



William Christopher "Chris" DeWitt

January 9, 1986 - February 3, 2012

William Christopher "Chris" DeWitt lost the good fight and went to be with his grandfathers, grandmother and the angels on Friday, February 3, 2012, after a long battle with Cancer. He is the son of William and Debora DeWitt of Grand Ledge, Michigan. Born in Lansing, Michigan at St. Lawrence Hospital on January 9, 1986, Chris grew up in North Manchester, Indiana where he attended Manchester High School and Manchester College, studying Art. Chris was not only a talented artist, but an outstanding musician, both vocally and on the guitar. Also well-traveled, he toured with the Manchester College A Cappella Choir performing a composition by his mother, "Prayer for Peace," in Italy, Austria and Carnegie Hall. Chris recently sought to expand his artistic talents to cooking by attending Grand Rapids Community College and seeking a degree in the culinary arts. His friends and family describe him as a genuinely kind person who made the world a better place. He had an amazingly open and creative means of expression. He was a most gentle and gallant giant. He had the biggest heart, the bravest soul, the loudest laugh, the sharpest wit and the most tender spirit. Chris was greatly loved and will be dearly missed by his parents, Bill and Deb; his sister, Alana Grace DeWitt, of Warsaw, Indiana; his brother, Gregory Hap DeWitt, of Grand Ledge; his Grandmother, Doris Meredith, of Grand Ledge; his aunts and uncles, Suellen DeWitt, of Grand Ledge; Rick and Kelly (Jonas) DeWitt of Grand Ledge, Jarrod and Jane(DeWitt) Thompson of North Manchester, IN, John and Vicky (Meredith) Schwartz of Grand Ledge; John and Penny (Hines) Meredith of

Grand Ledge; Paul and Caroline (Cheng) Meredith of Shanghai, China; Keith and Sarah (Meredith) Eaton of Leslie; and his cousins, Brandon, Josh and Caleb DeWitt of Grand Ledge; Savannah Thompson of North Manchester, IN; Karen Schwartz of Grand Ledge; Sherman, Gabriel and Melanie Meredith of Shanghai; and Valerie and Michael Eaton of Leslie; as well as great aunts and uncles, cousins and countless friends. Chris was preceded in death by his Grandparents William and Ruth DeWitt and Edward Meredith. Visitation for Chris will be on Tuesday, February 7, 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home Grand Ledge. A Funeral Service will be held Wednesday, February 8, 2012 at 11 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Grand Ledge with visitation starting at 10 a.m. Memorial gifts may be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Michigan Chapter, 1471 E. Twelve Mile Road, Madison Heights, Michigan 48071 (www.lls.org). Condolences may be shared at www.holihanatkin.com or at www.caringbridge.org/visit/wChrisDeWitt.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

299 Halbert Street
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services
406 N. Bridge Street
Grand Ledge, MI 48837
(517) 627-2531
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Visitation

FEB 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

FEB 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Immanuel Lutheran Church
517 S. Clinton St.
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Service

FEB 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SS

“ *Bill and Deb, I am so sorry to hear of Chris' death. I have been sick and could not go to visitation. Just wanted you to know that my heart goes out to you. We will keep all of you in our thoughts and prayers.*

Susie and Bob Sackett

Susan Sackett - February 13, 2012 at 05:42 PM



“ *Sherry Walters lit a candle in memory of William Christopher "Chris" DeWitt*



Sherry Walters - February 09, 2012 at 06:45 PM



We are so sorry to hear about Chris. May the Lord keep you until that joyous reunion with all your loved ones.

Sherry Walters - February 09, 2012 at 06:48 PM

ST

“ *Sylvia Thomas lit a candle in memory of William Christopher "Chris" DeWitt*



Sylvia Thomas - February 08, 2012 at 08:24 AM

ST

Yellow is the color of sunshine and Chris put of lot of that in many people's lives and the warmth of God's love and understanding will be with his family.

Sylvia Thomas - February 08, 2012 at 08:30 AM

BP

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the DeWitt family and all of Chris' friends and loved ones. May God lift you up through this difficult time and fill you with the peace that comes from knowing we will all be together again someday, basking in His light of love and healing.

<3 Britt Paul

Britt Paul - February 07, 2012 at 05:20 PM



WP

“ Will and Kelli Patch purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of William Christopher "Chris" DeWitt.



Will and Kelli Patch - February 07, 2012 at 11:32 AM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of William Christopher "Chris" DeWitt.



February 07, 2012 at 11:19 AM

DL

“ Debra Lynn purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William Christopher "Chris" DeWitt.



Debra Lynn - February 07, 2012 at 11:15 AM

GF

“ GRCC Piano Faculty purchased the Sea Spray Bouquet for the family of William Christopher "Chris" DeWitt.



GRCC Piano Faculty - February 06, 2012 at 10:40 PM

BI

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Chris will be greatly missed.

Barb Ihnen

Barb Ihnen - February 06, 2012 at 08:20 PM

RP

“ Deb and Bill and Family,
I am so very sorry to learn of Chris's death.
Please know that there are many, many who grieve with you and for you. What a wonderful life Chris lived, what a wonderful young man he was. We hold you in our prayers.

Robert Pettit



Robert B. Pettit - February 06, 2012 at 08:08 PM

BB

“ I will never forget seeing Chris working at the bindery. He had a boring job, but he was diligent to do it, and he helped the other kids on the textbook line keep their morale up. I was always impressed by that. I was also impressed at how kind he was to his siblings and parents. He was a truly loving young man. Brian J. Baird, Westfield, MA.

Brian J. Baird - February 06, 2012 at 08:32 AM

VR

“ Valerie R. purchased the Cup of Roses Bouquet for the family of William Christopher "Chris" DeWitt.



Valerie R. - February 06, 2012 at 07:19 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Christopher "Chris" DeWitt.



February 05, 2012 at 02:47 PM