



## Mr. Christopher L. "Chris" Usyk

March 23, 1985 - August 6, 2020

MARCY - Mr. Christopher L. "Chris" Usyk, age 35, passed away on Thursday, August 6, 2020 from complications of Crohn's Disease. With the blessings of his parents, he transcended into the arms of his Nana who awaited him.

Present were his mom, dad, and his two cousins, Lisa and Melanie.

Born in New Hartford on March 23, 1985, Christopher was the son of Ronald "Ron" and Melanie (Scianni) Usyk. He attended Marcy Elementary School, Parkway Middle School, and graduated from Whitesboro High School/Class of 2003. He continued his studies and graduated from MVCC.

Chris was employed by Vicks Lithograph & Printing as a stock person. He subsequently worked as a gas station attendant at the FER, and lastly he held a position as Assistant Manager at Dollar General. A responsible soul, Chris was meticulous in carrying out his duties and assignments in every job he held. He was also a caring, loving person and a gentleman at heart; his thoughtful acts of kindness were unsolicited and sincere. One of Chris' frequent destinations was Dunkin Donuts, particularly the Whitesboro and Marcy locations. His order was unrehearsed and committed to memory, "Medium hot coffee/8 creams, 8 sugars" and "bacon, egg, and cheese wraps w/extra bacon"! He was an impeccable dresser donned with Hollister & American Eagle attire and a baseball cap worn backwards with shades affixed. He had an intuitive way of observing and reading people, and connecting with them in conversation. He was attached to his iPhone and was readily accessible. Chris enjoyed watching outdoor cooking shows from which

he received tips to becoming a great grill master. He followed Google Preparation Guidelines, cooked to perfection, ...and always asked for feedback! He was a connoisseur of comfort food, especially everything chicken wings, a good hamburger, and a medium/well done steak. He had to be selective about what he ate and drank due to adverse effects of his Crohn's Disease. He looked forward to Christmas Eve at Aunt Lorraine and Uncle Ame's where there was love of family and food galore. They were memories he cherished.

Chris also learned the technique of grilling barbecued chicken over a Wood-Fire Pit with his dad and uncle at family parties and fundraisers. God gifted him a natural artistic talent that he used to produce impressive watercolor paintings. A left-handed artist, he often focused on sketching scenery.

Chris had an affinity to nature and his outdoor activities and hobbies included snowmobiling, fishing and camping, especially at his great-great uncle's pond, and tenting close to the earth and nature. He also appreciated the annual weekend at the Lake George car shows followed by shopping at the outlet stores, and concluding with his ice cream cone of choice, chocolate and vanilla twist.

When he was able to, Chris attended Mass at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church, and also at St. John the Baptist Church, Rome. His parents provided a great foundation for Chris, and he lived a fulfilling life. He leaves a legacy of resilience, reliability, persistence, and productivity in all his endeavors. He will never be forgotten.

Christopher is survived by his dad and mom, Ron and Melanie; his aunts and uncles, Carol Cifarelli and the memory of late Joseph P. Cifarelli, Lorraine and Ame Jweid, the late Theresa and Franklin Stooks; LeRoy (and the late Patricia) Usyk, Linda and Peter Toth, Ralph and Maryann Usyk, Brenda and Robert Rybicki, and Russell Usyk and Lori; great-aunts, Delores Usyk, and Eva Usyk; cousins, Joseph and Elizabeth Cifarelli, John and Edith Cifarelli, James and Suzanne Cifarelli, Lisa and David Holmes, Melanie and Dr. Mahesh Padmanabhan, Carol Ann and Raymond Mahar, Eric Stooks, Mark

and Martha Stooks, and Michele and Mark Kuchera; as well as his Usyk cousins; a multitude of great-cousins; childhood and longtime friends, John Slawson, Darrin Hill, and Eric Joseph, as well as others who were close to his heart; and his “adopted grandparents”, Ray and Grace Durso. He was predeceased by his maternal grandparents, Larry and Anna (Moreno) Scianni; and his paternal grandparents, Jerry and Lois (Hennings) Usyk.

