



# Christopher Thomas Engel

December 5, 2023

Christopher Thomas Engel left this Earth to find peace on Tuesday, December 5, 2023.

He is survived by his father John Engel and mother Dawn (Lupp) Engel of Harrisburg, brother Jonathan Engel and wife Elizabeth of Middletown, parental grandparents Joseph and Mary Engel of Monroeville and maternal grandparents Robert and Wanda Lupp of State College, two adoring cats Winnie and Humphrey, and numerous other family and extended family members. He was greeted in the afterlife by his maternal uncle, Matthew Mortimore.

Born in Harrisburg on April 12, 1997, Chris, who always did his best to live with a smile on his face, fought hard to find the light within himself.

Christopher struggled with depression and he fought hard. It was a struggle for Chris to find the good that we all could see so strongly, the witty funny guy we all cherished.

During his twenty-six years, he found ways to make people laugh, always sharing the best of puns. He enjoyed playing music to warm the soul and constantly gave to others. He loved his family, friends, and two wonderful cats.

Some of his hobbies were disc golfing with his brother, golfing with family and

friends, game nights, trying new brews, seeing live music, playing open mics, building custom guitar pedals, cooking, and constantly doodling. One is lucky to say they had a cup of Chris's joe over the years since making and sharing coffee brought him so much joy.

Chris had a spirit that soared to great heights during his brightest moments as witnessed by his close friends and dear family members. Whether giving good-natured grief or debating the various virtues of musical genres, Chris was an animated conversationalist, passionate musician, and intelligent orator. He also enjoyed discussing world events and was always steadfast in his political convictions.

The COVID pandemic presented a unique experience for Chris. Whereas college for most people is the start of separate lives after moving out of the nest, Chris chose to move out of his shoebox college apartment into the warm and caring home of his brother and future sister-in-law. Chris strengthened his brotherly bond with Jonathan and became closer with Elizabeth. The three of them were greatly impacted by these few months, creating memories that all will hold dear for years to come.

Following his graduation from the University of Pittsburgh in 2020, Chris was employed as an electrical engineer at Pittsburgh-based Mosebach Manufacturing, where he was truly a rising star. He was a great communicator with excellent technical knowledge that enabled him to quickly become the face of the company with customers and vendors. To his colleagues, Chris was an incredible guy who always carried a smile on his face, giving a cheerful "howdy" as he passed by. He could effortlessly make them laugh and strike up conversation with anyone. Chris was wise and experienced well beyond his years.

Chris always said he'd reward anyone with a warm hug for returning what he

had lost, so let's all return what we've lost in a way that would make him proud.

The family will honor Chris in an upcoming Celebration of Life ceremony:

Please use the following link to rsvp directly.

<http://evite.me/UxjtqZAd6j>

Event Details:

May 5, 2024

12:00-5:00PM ET

Harmony Hall Estates

1400 Fulling Mill Road

Middletown, PA 17057

Please join us as we celebrate the life of Chris... our wonderful son, brother, and friend at Harmony Hall. There will be a tribute starting at 1pm. Hot food will be served before and light refreshments after with yard games.

Kindly let us know if you are coming so we can plan for food accordingly. Please dress however you are most comfortable. Chris loved blue jeans and colors!

We would love to hear your stories about Chris! If you would like to speak at

the memorial or just want to put your thoughts into written words, please email John at [JohnREngel@gmail.com](mailto:JohnREngel@gmail.com)

Do you have pictures? Use this link to upload them to our website, please feel free to include captions/description as you are uploading photos. <https://dropevent.com/ChristopherThomasEngel>

Chris had a great love of both children and music. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Farina Foundation... an organization that brings both together. <https://farinafoundation.org/donate/>

Thank you for sharing your love of Chris with us!

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAY 5. 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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Middletown, PA 17057

# Tribute Wall

BE

“ We pray love and blessings of God's comfort to the Engel family during this difficult time.

