



# Christopher M. Wagner

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**C**hristopher M. Wagner, age 40 of Rehoboth Beach, DE, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, April 13, 2022, surrounded by his loving family, at his home. He was born on December 27, 1981, in Ephrata, PA, son of Marie A. (Szymanski) and the late Gregory L. Wagner.

Chris graduated from Delaware Technical Community College in May of 2017, earning his Associate's degree in nursing. He worked at Beebe Healthcare in the emergency department, where he made countless friends and left an impression on all he encountered.

Chris was an avid fishing and surfing enthusiast. He earned his captain's license and was proud to fish with his family and many friends aboard the Marie Ann. Chris was well known in the Lewes and Rehoboth areas after working in several restaurants, including Heirloom, the Purple Parrot, Blue Moon, Fish On and the Frog Pond.

Chris appreciated the good things in life: love, family, friends, good food and drink. Above all, he cherished time spent with those he held most dear. Chris was a wonderful and dedicated husband, son, brother, uncle, and friend. Loved by many, he will be deeply and genuinely missed by all who knew him.

Chris is survived by his loving wife, Julie Cullen of Rehoboth Beach, DE; his mother, Marie Wagner of Rehoboth Beach, DE; his brother, Nicholas Wagner (Bryana) of Newmanstown, PA; his father in law, Mike Cullen (Cathy Pursell) of Dover, DE; his mother in law, Pam Zickafoose (Tom) of Dover, DE; his brother in law, James M. Cullen, III (Galen) of Magnolia, DE; his sister in law: Olivia Hansen of Dover, DE; his niece, Oakleigh Wagner of Newmanstown, PA; his nephews: Bennett Wagner of Newmanstown, PA, Luke Hansen of Dover, DE and Jamin Cullen of Magnolia, DE; and last but not least, his fur babies: Lola and Bodhi Wagner of Rehoboth Beach, DE.

Per Chris' wishes, the family plans a future celebration of life with the intent of raising money to support the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.



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In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in Chris' memory to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, <https://givenow.lls.org/give/342>.

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.



## Tribute Wall

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Jl

**Jim** posted:

Chris was just four years old or thereabouts when the family bought a vacation home next to ours in Lazy Lake in Milton. Wanda and I moved from there in 1987 to Lewes. The next time we saw Chris was only about 5 to 8 years ago when he saw him working at Fish On in Lewes. We saw him several times after that - always with a smile on his face and a pleasant greeting. What a great guy. I'm sure the family will miss him. A special note of sympathy to Marie - so sad and we will remember Chris in our prayers. Jim and Wanda Berrigan

May 1 at 8:04 PM

JB

**Jen Booth** posted:

Dear Chris, Obviously, you were too good for this earth right now. Your beautiful spirit is required in a better place where your kindness and compassion can serve to guide and to teach us all how to treat each other the way you treated people. I remember the last time I surfed with you down at IRI about a year ago. It was a cold day, and you were bareback, everyone else in full suits. You were out there for hours catching wave after wave. It was beautiful watching you. You said you had to take advantage of every moment. I admired you for your strength and endurance. Rest easy my friend. Condolences to Julie and to all his family and friends.

April 20 at 3:25 AM

CS

**Carl Schloegel** posted:

I first met Chris when he was bartending at the Blue Moon. He will always be remembered as a kind and caring man with an upbeat personality and a wonderful smile. He is now an angel walking among us.

April 19 at 8:39 AM

KE

**Katherine E Eichler** posted:

Chris was one of my favorite patients, I was one of his nurse in the Cancer Center. I enjoyed talking with him about nursing, fishing, working out and his family. He was a fantastic nurse and friend. He will be missed by so many. My deepest sympathies to his family and friends. Rest in Peace by friend. Kathy

April 18 at 6:39 AM



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CM

**Charles Maginn** lit a candle in honor of Christopher.

I did not know Chris very long, but I did not have to in order to realize what a fine young man he was. I spoke with him several times at Indian River Marina where he could be seen on his time away from the ER which is where I first met him. My wife had 2 Emergency Room visits to Bebe and Chris was her attending nurse both times. He was awesome to my wife with his reassuring professional manor and put her at ease during her treatment. I later thanked him at the Marina for being my wife's private nurse. Rest in Peace Chris, you will be missed.



April 17 at 4:19 PM

DM

**David Mushrush** posted:

Chris was one of a kind. I remember a trip we took to the outer banks and Chris drove the CJ down in 40degree weather with just a bikini top. He got there freezing. On the trip a bunch of us decided to take the jeep for a joy ride and see about doing a beach drive. Well we got it stuck. After getting pulled out we drove it home in first gear and thought we broke his jeep. When we pulled up he came out we explained the situation and he laughed at us and told us he rigged it for the four wheel drive and we did not break it. It was classic. But he was one hell of a guy always smiling. I'll miss you brother but I know you'll be watching over all of us.

April 17 at 11:23 AM

RA

**Ray A.** lit a candle in honor of Christopher.

Chris was an awesome dude. No matter how busy the ED was, he always greeted you with a smile and a "how's it going?". Rest easy, sir. We've got it from here.



April 17 at 6:58 AM

DS

**David Spracher** posted:

I would like to extend my condolences to the Wagner Family for your loss.

April 17 at 6:17 AM



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PJ

**Pamela James** posted:

Chris was such a wonderful inspiration to many. Even on his sick bed he gave encouragement. One would have never known that he was sick. I enjoyed our talks when he was my patient. Julie he spoke so highly of you and all the work that you do. Pam James

April 17 at 5:55 AM

TL

**Thomas Lepage** posted:

I did not know Christopher, but am currently a shipmate and good friend of his brother Nick who spoke very highly of him. My condolences to the family, my thoughts and prayers are with them.  
Thomas LePage

April 17 at 4:05 AM

SV

**Sharon Vitella** posted:

What a quality human being! We are so so sorry for your loss. Our prayers and love to all of your family! Dave and Sharon

April 16 at 4:42 PM

LK

**Lori Kline** posted:

Chris's smile could light up a room. I remember his excitement about Julie. I'm so glad that he met the love of his life and was able to experience that love. Chris always had a kind word, a positive way about him, and I know whenever I saw him around it just made me feel warm, and so glad I knew him even just a little bit. I will miss seeing him. He was definitely a special soul. May he Rest In Peace.

April 16 at 2:05 PM

BA

**Barb** posted:

Julie and Family....you are all in our prayers. Chris was a wonderful and kind neighbor for years who would always lend a helping hand and had a beautiful smile! Chris will never be forgotten. Wrapping you all in our hearts. Barb and Tina

April 16 at 12:02 PM



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LR

**Loretta Reed** posted:

I worked with Chris in the ER. Never missed a moment to say Hey to anyone he came in contact with. He treated everyone with respect and kindness. He is sadly missed.

April 16 at 10:28 AM

DR

**Drexel** lit a candle in honor of Christopher.

"deeply and genuinely missed by all who knew him," and will never be forgotten! 🕯️

April 16 at 9:17 AM



BH

**Bryan Hecksher** posted:

Julie and family, you all have my deepest sympathy. Chris was a genuine guy who lit up a room with his presence. He always said hello and treated customers as friends. He will be missed and never forgotten. The world will be a little dimmer with out him in it

April 16 at 8:53 AM

DK

**David Kaplan** posted:

Chris was a great guy. Always had that big smile with welcoming personality. He tackled that dirty C word like a prize fighter. RIP Chris tight lines

April 16 at 5:39 AM

DP

**Doug And Carol Popham** posted:

Our deepest sympathy for your lost of your loved one. Your neighbor across the stree.

April 16 at 4:28 AM

WC

**Walt Clark** posted:

Chris Wagner, what a great guy, you will truly be missed. Your fight and determination to win against cancer are an example to all. I will always cherish my times fishing with you and your Dad. Remember the time we caught more than 50 large stripers in half hour. God bless you and your family. You will not be forgotten but will live long in our hearts.

April 15 at 1:48 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Christopher by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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