Put your hand in the hands of the Lord, he is able to Comfort and keep you. Peace, the family of Universal Gospel Church###imported-begin###Pastor Irene Dortch###imported-end##

December 28, 2011 at 11:28 AM



“ We cannot express in words how saddened we are for your entire family for such a tragic loss. You're in our heart, thoughts and prayers at this time of sorrow.###imported-begin###Max and Marla Perry###imported-end##

December 28, 2011 at 10:59 AM



“ We in the Orban family are deeply saddened by the loss of Chris. He was truly one of the greatest kids to ever enter through the doors of our home.He will be greatly missed by Bobby, the other boys, and us all. Our prayers go out to his family in this time of grief & pain.###imported-begin###Tom Orban###imported-end##

December 28, 2011 at 10:53 AM



“ Fran, Steve and Sam, we mourn and cry with you at the lost of Chris. He was a wonderful kid who I loved having around because he was a true friend to Zach and all the boys. I especially enjoyed football season when we would play around and trash talk about the Lions and the Packers. There is a part of all of us that is with Chris and we will never forget his infectious laugh and big heart.###imported-begin###Mike and Kaye Timmerman###imported-end##

December 28, 2011 at 10:32 AM



“ Fran, Steven, and Samantha. Words cannot express how sorry we are. Please know that we and many others are praying that God will wrap His arms around you and comfort you during this difficult time. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help.##imported-begin##Michael & Shirley Poulos##imported-end##

December 28, 2011 at 10:31 AM



“ Even though I don't know your family, your difficult and sudden loss has shaken me after reading your story on Fox2. I lost my brother, Larry, suddenly, a year ago, Jan. 17th. Know that God and Chris WILL carry you through this difficult time. Pray. As difficult as it is, and by the grace of God, me and my family receive signs often from above. Bittersweet, I know. Keep the faith. I promise, you will receive signs too. God has a plan. Your Chris was needed for a bigger plan and is with God our Savior. Praying for you, your family and friends to carry on and keep the faith##imported-begin##Lori Nehasil Caid##imported-end##

December 28, 2011 at 10:25 AM



“ Our prayers are with you at this time. Chris brought light and joy everywhere he went, and he will be greatly missed by all of us here in Naples.##imported-begin##The Jaquith Family##imported-end##

December 28, 2011 at 07:13 AM



“ *May you find comfort in the arms of the angels.
You are loved by many and will be in their hearts forever.*

*Susan Scott. (cousin of Lisa Marini)##imported-begin##Susan
Scott##imported-end##*

December 27, 2011 at 11:31 PM



“ *Fran, I haven't seen you probably since high school, but felt the
need to send my condolences. I am so sorry to hear about your son,
Christopher. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.
May your family and friends carry you through this difficult time.
Beth LeCureux-Bur##imported-begin##Beth LeCureux-
Bur##imported-end##*

December 27, 2011 at 11:25 PM



“ *my words will never replace ur loss,but i do know the pain you are
feeling,i lost my son the day after christmas and the day before his
18th birthday in 09,god bless you folks.##imported-begin##bryant
babcock##imported-end##*

December 27, 2011 at 11:08 PM



“ I never had the honor to meet Chris or any other member of the family. I only saw the story on the news. Your pain and tears shook me that I had to write to you. As a father of two, I understand how precious our kids are and I can not imagine the pain and sorrow you are going through as a family. All I can do is pray to God to be with you during this difficult time. You referred to him as an Angel from God and I guess God called upon his angel to reunite with him on Christmas night. May he rest in peace and may God gives you strength to overcome this tough period of time so that you can move on with your lives.##imported-begin##wassim##imported-end##

December 27, 2011 at 10:47 PM



“ To my baby boy. How will I go on without my bestfriend, my only son, my angel. I will never hear your voice telling me I love you mommy, stop worrying mommy, your the best mommy. Please give me the strength to go on now. I am so lost and empty without you. You are the light of our lives. "Chris is a good boy", our family secret from Samantha lol. You and I were buddies my baby I can't live without you I can't live without you. Is this a dream Chris please help me guide me to understand why you were taken from me so young. Dad please guide Chris to eternal life and take him home to God with you.
You are always with me forever.##imported-begin##Francine Wolak##imported-end##

