



Christopher Gross

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Christopher Gross, known to most as Chris, went to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in the sweet presence of his family at his home in Jonesboro, Arkansas, on June 9, 2025. He was 62 years old.

Chris was born on September 11, 1962, in Columbia, South Carolina, to Johanna Wilder and Marshall Gross, both of whom preceded him in death, along with his cherished stepmother, Peggy Gross. He was also preceded in death by his stepbrothers, Glenn Jackson and Raymond Greer Sr.

He is survived by his loving wife, Christy Gross; his children, Meredith Bowers (Marcus), Tyler Heustess, Sydney Rogers (Justin), Alexa Woods (Robert), and Madison Gross; and his adored grandchildren: Caleb and Emma Bowers, Macelyn and Case Rogers, Mason, Jayson, Jayce, and Landon Woods, and Phoenix Freeman. He also leaves behind his sister, Yenneke Robinson (Stan); a wide circle of nieces, nephews, cousins, great-nieces, and great-nephews; and his four beloved Schnauzers — Big Dave, Professor, Buster, and Dusty "D."

Chris lived a life of deep service and fierce devotion. After graduating high school, he joined the U.S. Army as an 11B 1P infantryman, proudly serving his

country for four years and traveling to numerous countries. In 1993, he followed his calling into healthcare, becoming a registered nurse. The emergency room was where his heart thrived. Over the years, he worked in several hospitals including St. Bernards, Crittenden Memorial, Forrest City Medical Center, and CrossRidge Community Hospital. In 2016, he became a nurse practitioner, but in 2020, he returned to his roots as an RN — continuing to care for others with humility, heart, and an unwavering work ethic.

Chris often referred to himself as a slave of Christ, and everything in his life pointed back to his faith. In 2002, he surrendered his life to Jesus Christ, and nothing was ever the same. He served on mission trips to Ecuador and devoted his days to walking in truth and love. He found his spiritual home at Twelve 5 Church in Jonesboro, where he was embraced as both family and servant. His faith wasn't just a belief — it was how he lived, how he loved, and how he led.

He was a lifelong history buff who could get lost in books for hours and loved diving into the past to better understand the present. His happy place was Orange Beach, Alabama, surrounded by sunshine, ocean waves, and the people he loved most. He was also a man who came alive during the Christmas season — not because of the lights or the presents, but because of the joy in giving and the true meaning behind it all.

Chris Gross was the kind of man whose impact can't be captured in a single page. He was a soldier, a nurse, a husband, a father, a grandfather, a brother, a friend, a reader, a giver, and a true servant at heart. He gave endlessly, loved fiercely, and made everyone around him feel seen. He fought the good fight, he kept the faith, and he finished his race well.

His legacy will live on in every life he touched, every story we share, and every holiday where giving takes center stage. He was, and always will be,

deeply loved.

In lieu of flowers, the family invites donations to Twelve 5 Church, 411 West Washington Ave., Jonesboro, AR 72401.

“End? No, the journey doesn’t end here. Death is just another path, one that we all must take.”

— Gandalf, The Return of the King.

Services will be held at the Twelve 5 Church, in Jonesboro, Arkansas, 11:00 A.M., Thursday, with burial in Forrest Park Cemetery, Forrest City, Arkansas. Visitation will be 10:00 A.M., until the time of the service. Stevens Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. You may log on to stevensfuneralhome.net for the online registry.

Cemetery Details

Forrest Park

Hwy 1 South
Forrest City, AR

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Twelve 5 Church
411 West Washington Ave.
Suite A
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Funeral Service

JUN 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Interment

JUN 12 (CT)

Forrest Park
Hwy 1 South
Forrest City, AR

Tribute Wall

DJ

“ I am so sad! I just found out about Chris! I met him through Christy and thought what a beautiful couple. He cooked the best steaks . Bill and I had planned on going to Jonesboro and attend church with them. I didn't know he was sick . But one thing I do know is I will see him again! Love you Christy!

Dora Flanagin Jones - June 16, 2025 at 03:09 PM

AC

“ Angela Crippen lit a candle in memory of Christopher Gross



Angela Crippen - June 15, 2025 at 11:37 PM

RS

“ sorry to hear of the passing of Chris. Prayers for the family.

Rickey Stutts and Lisa Stutts - June 15, 2025 at 04:33 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Christopher Gross.



June 12, 2025 at 10:50 AM



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

June 12, 2025 at 10:50 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Christopher Gross.



June 11, 2025 at 01:14 PM



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

June 11, 2025 at 01:14 PM



“ Lois & Taylor! purchased the Simply Elegant Spatiphyllum for the family of Christopher Gross.



