



Christopher Leonard

October 18, 1971 - June 2, 2020

Christopher Leonard, 48, of Syracuse, passed away June 2nd. Born in Marion, S.C., he resided in the Syracuse area for 46 years. Christopher was presently employed by The Change of Pace for 20 years.

Survivors include his life companion, Betsy Marshall; sons, Brendon Leonard, Tyler Leonard, and Joshua Jones, all of Syracuse; his mother, Mary C. Leonard of Syracuse; sisters, Melissa Franklin of Syracuse and Pamela Leonard, of Baldwinsville; several nieces and nephews; and a host of family and friends.

Private funeral services will be held for the immediate family. To attend the services remotely, please visit Christopher's tribute page at www.faroneandsoninc.com on Monday, June 15th, at 2 p.m. to watch the live webcast.

Comments



“ So sad to hear about Leonard. He was the best at cooking chicken wings. Rest in peace. Prayers of peace and comfort to his family. My condolences to family and to Change of Pace. The person may leave our side, but their memories will remain in our hearts. God bless. Denise T.

Denise - June 17 at 12:06 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Betsy, Brendon, Tyler and all those who were close to and loved Chris. I have not seen him in years, but he always treated me with respect and kindness. He was a wonderful person, and the world is a sadder place without him

Kelly Charlebois - June 15 at 02:01 PM



“ Chris, I will miss you. I have thought about you often and failed to let you know. The last few months, especially, I have been thinking about Fowler and you play a large part in those memories. I do wish I had tried to connect more often. Betsy, I am so sorry. You and your family have lost a wonderful man.



Eric Christensen - June 15 at 01:43 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Christopher Leonard.



June 14 at 09:28 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Christopher Leonard.



June 14 at 10:44 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with Betsy, the boys, all of Chris's family & friends. It has been many years since I've seen Chris but he was such a great friend to me, my sister's & other friends. We had so much fun in high school playing sports & walking around the westside streets of Syracuse on summer nights in groups of friends. He was like a brother looking out for us girls. We always felt safe with him & Irving. I moved to NC in 1996 but my husband & I made frequent trips back to Syracuse and I bumped into Chris a few times and he always had a smile & hug for me. Rest In Paradise my friend, you will be missed.

Dawn Ellis LaVallee - June 13 at 08:44 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to your family. Chris was a wonderful person and friend.

Anthony and Tammy DeJesus - June 14 at 06:01 PM



“ My brother from another mother. That is what Chris used to tell people about me and it was what I told others about him. We were as close as two brothers can be when we were in High School. Chris, Irvin and I were Brothers, with a capital "B". Everybody knew us as "TPB" (NOTE: this is a historical reference to only those in the late 80s who were privy to it). We were on the track team together at Fowler. Chris and Irvin were an inspiration to everyone, and I looked up to them. Chris was a superhuman. I witnessed things I don't think anybody else ever knew. There is so much to say. One quick memory - we were at a track meet and Chris just got done finishing in first place for a 200m run. The coach asked him to run a 400m next - and Chris said ok. After the 400m even, where he came in first, the coach asked him if he could run a 100m next. Chris said ok. I couldn't believe it! This man just ran a 400m and was going to compete in another race in just minutes! I was his biggest fan. I followed him under the nearby bleachers and he was puking his brains out, but he said, I can do it, while we both laughed loudly. And he did. He was amazing with superhuman skills. After the track meet, we walked to Ponderosa Steak House in Western Lights. We walked everywhere. We had about 13 sundaes each because we were competing on who could eat more. No joke! I think it was about \$2.00 for the sundae buffet at the time. We walked to Kmart next and after about one minute of being in the store, we both ran out of the store feeling sick and we puked our ice cream out like fire hydrants. We laughed so hard. So many laughs. That's what we

did.

We even coordinated jackets, sneakers and clothes and red fishing hats (with track meet pins on them - Loucks games) so the three of us looked the same as one crew. We shopped (and bought clothes after being on layaway for weeks) at Bergans in downtown Syracuse to coordinate. We walked the streets with a big beatbox. We used to run races in the basement at Fowler. Those were the days. In bad times, which happens in the Cuse, Chris and Irvin always protected me like a little brother, without question. As I look back, I thank God for them!!

