



Christopher A. Yates

November 6, 1952 - August 20, 2018

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Christopher Allen Yates, husband and father of four children, died at his home in New Castle, Delaware on Monday, August 20, 2018. Chris was 65 years old and passed away due to cancer, surrounded by his immediate family.

Chris was born on November 6, 1952 in Olney, Maryland, the 7th of the 15 children of Dr. and Mrs. Richard A. Yates, MD. Chris graduated from Palotti High School in Laurel, Maryland in 1969, and received a degree in Elementary Education from the University of Maryland in 1973. In 1980, Chris enrolled at the Williamsport Hospital School of Paramedic Training in Williamsport,

Pennsylvania. During his time in Williamsport, he was a member of First Ward Fire Company in South Williamsport, Pennsylvania. After completing his training in December 1980, he began a 37-year career as a paramedic, dedicating his life to helping those most in need. Chris was hired at Crozer-Chester Medical Center in Upland, Pennsylvania and worked there, and at Taylor Hospital in Ridley Park, Pennsylvania until his sudden death. As a paramedic, Chris helped to start the Paramedic Union (UNOP) at Taylor Hospital and served as President of the union at Taylor and later at Crozer. As a teacher, Chris taught classes in Basic Life Support (BLS), Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS), Prehospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) as well as acting as a day to day mentor for many coworkers throughout his career.

In 1985, Chris embarked on a second full-time career as a real estate broker, working until his death at the Bear office of Berkshire Hathaway Home Services Fox & Roach Realtors.

Chris also served as a member of the School Board for the Colonial School District in New Castle, where he and his wife raised their four children.

Chris is survived by his loving wife of 37 years, Janina, his son Edward Vincent, his daughter Ellen and her husband Bryan Azofeifa-Ramirez, son Eric and the youngest, Evan. Chris is also survived by three grandchildren, Robert Yates, Wyatt Azofeifa and Ryder Azofeifa. Chris's surviving family includes 14 siblings: Timothy of Martinsburg, West Virginia, Robert of Washington, D.C., Gregory of Columbia, Maryland, Jerome of Largo, Florida, Bernard of Owings Mill, Maryland, Catherine of Olney, Maryland, Francis of Baltimore, Maryland, Cecelia of Frederick, Maryland, Mary of Playa Vista, California, Teresa of Baltimore, Maryland, Matthew of Purcellville, Virginia, Edmund of Washington, D.C., Monica of Portland, Oregon, and Joseph Bartholomew of Shepherdstown, West Virginia.

A visitation for family and friends will be held from 3 pm until 5 pm on Sunday, August 26, 2018 at Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home, 1000 North DuPont Parkway, New Castle, DE. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 am on

Monday, August 27, 2018 at Our Lady of Fatima R.C. Church, 801 North DuPont Parkway, New Castle, DE. Interment will be held privately.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the American Heart Association (AHA) 7272 Greenville Ave., Dallas, TX 75231 and/or the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT), PO Box 1400, Clinton, MS 39060-1400.

Tribute Wall



“ Spicer - Mullikin Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Christopher A. Yates



Spicer - Mullikin Funeral Homes - August 25, 2025 at 05:19 PM

AG

“ One Saturday in 1987 I called Century 21 to see about a house, and Chris picked up. This began a years-long friendship. but unfortunately we lost track of one another. What I remember clearly was his deep devotion to, and pride in, his family and his calling to his EMT career. His death was a true loss to his community. I extend my condolences belatedly to his family.

Alison GILL - March 02, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ JUST found out! 😞 Chris assisted me in buying my first home back in 1993. He was always very patient, and very cordial. He made my first time buying experience quite enjoyable rather than stressful because he was so calm and patient. Chris was always available when I needed him to answer a question or resolve an issue. He will be warmly missed as being a superb asset to his profession and as a very decent, likable person. May he forever rest in God's paradise.

Dream Yvonne J. Perkins - May 22, 2019 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ So sorry for your loss Yates family, I worked with Chris at Taylor and he was a great person, teacher, and friend. He made a lasting impact on many lives in the community and will be missed.

Lee Cowley - August 27, 2018 at 12:00 AM

VP

“ What a sad turn of events. Chris was such an engaged person; such a contributor to society. My heart goes out to Janina and the children and grandchildren, not to mention all the siblings and other family members. Be assured that Chris has entered the beautiful place that God has created just for him.

