



Christopher Sean VanderWest

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Christopher Sean VanderWest, age 39, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, July 11, 2025. He was born October 6, 1985, in Muskegon to David VanderWest and Gina Margret. As a child, Christopher loved playing baseball and was well known for his pitching ability. He also enjoyed basketball, skateboarding, and music. He had a strong passion for drumming, which led him to be the drummer for the band Kids on Fire. Christopher enjoyed being a big brother. He shared his passion for music with his sister Kaitlin, spending time playing various instruments together. He also spent several summers turtle hunting and building turtle ponds with his brother David. Christopher loved people and was considered a social butterfly. He also enjoyed being outside and taking walks along the bike path on Muskegon Lake. Christopher has worked as a cook at various restaurants throughout town and most recently was employed at Eagle Alloy, Inc. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. SURVIVORS include his father, David VanderWest (Tina Cherry); mother, Gina (Paul) Costanzo; grandparents Ralph and Majiel Costanzo, siblings: David VanderWest, Jr., Kaitlin (Joseph) Giordimaina, Chad Terpstra; Thea Dorsey and Joey Costanzo; nephews Logan and Malcolm; aunts and uncles: Leigh Ann (Ronald) Archer; Bob VanderWest, Linda Wittkopp and cousins Ronnie Archer and Becky (Scott) Morse. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Robert and Mary VanderWest, and his grandmother, Pam Hall. A Memorial Gathering will be held for Christopher on Friday, July 25, 2025, from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM at The Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral and Cremation Services, 6291 S. Harvey St., Norton Shores, MI 49444 (231) 798-1100, with a Time of Sharing held at 11:00 AM with a luncheon to follow. MEMORIALS to the Western Michigan Adult & Teen Challenge or the Noah Project will be appreciated. Share memories with the family at their online Guest Book at <https://www.sytsemafh.com>



Events

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Memorial Gathering

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 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET

 **Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Lee Chapel**

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Adrian Samuels posted:

I grew up with this fine gentleman since our youth in Bluffton, of Muskegon, Mi. He was super talented and was a jack of many trades. Chris could've also been a stand-up comedian, seeing how he made so many people laugh and smile. May you rest in Heaven, brother Chris...and Godspeed. †
🙏 My condolences to his family, especially Gina. 🙏 Your cousin, Charles F.

December 31 at 12:24 PM



Shannon Webber posted:

Chris was a great guy. I've known him since 6th grade. We played trumpet together. He would always give me a hard time because he knew I wanted to beat him and get 1st chair. It was always in good fun. He was a good friend, always honest with me.

July 29 at 9:56 PM



Gina Christensen posted:

Chris I will always remember how fun it was to hang out with you when we were kids. Your heart was just as big when you grew up. You will be missed. Love you! ❤️🙏

July 25 at 8:01 PM



Peggy Fricke posted:

Chris would stop by and visit sometimes. He was always upbeat, funny and a gentleman. Uncle Nelson and Aunt Peggy will miss you.

July 24 at 5:56 PM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Christopher.



July 24 at 11:06 AM



Anonymous sent a Gracious Lavender Basket to the VanderWest family.



July 24 at 11:06 AM



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Leigh Oliva lit a candle in honor of Christopher.

Seeing this is heartbreaking. Wow way to young . I've known u sense I was a child . You were always such a kind soul . Young man gone to young

July 24 at 1:36 AM



Delilah B posted:

I worked with Chris for a while at Holiday Inn and he was always so kind. I would see him around town after we both left the hotel, and we were always so glad to run into each other. He was talented and was always willing to share about his newest project. I will miss seeing him around, and his energy and genuinely kind demeanor will be missed. Chris, may you be at peace. Losing his light is truly a loss in this world.

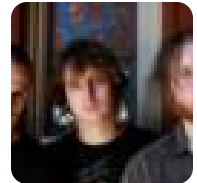
July 23 at 8:53 AM



Derek Eagle shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Chris, the memories and years we shared together are amongst the greatest and happiest of my life, and the loss of your presence, love and talent is unfathomably deep. Our countless memories will continue to glow in my heart. Until we meet again
❤️

July 22 at 4:02 PM



Crystal Meyer shared 4 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

July 18 at 9:34 AM



Sarah P. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Christopher.

July 21 at 2:31 AM





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Cassandra Secrest lit a candle in honor of Christopher.

Chris was the kind of person whose presence made everything feel more lighthearted. He always radiated positivity and never passed judgment on anyone. He had a way of making those around him feel seen. Even though it has been years since we regularly hung out, he was a true friend and it was an absolute pleasure to know him. The world was better with him in it. I'm so sorry for the loss of Chris and he will be remembered fondly.

July 20 at 8:58 PM



Hollie Schrotenboer/ Ap Salon planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Christopher.

July 19 at 8:50 AM



Hollie Schrotenboer/ Ap Salon sent a Medium Dish Garden to the VanderWest family.

July 19 at 8:50 AM



Ondrea Heck lit a candle in honor of Christopher.

Oh my gosh I went to Westshore Lutheran with him omg into paradise may the angels lead you chris i will miss you.

July 18 at 10:43 PM



David Bradshaw posted:

I always liked Chris. Good guy. We talked a LOT about music back in the Handsome Henry's days, and years later he used to mention to me how glad he was that I got him into the band Broken Social Scene. I'm truly sad to see him go, way, way too young. Rest in peace.

July 18 at 4:44 PM



Chris Tapp July 23 at 4:18 AM

He Mentioned That A Lot Over The Years Actually. It's Kinda Cool Seeing The People Who Were Apart Of The Stories



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Candace Oliva posted:

IM SO SORRY , FOR YOUR LOSS , GOD BLESS YOU ALL 🙏

July 18 at 9:36 AM



Candace Oliva posted:

I'm So Truly Sorry , For the Loss of Chris . My Prayers are with U All 🙏 GOD BLESS .

July 18 at 9:34 AM



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July 22 at 4:02 PM





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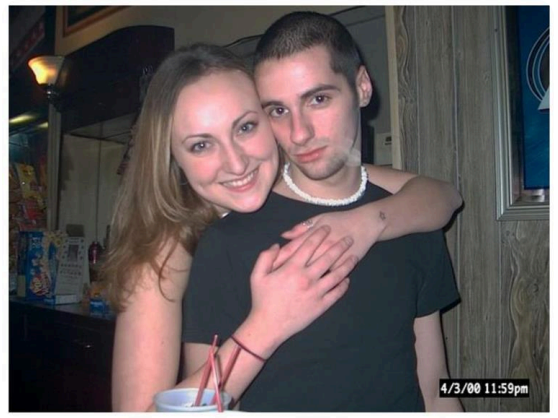
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July 22 at 3:00 PM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Christopher by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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