



Christopher Calvin Strawbridge

August 25, 1975 - July 4, 2023

Christopher Calvin Strawbridge of Benicia passed away on Tuesday, July 4, 2023 from complications of a severe lung infection. He was 47 years old. Christopher was born in Indianapolis, Indiana on August 25, 1975. He moved with his family to Benicia in 1985 and attended St. Dominic's Grade School from 1985-1989. His 6'5 height in the 8th grade made him an easy pick for most valuable player of his winning basketball team. He graduated from St. Patrick St. Vincent High School in 1993. He was the Freshman Class President and Captain of the Freshman Basketball Team. Christopher made the Varsity Basketball Team as a sophomore. During his Junior Year, both of his lungs collapsed (spontaneous Pneumothorax) which ended his basketball career. His interests were around acting and performing which took him to San Diego State and ACT in San Francisco. He performed locally in the Benicia Old Town Theatre Group's production of Little Shop of Horror as the voice of the plant Audrey II. It was his dream to eventually play Audrey II on Broadway.

As it usually happens actors end up waiting tables. In Christopher's case he made a profession of it starting at the famous Mabel's restaurant in Benicia as a server. He learned a lot from the owners Pat and Richard about running a restaurant. He relocated to Chicago, Illinois where he started his successful career with Kimpton Hotels as a Sales and Catering Manger and moved back to San Francisco eventually becoming the General Manager of several of the companies high profile properties. Christopher took his expertise back to

Chicago and then in 2017 he relocated to New York City and the big stage of restaurants. His title was Director of Food and Beverage for the Warwick New York Hotel, Royalton Park Ave and Levy Restaurants at the Javits Center.

Christopher is survived by his parents Scott and Christina Strawbridge. his brother Andrew Strawbridge (Edgar Ventura Strawbridge) and his long time companion Louie the rescued Chihuahua.

Christopher was a fighter, he experienced several serious health issues including lymphoma which he beat and the most recent lung infection that hospitalized him for 2 months.

He will be cremated next week and his ashes will be dispersed into the Carquinez Strait. An old fashioned wake will be held on his birthday of August 25 in a private family gathering. The family has asked that any contribution in Christopher's name be directed to

The Tim and Jeannie Hamann Foundation [Hamann foundation.org](http://Hamannfoundation.org) and The Benicia Old Town Theatre Group [Benicia theatre group.org](http://Beniciatheatre.org)

Tribute Wall

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“ Chris and Scott: We are deeply saddened by the news of Christopher's passing. Please accept our heartfelt condolences during this unimaginably difficult time. May you find strength in each other and in the cherished memories you shared with him.
With Sympathy,
Richard and Trish McKeagan

Richard McKeagan - August 24, 2023 at 05:12 PM

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“ Christina, Scott & Andrew,
Sending my deepest condolences to you all.
Chris was one of my closest and dearest friends growing up and I am devastated to hear of his passing. He was such a happy and generous spirit and I know that he will always be in my heart. He lived life fully and I hope that he continues dancing and singing in the great beyond!
Please let me know if you would like to connect to celebrate more of his life in memories.
Here is my email - drblake@solsticenatmed.org
Sending peace and love, April Blake (formerly April Ferris)

April Blake - August 20, 2023 at 08:47 AM

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“ April B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christopher Calvin Strawbridge.

April B. - August 20, 2023 at 08:35 AM

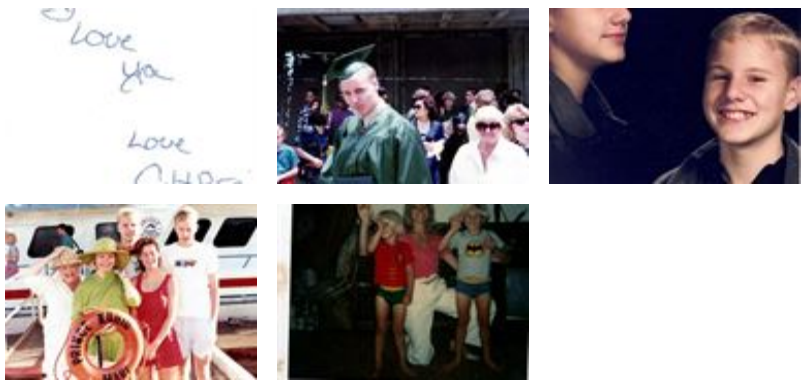


“ Teena M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christopher Calvin Strawbridge.

Teena M. - August 18, 2023 at 01:30 AM



“ 56 files added to the album Life Tributes



Passalacqua Funeral Chapel - August 15, 2023 at 02:38 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Christopher Calvin Strawbridge.

August 11, 2023 at 02:53 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Christopher Calvin Strawbridge.



August 11, 2023 at 02:53 PM

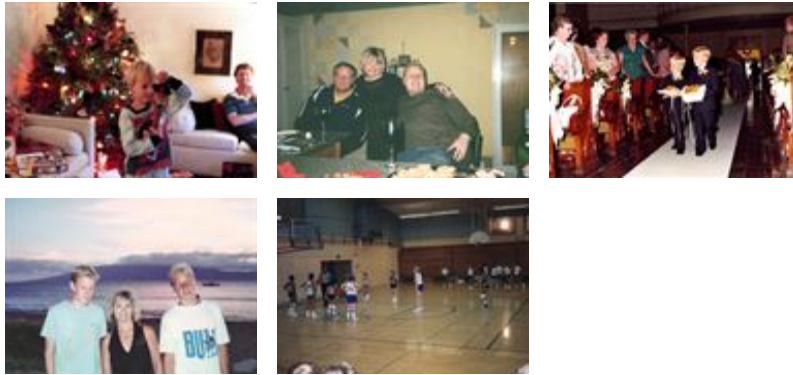
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“ *Plumbers &. planted a grove of 10 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christopher Calvin Strawbridge.*

Plumbers &. - August 10, 2023 at 01:42 PM



“ *61 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Passalacqua Funeral Chapel - July 20, 2023 at 06:20 PM

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“ *Christina and Scott;*

We send our sincerest condolences for your loss of Christopher. We hope that you can find peace in knowing how much joy he brought to others. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Tom and Maureen Carroll

Tom Carroll - July 18, 2023 at 04:59 PM

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“ Gary and Sue Heppell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christopher Calvin Strawbridge.

Gary and Sue Heppell - July 17, 2023 at 11:10 PM

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“ Gary and Sue Heppell purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Christopher Calvin Strawbridge.



Gary and Sue Heppell - July 17, 2023 at 11:10 PM

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“ I was blessed to meet Chris when he dated my friend Cathy. He had a smile and a dazzling personality that lit up the room. I hope you are dancing to Madonna up in heaven and you will be missed my friend .

Nicole Archuleta - July 10, 2023 at 06:11 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Christopher Calvin Strawbridge.



July 10, 2023 at 05:32 PM

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“ *Dearest Christina and Scott-*

Please accept our most heartfelt condolences. Gone but not forgotten. Christopher will live on through the love and laughter as friends and family say his name and keep his memories alive.

Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers. 🙏

□ *David & Kammy Hayer*

Kammy Hayer - July 08, 2023 at 11:59 PM