

# CHRISTOPHER M. SMITH

1979 - 2024



Chris, age 44, passed away at his home on October 19, 2024. Beloved son of Gene and Rene'. Beloved grandson of the late John and Carmella Wengryn and Eugene, Sr. and Edith Smith. Also preceded in death by his Uncle John and Aunt Tissy, who were his Godparents.

Former partner of Kristen and later Jody, with whom he had his beautiful daughter, Lilli.

Cherished in memory by his aunts and uncles: Kathie (Jack), Sue (Ken), and Peg (Mike), and his cousins: Abby (Mel), Becky (David), and Sara (Derek) and their families.

He was a 1998 graduate from Baldwin High School and earned his associate's degree from the Community College of Allegheny College while an apprentice with IBEW #5. In addition to working in various trades, Chris was a talented and skillful landscaper. He played football and baseball throughout his youth and continued playing football in high school. He enjoyed skiing, playing golf, and spent many hours with friends riding at the South Park BMX track or building their own tracks in local woods. As a true Pittsburgher, he passionately followed local professional teams and the Pitt Panthers and loved to attend games whenever the chance arose.

Chris never met a cat that he didn't like and would rescue strays - from a barn, a boat, a friend's apartment, or an animal shelter. These strays would inevitably help him with his lifetime struggle with depression and years of addiction. Chris, and we, are so grateful to the many healthcare professionals at Central Outreach Wellness Center and Glenbeigh Rehabilitation, among others. Also, we are grateful to NAMI, and to so many friends and family members, for their ongoing compassion, empathy, support, and understanding.

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