Bill and Peggy Elmhurst - January 21, 2024 at 04:28 PM

AM

“ Alyssa Marks lit a candle in memory of Christopher Engel



Alyssa Marks - January 20, 2024 at 08:18 AM

GH

“ Graham Hoehing lit a candle in memory of Christopher Engel



Graham Hoehing - January 11, 2024 at 06:16 PM

TG

“ The Gornys lit a candle in memory of Christopher Engel



The Gornys - January 10, 2024 at 10:19 PM

TF

“ *The Family lit a candle in memory of Christopher Engel*



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**The Gorny Family** - January 10, 2024 at 10:14 PM

GT

“ *Gregory Tarby lit a candle in memory of Christopher Engel*



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**Gregory Tarby** - January 05, 2024 at 06:39 PM

SL

“ *Scott Liller lit a candle in memory of Christopher Engel*



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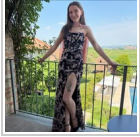
**Scott Liller** - January 02, 2024 at 10:18 AM

LA

“ *I'm so sad to hear of Chris's passing. He was such a genuine soul and I consider myself blessed to have known him even for a short time in life. My sincere condolences to his family*

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**Lauren** - December 31, 2023 at 02:20 PM



“ *Erin Thomas lit a candle in memory of Christopher Engel*



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**Erin Thomas** - December 26, 2023 at 10:51 AM



“ *NiNi LM lit a candle in memory of Christopher Engel*



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**NiNi LM** - December 24, 2023 at 05:29 PM



“ *Chris was one of the first friends I met at Pitt. We had some classes together my first semester, decided to study together, and quickly became friends. He invited me to some of the first DIY shows I went to in Pittsburgh, and introduced me to some amazing bands that I still listen to today. Even though I was truly terrible at it, he patiently taught me to play some songs on guitar, and was my go-to guy to change the strings until I was confident enough to do it myself. He even came by my house over winter break to help, even though I lived 2 hours away! We drifted apart after that first year, but I still loved seeing his band play when I got the chance (Like that time they opened for T-Pain!). Even though we didn't spend all that much time together in the grand scheme of things, his presence still had such a great positive influence on me, and it's heartbreaking that no one else will have the chance to get to know him now. May his soul be at peace, and sending much love to his close friends and family at this time. 💜*

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**Stevie** - December 23, 2023 at 12:46 AM

DA

*Thank you for sharing*

**Dawn** - December 24, 2023 at 01:18 AM

MA

“ *being a regular at St Thomas Roasters and working next door at Mellow Minded Cafe, Chris and I quickly became buddies. I will forever cherish and miss walking in to STR seeing Chris, knowing I didn't have to make a decision for myself about what I was going to drink that day. He would just throw something together for me, or on the days he knew I was working would walk over and surprise me with a much needed pick me up. A perfect example of his wonderful character.*



**mackenzie** - December 22, 2023 at 10:30 PM

DA

*Thank you for sharing*

**Dawn** - December 24, 2023 at 01:17 AM

CR

“ *John and Dawn, I share my deepest condolences for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*  
*Cindy Reed*

**Cindy Reed** - December 22, 2023 at 08:25 PM

DL

“ *Chris was a remarkable young man. I enjoyed seeing him at the coffeeshop and Friday evenings when he would perform there. If, I remember, he called it "Chris and Friends". Such a talented young man gone too soon. RIP, you will not be forgotten.*

**Donna Leinbach** - December 22, 2023 at 05:27 PM

SN

“ So very sorry Dawn, John and Jonathan to hear of the loss of Chris. Remember the many fun memories we all shared as the boys grew up with my son Alex and the fun times they had together. Chris was unique and a great person. Our condolences....The Nally Family.