Virginia Pearson - August 27, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Janina, I am deeply saddened by the news of Chris's passing. May I extend my heartfelt condolences to you and your family. Chris was a wonderful, kind human being. He has left this earth way too soon. Chris, my friend, may you rest in peace..

Jan Savoy - August 27, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ Janina,

Luke Patterson - August 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ I met Chris when I became a Realtor at Century 21 years ago. I am forever grateful for the help and guidance Chris would give no matter how busy he was. He has touched so many lives. My thoughts and prayers go out to Chris's family and friends at such a great loss. Rest in Peace Chris

Margaret Beckel - August 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Condolences and prayers to the Yates family. It was a pleasure knowing and working with Chris. He had helped my wife Lisa when she had an anaphylactic reaction when I brought her to the emergency room.

John Kennedy - August 25, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ So sorry to hear of Chris’s passing. I got to know him when I worked in Taylor Hospital’s Emergency Room. What a GREAT guy ! My thoughts and prayers to his family. RIP “Mr Yates !

John Spear - August 24, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ To my Aunt and cousins,
I love you all so very much and I am so sorry that you have to be feeling this loss. Uncle Chris was an amazing Father, husband, and friend to you all. I hope for your peace through these times.

Cassandra Crowell - August 24, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Our thoughts, prayers and condolences go out to the Yates family, and all who are feeling the loss. I was honored to have worked with Chris for 30 + years. I was blessed to call him friend.
Merrit & Priscilla

Merrit Herr-Neckar - August 24, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Chris. Your family has been in my prayers since I heard the news he was sick.

Jen McFalls - August 24, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ *My love and condolences to the Yates family.*

Angela E Johnson - August 24, 2018 at 12:00 AM

WK

“ *We the Kovalcik family meet Chris with him helping my Son William and Ana with there first home
He was the listing agent for my home William J & Beverly A
Chris wear your wings proud
He will be missed
The Kovalcik*

William & Beverly Kovalcik - August 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *We are so deeply saddened to learn of Chris' passing. Our heartfelt sympathies and prayers go out to the entire family. We remember Chris being such a huge supporter of his kids as they journeyed through the Colonial schools, and stepping up to become a member of the Colonial Board of Education. We always appreciated his presence and support during our years in the district. We are so very sorry for your loss.*

Richard Farmer - August 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ *I am so sorry to hear we've lost Christopher. So many good memories! He was the first to come calling when we moved in next door to the Yates family on August 23, 1961. So many seemingly endless summers of creative playing. The time we lived in Coudersport, PA, and he lived right down the road in Austin, PA, and on and on. Guess I thought he'd just always be here. The physical being may be ended but he'll live forever in our hearts.*

Mary Miller (aka Missy Aylward) - August 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JY

“ I had the pleasure to work one on one with Chris at Century 21 for several years, his heart was always in the right place and he would tell it like it was. He was a good man. My condolences and prayers go out to the Yates family and all his friends and colleagues RIP
Chris

Jim Young - August 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ I’ve known of Chris since 1996, when I first became an EMT, but have been privileged to work with him regularly since 2011 – when he came back to Crozer Chester. Whether working the medic units, teaching classes, or even when he coerced me into joining the union contract negotiation committee – Chris was always able to make any situation more bearable with his keen wit and wry sense of humor. I remember teasing him recently, as I often did, about the dichotomy of him being a paramedic but driving a Mercedes to work. I jokingly asked if it might time to upgrade his ride – since his “status symbol” was getting a little older. His response, definitively Chris, was, “Why should I get a new one? I like driving this one.” And I guess that’s how I’ll always remember Chris: a guy who was never really out to impress anyone – yet somehow always managed to do so anyway.

Tim Kaiser - August 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ Dear Yates family. I am so sorry to learn of Chris’ passing. I will keep you and the family in my prayers. May he rest in peace. Condolences to all his brothers and sisters whom we grew up with in Olney Md. Chris will be fondly remembered.

Roger Lamborne - August 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ My deepest condolences to all of you. I grew up with most of you. My prayers go out to all of you. Rest in peace Christopher.

