



Christopher L. Longfellow

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LONGFELLOW, Christopher L., age 53, of Lebanon and formerly of Ravenswood, WV, passed away Sunday, August 10, 2025, at the Atrium Medical Center.

Chris graduated from Ravenswood High School, class of 1989, where he was a member of the Chamber Singers (Show Choir). Upon graduation, he honorably served in the United States Air Force, serving a tour in Kuwait, during Desert Storm. After discharge, he continued to serve his community as a 911 dispatcher for Greene Central from 1997 to 2000 as well as a volunteer with Xenia Township Fire Department. He then decided he could serve his community more, by moving to the other side of the radio.

For the past 25 years, he has served as a Patrol Deputy for the Greene County Sheriff's Office. During his years of dedicated service, Chris was part of the Drone Team for GCSO and was responsible for the partnership between The Dairy Station in Xenia and the sheriff department's Cops with Cones program. With a passion toward helping others, Chris was instrumental in relocating the Air Force Junior ROTC (AFJROTC) Open Drill Championship to Dayton, and helped develop the Lebanon Show Choir Classic for high school show choir competitions. He was also a member of the Lebanon VFW Post #6069 and Lebanon Elks Lodge #422.

Chris had a service-minded personality with an old fashioned soul. Family-oriented, loving, chivalrous, outgoing, and everyone's friend, Chris always put everyone before himself. He loved to sing, a passion he developed back in his show choir days during high school. Growing up in West Virginia, he was a lifelong WV Mountaineers fan. Somewhat spontaneously, Chris invited his son to join him for the Backyard Brawl between his beloved Mountaineers and their arch rival the Pitt Panthers; a three day trip with 50 yard line seats, which ultimately became one of their favorite memories together. In addition to the Mountaineers, he was a huge Cubs fan, which became a family passion passed down from his grandmother. In addition to spending his 40th birthday taking in the action at Wrigley Field, his daughter won an incredible trip awarded by American Airlines, complete with an all-access pass to Wrigley Field for her and her dad to enjoy



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together. The award granted them to be on the field, run the bases and catch fly balls, touch the famous ivy lining the outfield, and meet a couple of Chris's favorite players - Steve Trout and Ryne Sandberg.

Always adventurous, Chris and his wife loved to go "Jeepin" together, usually with the doors and top off. Often without a planned destination, they would head out in the Jeep via the back roads, off-grid of cell connections, letting the destination develop as they drove, and almost always finding the best hole-in-the-wall diners along the way. Chris and Kris started dating when they were 14 years old, always finding ways to continue having dates regardless of life's circumstances and age. Chris loved music, which was always playing in the house, often resulting in Chris dancing with his wife in the kitchen, a tradition that exhibited the romantic side he had for her since they first started dating. When they weren't dancing in the kitchen and "Jeepin" the roads less traveled, Chris and Kris were usually enjoying "patio therapy" at Broadway Barrel House in Lebanon. In regards to how much Chris loved Kris, their relationship was often quoted, "There was no Kris without Chris!"

Always family-oriented, and a great family tradition, the Longfellow Clan would drive back to West Virginia to visit family and high school friends. The long drives would usually include a five-part harmony with them all singing together, although Chris's youngest daughter has suggested that it was more like a 4.5 harmony, due to her singing in the key of Tara & not always hitting the right notes. Among many things, Chris will be remembered for his infectious giggle, his love of telling corny dad jokes, and the unique call sign given to him by his Sheriff's Office shiftmates, "Wee Woo!"

He will also be remembered for the influence and leadership he had on people. Chris started the Challenge Coin program at the Sheriff's office, which led to networking with other police and fire departments around the country and even the World. Starting as a military tradition, Chris wanted to share this with his police brothers and sisters. Trading has allowed him to obtain uniquely related coins and even patches from other departments when coins were not available. However, he will be remembered most for the love and care he had for his wife, children, grandchildren, and his community. Of course, he would not want anyone to forget that he was also proud of his granddogs, Zuko and Captain.

Chris was preceded in death by his dad, Jim Arnold; grandparents, Frederick Hughes and Mac and Margaret Arnold; and his mother-in-law, Pat Banfield. He is survived by his wife of nearly 35



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years, Kristin “Kris”; three children, Patrik (Kaylin) Longfellow, Taylor (Kyle) Busey, and Tara Longfellow (Sean Vester); two grandchildren, Riley and Sammy; his mother, Patricia Ann (Richard) Weaver; his grandmother, Maxine Hughes; and his father-in-law, Lloyd Banfield.