The family is grateful to Dr. Jeffrey Albright, Dr. Thomas Vandermeer, and Dr. Crystal Whitney for their collective compassion and sensitivity in assisting the family during their journey; the nurses and staff at Upstate University Community Hospital/61, especially nurses Jess, Sarah, Sean, Emily, Mary, and Russell; and Administrative Supervisor, Doris. Special thanks also to nieces, Lisa and Melanie for being with us, his parents, to the very end; and nephew, Dr. Mahesh for his medical expertise and knowledge every step of the way; they never could have gone through this difficult and heartbreaking time without his professional interpretive skills and support. Chris received the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick which was a source of great solace. Visitation will be held Thursday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Due to current restrictions, we will be operating at a reduced occupancy. We ask for your patience as we try to accommodate those coming to support the Usyk family. Please follow our staff’s guidance when you arrive. Face coverings are required and contact tracing will be implemented. Christopher’s funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Friday morning at 11:00 at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered. Face masks are required, and contact tracing will be implemented. Those wishing to express an act of kindness in Chris’ memory may make a contribution to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or online at <https://www.stjude.org>, or the Maynard Fire Department (whose members assisted Chris on many occasions), 9500 Maynard Dr., Marcy, NY 13403. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Interment will follow in

Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Please take a moment to connect with Chris' family through the "Memories" section of his obituary.

Our prayers go out to all as a sign of our continued support.

"We love you so much and will miss you. Life will never be the same without you. Until we meet again, you will always be in our hearts".

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Olivet Cemetery

Whitesboro, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 13. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.  
932 South Street  
corner of Hammond Ave.  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 724-6714  
eannacefh@roadrunner.com  
<https://www.eannacefuneralhome.com>

# Tribute Wall

MG

“ Ron,  
Mike and I send our condolences to you and your family at this very difficult time. We are sending prayers and strength to carry you through.  
Mike and Lynn Guca

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**M & L Guca** - August 14, 2020 at 02:05 PM

CG

“ Melanie, we were so sorry to hear about Chris. Please try to stay strong and know that you and Chris's Dad are in our prayers. We feel certain that Chris is in peace in Heaven.  
Love,  
Carmie & Ray Givonetti

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**Carmie Givonetti** - August 13, 2020 at 08:54 PM

CK

“ Sincerest sympathy to the family. So sad to hear of Christopher's passing. God's peace to the family.

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**CK** - August 13, 2020 at 08:43 PM

RY

“ Raymond And Lise Yacco lit a candle in memory of Mr. Christopher L. "Chris" Usyk



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**Raymond and Lise Yacco** - August 13, 2020 at 02:16 AM

GF

“ So saddened by Christopher’s passing.... we will never forget him....  
our deepest condolences 🙏

Gail and. Nick Demma and family - August 12, 2020 at 06:18 PM

DC

“ Melanie and Ron,

We want to express our deep sorrow and condolences to you and your family during this dreadful time. May our precious Lord wrap his arms around you both providing his love, comfort and wisdom as he welcomes Christopher to his new home.

Sending our love and prayers your way.

Love

David and Barbara Critelli

David L. Critelli - August 12, 2020 at 11:24 AM

RC

“ May Gods great mercy be with you in this time of loss and bring you the peace, hope, and strength you need. With deepest sympathy. May Christopher’s soul Rest In Peace. love💕 RoseMary and Bob Comenale

Rose Mary Comenale - August 11, 2020 at 02:46 PM

DS

“ Melanie and Ron, Please accept our deepest condolences to you and your family. You will be in our prayers and thoughts. May God’s grace be with you through this difficult time . Donna & Ray

Donna Sanino - August 11, 2020 at 01:56 PM

GW

“ *Ron and Melanie,*

*Please accept my condolences.  
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**Gene Wojcik** - August 11, 2020 at 11:24 AM

JL

“ *Joanne Viscelli Lafluer lit a candle in memory  
of Mr. Christopher L. "Chris" Usyk*



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**Joanne Viscelli Lafluer** - August 11, 2020 at 11:20 AM

