



Christopher R. Jefferson

July 17, 1981 - May 15, 2014

Christopher Russell Jefferson, 32, of Hot Springs left our world for a better place on May 15, 2014 after a valiant struggle against insurmountable odds. He was a kind and gentle soul with never a single complaint; he was a Methodist and loved golf, tennis and Texas Holdem.

Chris found his true passion working in our family owned Restaurant, The Hot Springs Oyster Bar serving his customers as he put it "The best oysters in town". After the business closed as a result of the oil spill in the Gulf, we were unable to reopen because BP denied our claim. It was Chris' greatest regret but our family will continue to try and reopen in the near future and will name the oyster bar "Christopher's Oyster Bar" in his honor. We know he will be smiling down with immense pride with every dozen on the half shell served at "Christopher's Oyster Bar".

Survived by his parents, Russ & Kathy Jefferson of Hot Springs; his brother and best friend, Matt Jefferson of Hot Springs; his paternal grandmother, Roberta Jefferson of Hot Springs; maternal grandmother, Mary Smallwood of Bluffton; six aunts and uncles; seven cousins.

Chris was most appreciative of the compassionate and excellent care from all of the health care professionals at St. Joseph's, Arkansas Children's Hospital, UAMS and Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis.

We will have a memorial service for Chris to coincide with the reopening of the business. Friends; family and all of his old customers will be notified.

Memorials may be made to any of the above hospitals or the charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

SF

“ Dear Russ , Matt and Kathy :
Me and my family are deeply saddened that Chris is no longer with us.He was cool.collective and compassionate and respectful of other person's feelings. We always enjoyed playing tennis with him and we had lots of good memories. Our prayers are with you.
Pemmaraju (pemm).

S. Pemmaraju and family - May 26, 2014 at 07:23 AM

VH

“ Russ, Kathy and Matt... Our hearts break for you... Chris was such a fighter and inspiration to us. Your family is so special and our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Vicki and Jack Hill

Vicki and Jack Hill - May 20, 2014 at 06:44 AM

GJ

“ Dear Kathy and Family,
Our hearts are broken for you all. Chris will be missed dearly. Our prayer are with you and your family.

Love,
Genia Jackson and Family

Genia Jackson - May 19, 2014 at 01:43 PM

MC

“ Chris was a sweet and kind person. He never complained. I grew very fond of him. I will never forget him calling me to invite to play Texas hold them. I felt so honored, but we never got to play.

Mary Jean Capshaw

Mary Jean Capshaw - May 18, 2014 at 08:34 PM

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*Chris was all that a father could ask for, kind, sensitive, compassionate, & never saying a ill word about anything.
He loved his brother (caregiver) & mother above all things.
He will be blessed in heaven, No more suffering, life without flaws. His tennis friend Nick Utyesonich*

Nick Utyesonich - May 19, 2014 at 10:08 AM

MC

“ *Mary Jean Capshaw lit a candle in memory of Christopher R. Jefferson*



Mary Jean Capshaw - May 18, 2014 at 08:27 PM

LW

“ *An amazing young man... A true honor to have served you...prayers to the family*

LeDante Walker - May 18, 2014 at 01:24 PM