



## Christopher G. O'Rourke

June 12, 1969 - June 17, 2013

Loving father and husband Chris O'Rourke, born June 12, 1969 in Windsor, Ontario, Canada passed away in Benicia, California on June 17, 2013. The son of Frances and George O'Rourke, brother to Marie (and Roger), Karen (and Dave), Maureen (and Denis), Patty (and Mark) and Colleen, and numerous nieces and nephews. He was especially beloved to his daughter Hailey Frances and wife Brooke Marie, née Jacobs.

Chris was star athlete and starting quarterback on the De La Salle football teams during mid-1980s heyday. In a 1986 game against rival Monte Vista, Chris threw a 41-yard touchdown pass to Van Le that helped head his team toward victory. After graduating from St. Mary's College with a degree in history, where he also played on the football and baseball teams. Chris devoted himself to his true passion: coaching his daughter Hailey's softball team. As a child, he adored his dog "Spock," spent hours with his friends and brothers-in-law shooting hoops and hitting a tennis ball—often over the house across the street—and allowed his beautiful sisters to spoil him. As an adult, he cared devotedly for his mother Fran. Chris had a twinkle in his eye and a warm spot in his heart for everyone he met. When he wasn't barbecuing, rooting for his teams (Oakland A's and the 49's) or caring for his daughter with Brooke, he could be found spinning a tale that made his family and friends smile. A tough athlete on the outside, Chris was a gentle and caring soul. Services will be held Saturday June 22nd at 10:00 am at the Passalacqua

Funeral Chapel, 901 West 2nd Street, Benicia, CA 94510.

In lieu of follows and to assist with memorial costs donations can be made at Wells Fargo Bank, Brooke O'Rourke, account number 8619135836.

# Tribute Wall



“ Christopher G. O'Rourke

November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ We just returned from a two week vacation to hear about this sad and shocking news. Chris was such a wonderful neighbor...it was always a joy to come home and see him practicing softball with his beautiful daughter Hailey. My heart, thoughts and prayers go out to Brooke and Hailey.

Nancy Hensley

Nancy Hensley - July 01, 2013 at 02:00 PM



“ Rest in peace Chris.....My prayers are with you and my condolences to your family.....

Woody Mason....punter #14 Class of 1987

William Mason - June 23, 2013 at 11:52 AM



“ I was shocked to hear the news about Chris. I played football with Chris, and admired his character, strength, presence, humor and kindness. I remember Chris always with a smile on his face, always waiting for the next opportunity to laugh. We never forged a close friendship, but I feel like a close friend has left me...May God keep and Bless Chris. You will never be forgotten....Woody Mason #14 punter.....Class of 1987

"homme de foi"

William Mason - June 23, 2013 at 11:31 AM

EM

“ I remember Chris as being such a nice kid. He was so handsome and all the girls at MPB had a crush on him at one time or another! He was funny, and I remember going to Golden Skate with him and other kids from our school. I also remember that Chris lost his father suddenly at a young age. I am so, so sorry that his daughter has to go through that same loss. Wish I could be there to join in honoring a truly good guy, who left this world, his friends and his family far too soon.

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**Eileen Kilmartin McCarty** - June 22, 2013 at 02:34 PM

TM

“ So sad to hear this news. Our hearts go out to all of you. May he rest in peace. Love Tammy and Tom McIntosh



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**Tammy McIntosh** - June 22, 2013 at 12:25 AM

NR

“ Brooke, I'm so saddened to hear of the loss of your husband. My heart goes out to you and Hailey. You are in my prayers.

*Nadine Ross*

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**Nadine Ross** - June 21, 2013 at 05:42 PM

MB

“ I am so sorry to hear about Chris. We weren't that close at De La Salle but we played baseball together all four years: Chris at short and me at third. We practiced everyday next to each other. As sophomores Chris batted fourth and I batted fifth. That same year both of us were among the players called up to varsity for the playoffs. Chris always treated me with respect and class. God bless and God speed. -Marc Begor

Marc Begor - June 21, 2013 at 03:13 PM

DD

“ I am so, so sad to hear about Chris. I have a million memories of all of us growing up as I pretty much lived with you guys. Marie, Karen, Maureen, Patty and Colleen please know that all of you and your family's are in my heart, thoughts and prayers. I miss you guys!  
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Denise Dodge - June 20, 2013 at 11:18 PM

MS

“ My condolences to the O'Rourke family. I am truly sorry for your loss.

Michele Soto



Michele Soto - June 20, 2013 at 06:28 PM

SE

“ *The memories I have of Christopher were ones of him at a young age. He was the cutest little blonde haired boy you ever saw! He couldn't pronounce the letter C, so he would say dookie when he wanted a cookie and Dolleen for Colleen. I thought that was the cutest thing ever.*

*I've never met a closer knit family then The O'Rourkes. I consider it and honor to call them my friends. I love each and every one of you dearly. I'm praying for you all at this difficult time. I pray that the peace of God which transcends all understanding , will guards your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.*

*Suzanne (Bond)Evoniuk*

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**Suzanne Evoniuk** - June 20, 2013 at 04:53 PM

SE

“ *When I think of Chris I picture that sweet little boy who lived on Brennon Place in Walnut Creek. When he was little he couldn't pronounce the letter C, I loved when he'd say I want a dookie and he called his big sister Dolleen. The biggest thing that stands out in my mind about Chris was the fact that he was not only the youngest of 6, but he was the only boy. Some would think wow that'd be tough, but no I don't think that one bit. Chris O'Rourke had 5 older sisters who showed him how to be a gentle man with a strong character! I have never met a stronger tight knit family then the O'Rourkes and I feel privileged to call them my friends.*

*My heart is so saddened for your loss and I am praying for peace and comfort for each of you at this difficult time. Suzanne (Bond) Evoniuk*

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**suzanne Evoniuk** - June 20, 2013 at 01:27 PM

JR

“ It says it all about Chris that we all say the same thing about him, kind,genuine,generous, and always there for his friends. He always had or made time for all of us at one time or another. I remember Chris and I at our house in Sun Valley Id. 20yrs ago sleeping between two big stereo speakers on living room floor with "Helpless" by CSN set on repeat on the CD player. And more recently I remember our hours long phone conversations over the last couple of years about work,family,SMC days, but mostly about our daughters and their athletic accomplishments and how satisfying it was to coach and support them. We would talk until our batteries quit or Brooke told him to keep it down:-) Chris' passing will leave a void in all our lives never to be filled, but I will always remember the closeness and true friendship we shared. My thoughts go out to Brooke and Hailey. And as we always said when we finally did get off the phone "love you brother talk to you soon"

*John Rathfon*

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**John Rathfon** - June 20, 2013 at 01:14 PM

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**Tim** - June 20, 2013 at 11:19 AM

PO

“ *Chris' funeral is on Saturday, June 22, 2013 at 10:00 a.m., Passalacque Funeral Chapel, 901 West 2nd St., Benicia, CA.*

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**Patty O'Rourke-Andrews** - June 20, 2013 at 11:11 AM

KH

“ *chris and his smile i will always carry that with me along with his fun and humor*

*much love to the O'Rourke Woman and their families*

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**karen hellickson** - June 20, 2013 at 10:38 AM

 Mike Bellew

“ *Rest in Piece my friend.  
Thanks for the fond memories & for being you.*

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**Mike Bellew** - June 20, 2013 at 09:34 AM

BB

“ *I ditto what Keegan just so nicely expressed. He was one of a kind and truly a special friend to all of us. During some hardships in my life, he was the one friend who always supported me and was genuinely concerned about my well being. He went out of his way to make sure I was ok. What a wonderful friend, father and husband.*

*You're positive spirit and fun loving nature will be sorely missed.*

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**brian breen** - June 20, 2013 at 01:12 AM

BK

“ *I've never met a guy more loyal and thoughtful of his friends than Chris. He's the guy I wanted with me in the sketchy bar, the dark alley, watching football on Saturdays and Sundays or at a family get together, he always had your back. My memories of Chris will always be of epic times, lots of laughter and of course putting the seat down after using the bathroom (he was well trained by his sisters). I'll miss you Chris. Much love to Brook and Hailey and the rest of the family, you're in our prayers. Brian and Kathy Keegan*

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**Brian Keegan** - June 19, 2013 at 11:54 PM

DP

“Wow, such sad news. I have great memories of Chris from our Saint Mary's days. I was one of the very few girls who wasn't chasing him. He was a quiet charmer! Sending love and prayers to Brook and Hailey. I'm do sorry for your loss.

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**daphne pulver** - June 19, 2013 at 09:54 PM

KY

“God Bless Chris and his family. I have such fond memories of Chris with others singing Cat Stevens Wild World along with other wonderful memories at SMC. RIP Chris and may your family find some peace.  
Kristen Young

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**Kristen Young** - June 19, 2013 at 09:03 PM

NJ

“At the time Chris attended DLSHS, I was the college counselor - I remember him well and loved watching him play football and baseball. He was a wonderful young man and well liked by all. RIP Chris - you will be in good company with those other Spartans who rest in heaven. Nancy Jokerst



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**Nancy Jokerst** - June 19, 2013 at 07:18 PM

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**Brian Sexton** - June 19, 2013 at 04:28 PM



Mike Bellew

*Oh, man..... Freshman year in Justin...*

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**Mike Bellew** - June 19, 2013 at 10:31 PM



CH

*A wonderful person and friend. Your beautiful heart will be missed by everyone...I am so glad you were in my life.*

*Catie D.Hawkins*

*P.S. Who is going to watch "Alf"?*

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**catie damele hawkins** - July 02, 2013 at 01:13 AM



BS

*“ A true friend who always cared about you whether you were standing next to him or miles away. Every story was worth the time and will stick with me forever. Thanks for being my friend.*

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**Brian Sexton** - June 19, 2013 at 04:19 PM