The family will receive friends from 4 - 8 PM on Monday, August 18 at the Lighthouse Baptist Church in Xenia. The funeral service will be held at 11 AM on Tuesday at the church, followed by a procession and committal service at the Lebanon Cemetery.

Stubbs-Conner Funeral Home in Waynesville is serving the family. If desired, contributions may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s Research, <https://give.michaeljfox.org/>; The Blue Line Foundation, <https://thebluelinefoundation.org/>; and/or The Shield Ohio, <https://theshieldohio.com/>. Condolences to the family may be made at www.stubbsconner.com.






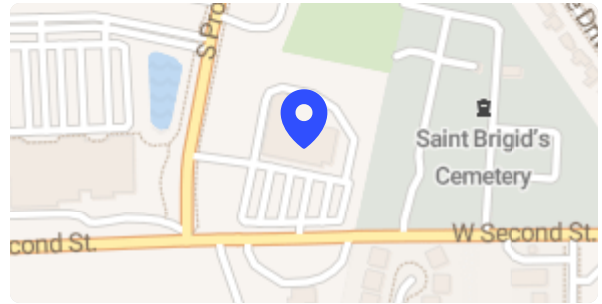
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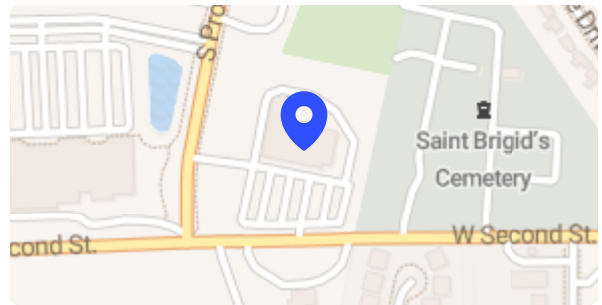
Visitation

-  **Monday**, August 18, 2025
-  4:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET
-  **Lighthouse Baptist Church**
2040 West Second Street, Xenia OH 45385




Funeral Service

-  **Tuesday**, August 19, 2025
-  11:00 AM ET
-  **Lighthouse Baptist Church**
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Cemetery Details

-  **Lebanon Cemetery**
Lebanon OH 45036





Tribute Wall

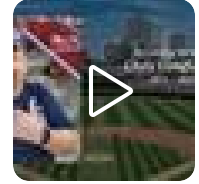
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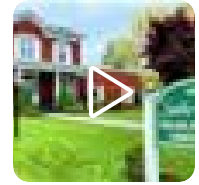
Stubbs-Conner Funeral Home shared a **Video**.

August 17 at 8:33 PM



Stubbs-Conner Funeral Home shared a **Webcast Video**.

August 19 at 7:08 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Longfellow family.

August 18 at 10:13 AM



Gregory Connett planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Christopher.

August 17 at 1:32 PM



John Galbraith posted:

Chris and I met when we were both serving in the Air Force and even though there were huge expanses of time that we didn't see each other or even talk, i will always think of him as a brother. By chance, we met at Disney, and he gave me one of his coins, I will cherish that coin and our friendship until we meet again in Valhalla. Kris, if there is anything I can do, please reach out. I love you all!John Galbraith

August 17 at 2:36 AM



The Mullins Family sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Longfellow family.

August 16 at 8:54 AM





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Your Inx Lebanon Family sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Longfellow family.

August 15 at 4:42 AM



Your Inx Lebanon Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Christopher.

August 15 at 4:42 AM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Longfellow family.

August 15 at 4:19 AM



Chanel D. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Christopher.

August 14 at 9:11 AM



From Oshp Xenia Post 29 With Love. sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Longfellow family.

August 14 at 7:24 AM



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CZ

Christina Zullo sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Longfellow family.

August 13 at 8:08 PM



CZ

Christina Zullo planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Christopher.

August 13 at 8:08 PM



DT

Doreen Goodman-Thomas posted:

Chris was under my Command when he worked in the Corrections Division of the GCSO. I found him to be very intelligent, caring, as well as he had great ideas for improving different areas of the Adult Detention Center. I have always seen a smile on his face when I would run into him out on Patrol, an event, or at the Main Office of GCSO. A big loss to his Family & Community. Prayers to the Family. Doreen Goodman-Thomas

August 13 at 7:13 AM

BB

Bettina Boggs posted:

Chris has been in our family for 40 years. I thought losing our mom 2 years ago would be hard but losing a brother is just as hard. If you knew either of them they had to be 1st and I guess they were. I can not remember a time when Chris wasn't there in person or video chat. The best big brother God created, he also called home...much too early. I love you Tophy

August 12 at 2:12 PM



Media

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



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