Carole Dowling Devivo - August 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ I was floored to learn of Chris' passing. In addition to being a competent partner, Chris was a great guy to work with.

Jordan Knarr - August 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ I am so saddened by this news. I grew up with the Yates family, and have many fond memories of time with them all. Condolences to all the family, my heart is with you.

Paul Dowling - August 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

PN

“ So very sorry to hear about Chris. Condolences to the Yates family from the Niland family. Many memories from growing up in Olney together.

Pat Niland - August 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Ellen, I am so sorry for the loss of your father. He sounds like a remarkable man who touched the lives of many in a positive way.

Lisa Barchi - August 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ So sorry to hear of Chris' passing. Our prayers go out to his family. RIP, Chris. Elaine & John

Elaine Woerner - August 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ Sending prayers to the Yates family. Eric thinking of you and your family. So sorry for your loss

Mary O'Prey - August 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. My deepest condolences go out to Ellen and the rest of the Yates family.

Michael Tedesco - August 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ I am so very sorry to hear about Chris. He was an wonderful man and touched many lives with such inspiration, wisdom and kindness. I wish your family comfort and peace at this very difficult time. Special thoughts to Eric.

Gayle Hanna - August 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Thoughts and prayers to your family at this time. Chris was an amazing man. He was always there to lend a helping hand. He will be greatly missed. Special thoughts and hugs to you Eric.

Jennifer Hart - August 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MH

“*Janina and family, I am soo very sorry to have to read this obituary. Although I moved away 20 years ago, I still thought of Chris as one of my best friends. We had many years together as partners as Hartman and Associates and Century 21 Hartman-Yates. His love and compassion for you and his fellow human beings has seldom been equaled. I pray that his life will be celebrated as he deserved and as I know you will join me in this wish. You and your beautiful family are in my prayers.*

Mildred Hartman - August 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CS

“*Chris was my co-worker, mentor, and customer but mostly my friend for the last 29 years. I'm shocked and deeply saddened to hear of his passing. I was just talking to him a couple of weeks ago when he came in for his haircut. He was his usual busy self. We talked about his cancer and how his scars would heal and he'd be fine. I was sure he would be. Chris was such a caring person, always making sure (in his own gruff way) that his family members were all doing well. He'd do what ever he had to to ensure just that. I had a great deal of respect for him. He was a super hard worker. A "workaholic", but if you called him and needed his help, he'd do whatever he could to help. I'm really gonna miss him.*

To Janina, Vincent, Ellen, Eric and Evan, I'm so very sorry for your loss.

RIP Chris

Charisse Flint Scully - August 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CP

“*So sorry to learn of your loss. Thinking of you, especially Bob and Edmund.*

Claudia Pabo - August 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ So sorry to learn of his passing, Bob. It looks like he did what we all hope to do, make the world a better place.

Bill MacBain - August 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Sincere Condolences to the Yates Family.

Margie Berry - August 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GT

“ Janina, So sorry to learn of Chris' passing. I will keep you and the family in my prayers. May he rest in peace.

Georgianna Trietley - August 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ My heart and message of sympathy goes to the family. I was a friend and working associate of Chris's in real estate. He has left this world too soon. He had so much to contribute to so many people. He will be missed.

carol micucio - August 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ All of us at the Prospect Park Fire Company are praying for your family.

James Simmonds, Past Chief of Prospect Park Fire Company - August 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ *RIP Chris. So glad I got to know you when I was dispatched as a Police Officer to medical calls. You are a great guy with a sense of humor. My town was better because of your caring for our residents. Thank You for your service.*

Patricia - August 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM

VP

“ *What a surprise! May Almighty God take good care of Christopher in his new home. Can't you just imagine Christopher getting the grand tour of his new surroundings. Peace and comfort to Janina and your children and grandchildren. Also to all 14 of Christopher's siblings and their families, too. Life is going to be a little different for all of you from now on. Strength for the journey, my friends.*

Virginia Pearson - August 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ *To the Yates family, I am so sorry to hear this devastating news. Chris was a wonderful person always smiling and helping everyone that he could. It was a pleasure knowing him. Eric, hugs to you.*

debrah oxendine - August 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM

VB

“ *My prayers are with the Yates family. Christopher Yates was a precious Hero to many. May the Lord grant you peace during this time of loss.*

Velma Brown - August 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM