



Christopher Wayne Hodge

July 11, 1966 - December 19, 2022

Christopher “Chris” Wayne Hodge, age 56, passed from this earth on Monday, December 19th, 2022, in his home in Elkland, Missouri. Chris was born to parents Lewis Hodge and Janet Miller Leas, on July 11th, 1966, in Rolla, Missouri. He graduated from Parkview High School in 1984 and continued on to obtain an Associates Degree for Applied Sciences in HVAC Technology. He proudly served in the United States Army from 1984-1988, and continued his career in the Army National Guard from 2008 until his retirement as a Staff Sergeant with full honors in 2018.

It's impossible to describe Chris in a small amount of words, but he was lovingly known by those around him as a strong and devout Christian, a hard worker who was never afraid to roll up his sleeves, an inventive and resourceful problem solver who could fix anything, a very talented, passionate, and versatile musician, and an avid hunter, fisherman and “bee-haver”. He had a passion for teaching and serving others, always offering a positive outlook, and was rarely seen without a smile on his face. A truly humble man that never knew a stranger.

Chris is survived by his spouse of 22 years, Seleeah E. Steeley Hodge and his children Douglas A. Hodge and wife Megan of Overland Park, KS, Jessica L. Hodge of Ash Grove, MO, Jacob N. Hodge and wife Jessie of Nixa, MO, Meghan E. Garay of San Antonio, TX, Gabrielle E. Garay Register and

husband Matthew of Rogersville, MO, and Charlee G. Hodge and partner Dakota of Fair Grove, MO, three grandchildren Trevor S. Appel, Aiden M. Graves, and Bliss H. Hodge, with another grandchild on the way, his parents Lewis Hodge and Janet Leas, siblings Lewis Hodge, Jr. and wife Willeen, and Angela Hodge Burns, as well as several nieces and nephews and many friends.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, December 30, 2022 in the Cantlon-Otterness & Viets Funeral Home. Escorts will be Doug Hodge, Jacob Hodge, Darrell Burns, Clay Burns, Jim Davis, and Lew Hodge, Jr. Honorary escorts will be Doug Shockley, Andy Beachum, Chris McPhail, Matthew Register, and Dakota Smith. Interment will be in the Macedonia Cemetery in Vichy, MO at 2:00 p.m. under the care and direction of the Cantlon-Otterness & Viets Funeral Home of Buffalo. Military Honors will be rendered at the graveside. Visitation will be from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Thursday at the Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be made in Chris' honor to AMVETS, 89.1 KWFC radio station, and In Touch Ministries all of which Chris strongly supported.

Cemetery Details

Macedonia Cemetery

Vichy, MO 65580

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **29**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cantlon-Otterness & Viets Funeral Home - Buffalo

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Service

DEC **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Christopher Wayne Hodge

October 09, 2023 at 12:27 PM



“ Christopher Wayne Hodge

October 09, 2023 at 04:09 AM



“ Christopher Wayne Hodge

October 05, 2023 at 11:14 PM



“ Christopher Wayne Hodge

October 05, 2023 at 05:41 PM



“ Every time I find a trail of coffee drips on the hangar floor I'll feel like you came to visit.

Every time I stop at Habitat on my way home I'll be on the lookout for anything that's "Neater than it oughta be"

Every time something breaks I'll always think "Well it used to be new"

Having the opportunity to work alongside you over the years has left a mark on me and taught me to be a better leader, a better father, a better friend, a better husband, and a better friend.

Thank you for everything that I have learned from the example that you have set and the wisdom that you always shared.

Farewell my brother and my friend.

Kevin Bone-Leonard - December 30, 2022 at 12:24 PM

EA

“ *Everyone at Aaron Sachs & Associates purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Christopher Wayne Hodge.*



Everyone at Aaron Sachs & Associates - December 28, 2022
at 05:12 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Christopher Wayne Hodge.*



December 28, 2022 at 01:00 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Christopher Wayne Hodge.*



December 27, 2022 at 09:07 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Christopher Wayne Hodge.*



December 27, 2022 at 12:42 PM

BB

“ Chris was a very kind and humble friend I had the pleasure of working with for while in the Army National Guard. He and his wife opened their home to me for several weekends when I first began drilling in Springfield. What a wonderful friend and family. I had many conversations with him about the Lord and his heavenly home. I look forward to seeing him there.

Bob Behrens

Bob Behrens - December 27, 2022 at 12:27 PM

RH

“ Randy and Debbie Hayes purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Christopher Wayne Hodge.



Randy and Debbie Hayes - December 27, 2022 at 10:45 AM

MB

“ I grew up with Chris and I'll never forget his sweet nature, beautiful smile and his kindness. My condolences to his family.

Mary Foster Brinker - December 23, 2022 at 05:18 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Christopher Wayne Hodge.



December 22, 2022 at 07:05 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Christopher Wayne Hodge.*



December 22, 2022 at 10:51 AM



“ *I have so many wonderful memories of my brother. He always made everyone feel welcome. He had the gift of hospitality. I will miss his humor, his musical talents, and hearing often of his love for Jesus! I am thankful for all of our times together with family and friends. He was a wonderful brother and a superior uncle to my children. He is greatly missed.*

Angela Burns - December 21, 2022 at 04:40 PM