Lois & Taylor! - June 11, 2025 at 11:36 AM

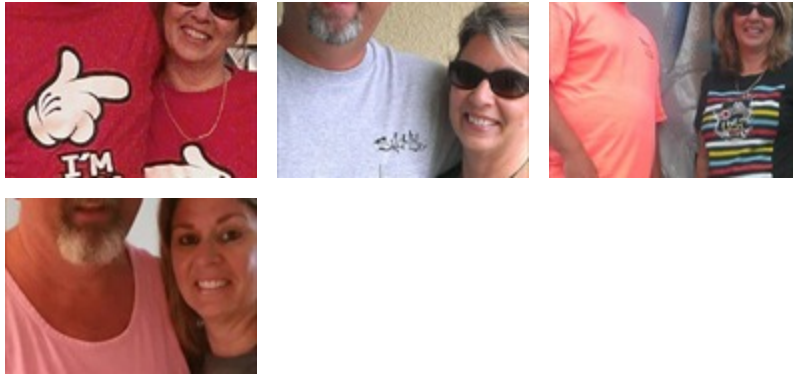


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Lois & Taylor! - June 11, 2025 at 11:36 AM

WS

“ Chris was our Superman for GOD. I loved him dearly. Christy. Chris and I sure shared many laughs at Crittenden hospital 25 yrs. Ago. Chris was the go to nurse, doctor, and friend whenever u had a question or problem. We love u Christy and Chris for always and I'll never forget about your love towards other people who u wanted to help so much. God reached down to pull Chris up close to him , for our God gained another angel to help pour out the rain. Heaven is where u r Chris and I wished like crazy they had a direction phone line to Heaven so we could talk. God be with the family as their heart is broken. I love u!



Wanda Smith - June 11, 2025 at 10:59 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Christopher Gross.



June 11, 2025 at 09:07 AM



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

June 11, 2025 at 09:07 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Christopher Gross.



June 11, 2025 at 08:55 AM



“ Fam. Grootegoed purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Christopher Gross.



Fam. Grootegoed - June 11, 2025 at 04:45 AM



“ Christy and family I am so sorry for your loss. Chris ministered to me and my family, medically, spiritually and emotionally ever since we met him at Emmanuel Baptist Church. He was a soldier of Christ and a Patriot. I will miss him. The world is a lessor place without him and heaven a better one. Much love and prayers to you all.



Cynthia Couchman Gaines - June 10, 2025 at 11:19 PM

JR

“ Chris as has been my father in law/ dad for the past 18 years , half my life! We stood toe to toe in the first couple years and ever since he has respected me and treated me like a son should be treated. I will forever cherish the times that we spent together during his beach vacations and holidays and being showed how a god fearing man is supposed to treat and care for his wife , his children , and everyone else that we meet ! His genes are very strong being passed down through his daughters and their children. Caring, a supper sweat tooth and a fierce love for steaks and no sides!! I will always remember the random calls asking about why his Christmas lights or plugs weren't working and talking him through how to fix the problem . He is a huge part of why I am learning to walk like Jesus, learn scripture and be a loving person . I know that he has had just as big of impact on anyone he meet during his life.

justin rogers - June 10, 2025 at 04:30 PM

WS

“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



Wanda Smith - June 10, 2025 at 03:43 PM

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Wanda Smith - June 10, 2025 at 03:27 PM

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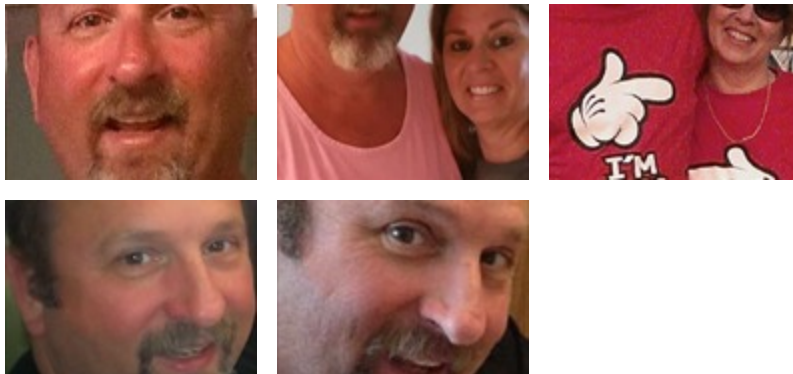
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Wanda Smith - June 10, 2025 at 03:24 PM

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Wanda Smith - June 10, 2025 at 03:23 PM

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“ Chris was a Superman of Christ to me. I looked at him like he can do anything. He was a friend of mine for 25 yrs. Christy and Chris are
My happiness knowing they're my friends. I'm in a state of deep hurt over this wonderful man. He was also my doctor for many years. Christy, if u need me just call upon me, I love u! Oh my goodness, I cannot believe what I'm reading. I do know without a shadow of doubt, OUR CHRIS IS IN HEAVEN AFTER OUR BIG GOD Reached DOWN TO PULL HIM UP close towards him. There's no doubt, but GOD GAINED ANOTHER ANGEL TO HELP HIM POUR OUT THE RAIN. I'll see u again Chris someday. Oh what a rejoicing that will be. Until then I'll be praying somehow or someway someone could make a phone line to heaven so all of us could talk to you.
May many angels surround Chris's loved ones to give them much peace and comfort. Warmly, Cheryl and wanda

Wanda Smith - June 10, 2025 at 03:20 PM

WS

We love u Chris and Christy so much. This doesn't seem real but it is. God is with u both every step u make. Missing u like crazy.

Wanda Smith - June 11, 2025 at 11:03 AM

J(

“ Johnny and Andrea Clark (AirWorks) purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Christopher Gross.



Johnny and Andrea Clark (AirWorks) - June 10, 2025 at 02:48 PM