



## Christopher Alan Cranson

April 11, 1962 - January 28, 2026

Christopher Alan Cranson, age 63, of Grand Ledge, Michigan, formerly of Lake Odessa, passed away peacefully on January 28, 2026. He was born on April 11, 1962, in Lansing, Michigan, to Charles Stanley Cranson and Catherine Agnes (Huver) Cranson. Chris graduated from Grand Ledge High School in the Class of 1980 and subsequently worked for various companies, including the John Henry Company and Speaker Hines and Thomas Printing. For the past twenty years, he served as a dedicated barber at Frandor Barbers.

Chris had a great sense of humor and was a loyal friend. He cherished the time he spent with his mother, Catherine, and held a deep love for his family. His passions included sports, particularly golf, and he took great joy in spending time at the lake with a fishing line in hand.

He is survived by his two beloved sons, Nate( Fiancé Katie Pepler) Cranson and Andrew (Meghan) Cranson; grandsons, Cameron and Blake Cranson; as well as his siblings: Jeff (Pat) Cranson, Carl (Anne) Cranson, Laraine Soltysiak, Gary (Sherry Willadson) Cranson, Brenda (Carlos) Ramirez, Mary (Gary) Hotchkin, and Sally (DJ) Florian. Chris was preceded in death by his dad, Charles; brother, Chuck, and brother-in-law, Tom Soltysiak.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Michael Catholic Church on

Friday, January 30, 2026, at 11:00 AM by The Reverend Fr. James Eisele. Visitation will be Friday at the church from 10-11:00 AM. Rite of Committal will take place Tuesday, February 3, 2026 at 1:00 PM at Oakwood Cemetery, Grand Ledge. You may watch the funeral mass for Christopher at 11:00 am Friday on the St. Michael Church YouTube channel at this link: [https://www.youtube.com/live/mft3v6\\_huWI](https://www.youtube.com/live/mft3v6_huWI).

Memorial contributions may be given to Alcoholics Anonymous, 1915 E. Michigan Avenue, Suite D, Lansing, Michigan 48912 ([https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted\\_button\\_id=MHR4LUBXMFCVA](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=MHR4LUBXMFCVA))

Chris will be deeply missed by all who knew him, and his memory will forever be cherished in the hearts of his family and friends. Arrangements by the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Share your memories and condolences online at [holihanatkin.com](http://holihanatkin.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 30. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Saint Michael Catholic Church  
345 Edwards Street  
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

## Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

Saint Michael Catholic Church  
345 Edwards Street  
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

## Graveside Service

FEB 3. 1:00 PM (ET)

Oakwood Cemetery  
299 Halbert Street  
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

# Tribute Wall

SB

“ So sorry to hear of this news today. Chris always had that 1000 Watt smile whenever I saw him. He was always kind and interested in what I was doing whenever we met. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

*Steve Boehm, GLHS, Class of 1980*

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**Steve Boehm** - February 03 at 05:00 PM

LS

“ I am grateful to have had the magical and unconditional love and friendship of a best friend and soul mate with Chris. We shared a locker all 4 years in HS. We were together for eachothers life events; marriages, birth of our kids, divorces, etc. We were a package deal. Chris was one of those special souls that touched your life deeply but are called home way too soon.

*The world seems dimmer without you. A lifeline gone, our silver cord severed. Chris, I miss you terribly, but I know where you are and it is comforting.*

*Agnes, Nate, Andy and all of the Cranson family; I offer my heartfelt condolences and hope that the cherished memories you have of Chris will bring you comfort and healing from your loss.*

*Lisa Summerfield*

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**Lisa Summerfield** - February 02 at 04:57 AM

EC

“ So sorry to see that Christopher had passed. To his mother, sisters , brothers, grandsons and who all knew him. My prayers and peace goes out to you all. Eileen Clabuesch.

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**Eileen Clabuesch** - February 01 at 09:11 PM

CC

“ Chris was a great friend, I have been reflecting on all the great Golf we had together and all the great times. My thoughts are with the whole Cranson clan. We will miss you.

Craig (Jeri) Cole

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**Craig(Jeri) Cole** - February 01 at 01:52 PM

AC

“ Chris I'm so sorry we didn't spend more time together. I will forever remember your quick wit and your chuckle. You are the reason I am a Cranson. You are the reason I have been blessed with the big family that loves me and my kids like blood. It warms my heart to know you were helping others with their struggles that you knew so well. God speed my friend and we will see each other again. This I know❤️❤️❤️

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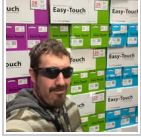
**anne cranson** - February 01 at 10:23 AM

AM

“ Jeff and Patti, we were so very sorry to hear about your brother, Chris. Our sympathy to you and your family, Jerry and Ann

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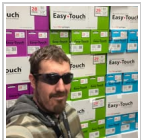
**Ann Montero** - January 30 at 10:51 PM



“ Chris was a family friend, but I started attending Alcoholics Anonymous, and really got to know him. Chris is one of the three people from the Grand Ledge AA scene that really made a big and lasting impact in my recovery journey. Without him, I probably would have made it this far. Now, I'm blessed enough to work in high risk recovery and overdose prevention; helping others who have had similar struggles. Without Chris's guidance, none of that would be possible. He was a great guy, and I use many of the lessons he taught me to help others. There is no doubt in my mind that his legacy and the lessons he taught will continue to help people for a long time to come. Rest in Power, Chris. Thank you for everything.