I loved my brother. We also played HS Varsity Soccer. He was so fast. He could catch any kicked ball and would sometimes overrun the ball. Players would try and check him hard, and I would come running from the defense position yelling, "Brooooootherrrrr"! and I would run to his aid, which he really didn't need. But I felt compelled to be there anyway. He would always run to help me on the field. And all the players backed off.

There was a connection that cannot be defined in words. Our birthdays were two days apart, but we celebrated them on the same day. That's no coincidence. God put him in my life when I was most vulnerable and weak and without a father who cared in my life.

This is hard. I haven't spoken to Chris in many years (although I did look for him from time to time), but I did talk to him over the phone a few years ago after a friend of mine saw him and called me. Man, I missed him. Before that, we hadn't spoke in about 10 years plus. Time passes man. My work took me all the way across the country in Arizona, not only away from Chris but away from my family as well. But I never forgot Chris, nor will I ever. I tell stories about him to family. They know him and we will always be connected. I hope to see him soon in heaven. And we can hang out with God, Jesus and their Angels. I think they will laugh and have a good time with us around!!

Betsy and Irvin. Please, let's stay in touch. To his sons, mother and sisters, please let me know if I can help in any way.

Anthony (Tony) Lee

Anthony (Tony) Lee - June 13 at 12:04 AM



“ He loved you so much... we talked about our high school days often. It is so hard coming to terms of him being gone... keep in touch...Pootie!

Betsy - June 13 at 08:48 AM



“ To the Leonard family. My heart goes out to you. I worked with Chris many years ago, and he was just a ball of energy. Always moving and making us all laugh. Chris, Irvin and I spent a lot of time together after work, and I have many laughs and memories to think of. Far too young to be gone, but not forgotten.

My thoughts and prayers,
Dan Fletcher

Dan Fletcher - June 12 at 08:11 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Christopher Leonard.



June 11 at 08:30 PM



“ Chris had such good energy about him! No matter how much time passed since he saw you...He always made you feel special and taken care of! Can could on on being met with a smile and ve prepared to keep ot on because a night of laughter is to.follow! He was good people!

Candis Lee - June 11 at 06:51 PM



“ Brendan, Tyler and Leonard Family, Our deepest sympathy for the loss of a great father, son, brother and friend. Our door will always be open if any of you ever need anything. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Chris, Its still so hard to believe you are no longer here. I just didn't lose my best friend but I lost my brother. We will always cherish the memories and you will always be in our hearts. We always had a great time when we were together. You will be greatly missed and life will never be the same without you. You definitely have touched many peoples lives. We love you Chris. Until we meet again. Love Irv, Koolaid and Kids

Irvin Jones - June 11 at 12:07 PM



“ I will never forget him always joking around at the Change of Pace. He always spoke to everyone and cracked jokes on everyone. He will be missed by so many of the lives he touched. My most sincere and heartfelt condolences for his family he was a wonderful person.

Carrie - June 11 at 08:47 AM



“ Hi Leonard family I am sry for ur loss if u need anything lmk



melissa b - June 11 at 02:51 AM



“ I was shocked to hear that Chris passed. He was one of the most caring and understanding people I've ever come across. I always enjoyed his company. My condolences to his family.



Cori O'Connor - June 11 at 01:02 AM



“ To the Leonard Family,
I was shocked & deeply saddened to hear of Chris' passing. I worked with Chris at Zebb's. He was always smiling, was kind & always could make you laugh. He will be missed. May you find peace & comfort during this most difficult time.

Linda Orzel Hanno - June 10 at 07:03 PM



“ Chris was a great man, I worked with Chris a good number of years ago, he was always willing to help anyone out, any way he could . He was a great cook!!! He will surely be missed!!! Fly high my friend!!

Andrew Roth - June 10 at 01:06 PM