

CHRISTOPHER THOMAS ENGEL



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. The family will honor Chris on January 20, 2024, with a Celebration of Life ceremony, additional details will be announced on the funeral chapel website. 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.

For anyone struggling today or any day, the national suicide hotline is available 24/7 by dialing 988. Arrangements entrusted to the GENE H. CORL FUNERAL CHAPEL INC. AND CREMATION SERVICES OF MONROEVILLE. Condolences may be left at www.corlfuneralchapel.com.

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