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**Matt Shoemaker** - January 30 at 09:37 PM



“ Matt Shoemaker lit a candle in memory of Christopher Cranson



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**Matt Shoemaker** - January 30 at 09:29 PM



“ Nancy C. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christopher Alan Cranson.

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**Nancy C.** - January 30 at 04:37 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Christopher Alan Cranson.*



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January 30 at 09:29 AM



“ *Chris was always a happy Lad in High School. The smile in this picture says it all. RIP Chris.*

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**Michael Morgan** - January 30 at 09:14 AM



“ *Dear Cranson Family, We are so sorry for the loss of your brother Chris. Sending love and many hugs to all of you. Nancy and Dave Coleman*

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**Nancy Coleman** - January 30 at 06:16 AM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Christopher Alan Cranson.*



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January 29 at 09:12 PM

JJ

“ So many great memories of Chris in our youth, the Greenwood days, along with Mark Davis, and Carl Archambo, baseball, basketball, and just a fun foursome. Thanks for all the fun times Chris, you will be missed, and remembered with a smile.

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**Jeff Jolley** - January 29 at 08:36 PM

DM

“ I am so sorry to hear of Chris' passing-he was always so cheerful and friendly on my walk past his house and will miss him. Jeff-I am sorry you've lost your brother❤️☐

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**Donna Minton** - January 29 at 08:21 PM

LH

“ I have known Chris since I was five years old. We were growing up on Fleming Street in Grand Ledge. He had a friendship with my brother Robert and the rest of the "Ol Boys". He always treated me like a little sister. I will miss you Chris. RIP. You are loved.

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**Lisa Hatcher** - January 29 at 06:22 PM

AB

“ I live in the same neighborhood as Chris and am an avid walker. Chris would often be sitting on his porch when I walked by and we would chat. I am so sorry for the family's loss.

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**Anne Brooks** - January 29 at 03:20 PM

JF

I am also a walker in his neighborhood and will miss his smile every day we walk.😭

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**Jean Folk** - January 29 at 05:32 PM

KS

“ Dear Cranson family, so very sorry for your loss, our prayers are with you at this difficult time. Laraine has said many times what a nice person with a good sense of humor Chris was. I met him once with Laraine. May he rest in the arms of our heavenly father.  
Love, Kim and Brian Sessler



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**Kim Sessler** - January 29 at 01:47 PM

SP

*I am so sorry for your loss. Please accept my heartfelt condolences to the entire family. Though I only met Chris briefly, it was clear he was deeply loved. May you find comfort in the many memories you shared and in knowing how many people are holding you close in prayer. May his soul rest in eternal peace and love.*

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**Stephanie Purcell** - January 29 at 03:31 PM

PV

“ Have known Chris since high school. Went back into his life when I started my trip with alcohol anonymous. He was very inspiring role model. how to be sober, live a happy life. Enjoy God

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**Patricia Vandegrift** - January 29 at 01:46 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Christopher Alan Cranson.



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January 29 at 01:14 PM

HW

“ Harold Weeks purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Christopher Alan Cranson.



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Harold Weeks - January 29 at 12:27 PM

HW

“ Harold Weeks planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christopher Alan Cranson.

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Harold Weeks - January 29 at 12:27 PM

PF

“ profiles family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Christopher Alan Cranson.



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profiles family - January 29 at 08:51 AM



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WP

“ Weller Truck Parts planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christopher Alan Cranson.

Weller Truck Parts - January 29 at 08:36 AM

SB

“ Shannon Bellanger purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Christopher Alan Cranson.



Shannon Bellanger - January 29 at 07:53 AM

SF

“ I will miss you dearly, brother. You were there for me many times when I needed you. I experienced your deepening relationship with God towards the end of your life. Your suffering brought you close to His sacred heart and now it's time to rest in His peace. You have fought the good fight, you have won the race. Your faith has saved you. I love you.

Sally Florian - January 29 at 07:39 AM



“ I always loved seeing Chris. He was one of my favorite guys. He will be missed.  
My sympathy to the entire family.  
Michele, Friend of Chris & Dr B

M - January 29 at 07:27 AM

HN

“ Heather, Kyle, Kelley and Nikki purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Christopher Alan Cranson.



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**Heather, Kyle, Kelley and Nikki** - January 29 at 02:00 AM

LH

“ Lori Hansen lit a candle in memory of Christopher Cranson



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**Lori Hansen** - January 28 at 11:42 PM

TF

“ The Cislo Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Christopher Alan Cranson.



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**The Cislo Family** - January 28 at 09:25 PM