Sandy Nally - December 22, 2023 at 03:27 PM

JW

“ Julia Wanner lit a candle in memory of Christopher Engel



Julia Wanner - December 22, 2023 at 02:08 PM

OC

“ Chris was such a light in this world. One of the absolute funniest human beings I'd ever met with a sense of humor that was one of a kind. All of the memories we shared were that of laughter and making music. He was such a talented soul. I will always cherish the time we had together and the memories made.



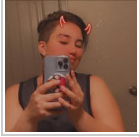
Olivia Cristillo - December 22, 2023 at 08:31 AM

GD

“ Grace Donahey lit a candle in memory of Christopher Engel



Grace Donahey - December 22, 2023 at 07:51 AM



“ *Kristina Gibaldi lit a candle in memory of Christopher Engel*



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**Kristina Gibaldi** - December 21, 2023 at 11:24 PM



“ *There are no words that can begin to describe the heartbreak Kevin and I feel for your family. We hope happy memories will provide some comfort during this difficult time. I will hold close the memory I have of watching him take photos at Jon and Elizabeth’s wedding. He looked so happy, the joy was infectious.*

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**Renee Gibson** - December 21, 2023 at 07:55 PM



“ *I don't remember a single time I ever saw Chris where he didn't have a smile on his face. He was wise beyond his years and unbelievably talented.*

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**Kyle L** - December 20, 2023 at 08:02 PM



“ *Sierra VanEvery lit a candle in memory of Christopher Engel*



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**Sierra VanEvery** - December 20, 2023 at 04:25 PM

BS

“ *Bree Sultz lit a candle in memory of Christopher Engel*



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**Bree Sultz** - December 20, 2023 at 04:14 PM

RH

“ *I knew Chris from school and had the pleasure to game with him many times. While we weren't as close as some others, he's given me some memories that I'll never forget. My condolences to his family and friends.*

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**Ricky Harkins** - December 20, 2023 at 02:59 PM

HM

“ This past summer, I met Chris at an outdoor karaoke event being held by our mutual friend. He was quiet as our friend introduced us, and I was skeptical when he took the mic. Then he began to sing. I'm no expert, but his voice was so surprisingly clean and beautiful. My mouth dropped. He finished the song, and I told him how incredible he sounded. Though his ball cap veiled his eyes a bit, I could see the sparkle. He knew he had a gift, yet he was humble in accepting my compliments. I only saw him at one other karaoke event a few months after this first meeting, but his kindness and light were very much visible both of those evenings.

I lament that I only had the brief pleasure of having my ears blessed by Chris' voice. I wish any amount of syllables could soothe those closest to him, but I understand the pain of losing him is too great to be calmed by words. I'm sure his family already knows that he was a blessing to strangers he met only once or twice. What a testament to the love he was given by them; I truly believe a person reflects the love they receive back into the world. Thank you to his family for sharing him with us. May you all be blessed with memories and the love of each other during the coming months, though I know the grief will go on in perpetuity.

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HM - December 20, 2023 at 12:46 AM

DA

Thank you for your kind words.

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Dawn - December 24, 2023 at 01:16 AM

AK

“ Alex Kpakiwa lit a candle in memory of Christopher Engel



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Alex Kpakiwa - December 19, 2023 at 02:07 PM

DH

“ Chris always had a smile and a warm welcome to offer. He will be missed.

**Dan Hopfer** - December 18, 2023 at 03:09 PM

DA

*Thank you*

**Dawn** - December 24, 2023 at 01:14 AM

MD

“ Chris was a wonderful guy. As Sales Manager at Mosebach, he was developing that ability to talk from a sales approach, but also had that superior technical ability to wade through difficult topics that I just was lost in. God Bless Chris and his entire family.

**Mark Dornoff** - December 18, 2023 at 02:54 PM

JM

*What beautiful truthful tribute to this wonderful young man! May all of you who know and love him find your way in this huge loss with the support of one another! 🙏*

**Julie Murray** - December 19, 2023 at 08:55 AM

DA

*Thank you for sharing*

**Dawn** - December 24, 2023 at 01:15 AM