December 27, 2011 at 10:19 PM



“ My heart is broken. My sweet beautiful godchild. What will we do without you? This just doesn't seem real. Our family will never be the same without you. We will forever miss you. I know right now Grandpa is with you. That is our only saving grace.....I will hold you in my heart forever. The boys are still waiting for you to come and play Madden with them they said you promised... I told them that you will always be with them. WE LOVE YOU!!!##imported-begin##Carolyn Hayduk##imported-end##

December 27, 2011 at 10:04 PM



“ I am so so sorry about your loss. May the awesome strength and comfort through Jesus Christ bring you through this difficult time. Peace and love! You are in many many prayers and thoughts.##imported-begin##Karen##imported-end##

December 27, 2011 at 09:57 PM



“ A friend of a friend! So very sad... I am so sorry for such a tragic loss. May he be in God's memory and one day all of you be together again, with no more pain or sorrow. God bless!##imported-begin##Jeff Fraunhoffer##imported-end##

December 27, 2011 at 08:58 PM



“ We got to know Chris through our son, Robert, from their years in high school and after. Chris was always a welcome visitor in our home. Will always remember him as very personable, polite and always with a smile. God must have needed him back to cheer those up in heaven. He will surely be missed by all those here whose lives he touched. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Mike and Bernadette Scardelletti##imported-end##

December 27, 2011 at 08:45 PM



“ Christopher Wolak, every letter I type in this message to you jabs at me a little deeper. I can barely keep my hands steady. Of everything that could have happened, I did not expect this, and I'm sure nobody else did. You were always the best of us. You were and will always be the kindest most pure being I have ever met, and in 100 lifetimes I couldn't hope to achieve half the good will you've mustered. As soon as you walked in the room, everything stopped and you became our focus. That was your energy. Enough to freeze a party full of people for a split second, only to make it explode to twice the level as it was before you stepped in. We did so much Chris, from Halo with jimboy and street football, to chasin tail and raisin hell in high school. I love you man, and I'll never forget you, those times with you were the best I or anyone ever had, it would be unwanted and impossible to forget what we did together. I never in a million years thought I would have to write or say it.... but R.I.P. Chris Wolak, We Never Deserved You##imported-begin##Zachary Timmerman##imported-end##

December 27, 2011 at 07:38 PM



“ My heart and prayers go out to your family.##imported-begin##Electa Wilson##imported-end##

December 27, 2011 at 07:28 PM



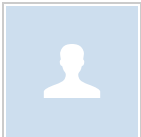
“ We dont know each other. I read Chris' story on my fox detroit news online. I also had lost my son, Chris 4 yrs ago and wanted to give my condolence. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family and im so sorry for the loss of your son chris.
Barb##imported-begin##barb franchak##imported-end##

December 27, 2011 at 07:19 PM



“ Dear Steven, Fran and Samantha, We are so saddened by your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and all of your family. Love, The Backhus family##imported-begin##Gary & Sally Backhus##imported-end##

December 27, 2011 at 10:48 AM



“ Nothing can explain a tragedy and we all question why. Our prayers for you and your family are to draw closer and stronger with the knowledge that Chris is in the care of the Lord almighty. Take solace and confort for raising such a fine young man and so generously shared him with the world and gave him hope and wisdom and faith. We in Naples hold you up and share in your grief. In sympathy.##imported-begin##Greg Gorman & David Burke##imported-end##

December 27, 2011 at 09:50 AM



“ *Francine & Steven: I am distraught over your loss. Please know that you are in our prayers as you go through a very difficult time in your life.*

Joel###imported-begin##Joel E. Whittenhall###imported-end##

December 27, 2011 at 09:13 AM



“ *We were so saddened to hear about Chris. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Wolak and Marini families. We will never forget Chris's happy go lucky personality and a smile that could instantly light up a room. The love he shared with his family was obvious to all. Love, Lisa and Wally###imported-begin##Wally and Lisa Burzynski###imported-end##*

December 26, 2011 at 08:12 PM