MI

“ *Melanie, words can not express our sorrow for you and your family.  
Our sincere condolences for the loss of your son.. You and your  
family are in our thoughts and prayers. Love 💕 Michelle & Bill.*

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**Michelle** - August 11, 2020 at 09:20 AM

RS

“ *Rose Simons lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
Christopher L. "Chris" Usyk*



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**Rose Simons** - August 10, 2020 at 08:29 PM

KO

“ *I remember Christopher from Marcy! My sincerest sympathy.*  
*Kris Oczkowski*

Kris Oczkowski - August 10, 2020 at 07:39 PM

TM

“ *Melanie. My heart and prayers go out to you and you family. I have no words but my heart aches for you.* *Toni Yozzo-Magro*

toni magro - August 10, 2020 at 06:49 PM

LC

“ *Although no words can really help to ease the loss you bear, please know that our thoughts, prayers, and love are with you during this very difficult time. May Chris's soul rest in eternal peace. With deepest and heartfelt sympathy...all our love,*  
*Liz, Joe, Steven and David Cifarelli*



Liz Cifarelli - August 10, 2020 at 03:00 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Christopher L. "Chris" Usyk.*



August 10, 2020 at 02:52 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Christopher L. "Chris" Usyk.*



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August 10, 2020 at 01:41 PM



“ *Please accept our deepest sympathy for your loss. We pray that God gives you His overwhelming peace, strength, and comfort during this very difficult time.*

*God Bless, Carl and Cassie Holmes*

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**Carl Holmes** - August 10, 2020 at 10:46 AM



“ *Camille Hanzalik lit a candle in memory of Mr. Christopher L. "Chris" Usyk*



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**Camille Hanzalik** - August 10, 2020 at 10:12 AM



“ *So sorry for you loss. I can't imagine losing a child. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all through this difficult time. Let us know if you need anything! xoxo*

*~Larry and Danielle Pendolf*

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**Danielle Pendolf** - August 10, 2020 at 09:26 AM

TG

“ *Mel and Family,  
I am Truly sorry for your loss.  
Your son will be missed and he will never be forgotten.  
May his soul Rest in Peace.  
Sincerely,  
Tom Guidera (Class of 1972)*

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**Tom Guidera** - August 09, 2020 at 09:10 PM

MS

“ *Please accept my heartfelt condolences. I have such fond  
memories of Chris as a third grader in my Marcy Elementary School  
classroom.*

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**Michele Silvestri** - August 09, 2020 at 08:24 PM

 Terry  
Marshall

“ *Dear Melanie and Ron; we are so sorry to hear about Chris. I hadn't  
seen him since he was in middle school; he didn't let Crohn's get in  
the way of his path to success. He accomplished quite a lot during  
his life. May the memories of him keep him alive in your hearts.  
Ken and Terry Marshall*

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**Terry Marshall** - August 09, 2020 at 06:03 PM

DB

“ *Sad to hear of Christopher's passing. He was a kind and gentle soul  
and I enjoyed having him as a student.*

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**Donna Gibbons Bell** - August 09, 2020 at 03:31 PM

SN

“ *Melanie and Ronnie, With thoughts of sympathy and support as you mourn the passing of Chris. He will always be remembered.*  
*Sheila Nunno & Brittany Cool*

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**Sheila Nunno** - August 09, 2020 at 12:28 PM

BL

“ *So sorry for your loss, Bill & Linda LaFortez*

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**Bill & Linda LaFortez** - August 09, 2020 at 12:11 PM

KH

“ *We are so sorry for your unimaginable loss. Chris was always a pleasure to talk with at family events. Such a beautiful obituary. One could always feel the love in the Usyk/ Jweid families.*

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**Karen Holmes** - August 09, 2020 at 11:05 AM

VK

*I am so sorry to hear of Chris's passing. The world has loss a truly wonderful young man. I'm so glad that L got to meet him last year, at one of our luncheons. He was so cute, friendly and very charming to all us old gals. I will keep your family in my prayers. Valerie Kuhn*

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**Valerie Kuhn** - August 11, 2020 at 04:10 PM