



## Mr. Christian E. Murray

May 11, 1958 - January 24, 2019

Chris Murray led a very full and productive life, with some fun along the way, raising a family in both Baltimore, Florida and Ascot, England, working around the world and building a very large and loyal group of friends.

Chris was born on May 11, 1958, in Baltimore and grew up in the Woodbrook area of Ruxton. Chris peacefully passed this last Thursday, January 24 with family at his side from complications of ALS.

Chris graduated from Boys Latin School in 1978, and Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff Arizona in 1983, majoring in Business Administration and Marketing. Chris met his future bride and loving wife Nila at Northern Arizona University, the two being married in 1983 in Paradise Valley, Arizona. Chris is survived by Nila, and two sons, Robert and Ian as well as a sister Francie Keenan (John) and brother Andy Murray (Kikko), both of Baltimore.

Chris at a young age attended a wilderness canoeing camp in Algonquin Park, Ontario, Canada. This exposure to the Great Canadian Shield led to a lifelong love for wilderness canoeing and the lake country of Canada. Chris organized multiple canoe trips during his working years, to such remote locations as the Seal River in Hudson Bay and the Nahanni National Park in the Northwest Territories of Canada as well as multiple trips back to Algonquin Park. In addition, Chris and Nila in 2006 purchased a cottage on Weslemkoon

Lake in Ontario where they spent wonderful time in the summers and entertained many friends who made the trip north.

Chris's career began at Black and Decker where over a twenty-five year span he worked in various management positions in the United States as well as Europe and Latin America. From 2000 to 2003 Chris was Vice President for Europe, Middle East and Africa for the professional tools, accessories and service group of Black and Decker, based in Ascot England. Over his long career with Black and Decker and later Electrolux and Lutron, Chris worked in 44 countries around the world, including significant time building supply train capabilities in China for Black and Decker.

The last six years of Chris's life, he worked with his long-time friend Bill Blake to build a JetRock flooring business based the White Marsh area of Baltimore.

Chris was member of Grace Methodist Church, 5407 North Charles Street in Baltimore where a memorial service will be held on February 12 at 10:00 am.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to:

ALS Clinical Care & Education Fund

c/o Johns Hopkins ALS Clinic – Lora L. Clawson, MSN, CRNP

JHOPC – 5th floor Neurology – Suite 5070A

601 North Caroline Street

Baltimore, MD 21287

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

FEB 12. 10:00 AM (ET)

Grace United Methodist Church  
5407 N. Charles Street  
Baltimore, MD 21210

# Tribute Wall

DA

“ Chris was a person who occupied a very special place in our lives for far too short a time Our memories of sharing Canadian Thanksgivings, long hikes in the woods, ATV rides in the Wilds of Weslemkoon Lake area will live on with us. To participate in the Murray family and their life adventure has truly been an honour and look forward to continuing this amazing experience. Chris" legacy lives on in our hearts and we send our condolences to his family. Dave and Roz Biernaskie .

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**davidBiernaskie** - February 12, 2019 at 10:09 AM

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“ I worked with and even for Chris. What a wonderful man. We worked hard and played hard all those many years ago. Chris taught me a lot and led by example. Even when I didn't deserve it! God bless you and your entire family.



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**Bob Heisner** - February 11, 2019 at 05:28 AM

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**john howson** - February 08, 2019 at 11:04 AM

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Guth

“ *I was so fortunate to grow up on Murray Hill surrounded by the wonderful Murray family.*

*Chris was a great childhood friend and full of fun.*

*I also loved watching Chris and Nila fall in love in college. I remember their nice hospitality when visiting them on my college tour out west. Such a great couple!*

*Chris would like to remind me in the old days that he saved my life once-- and he just may have! When I was a teen or college age I was crossing a busy street with him --and while busy talking I started to walk out too soon. With great reflexes, Chris pulled me back onto the curb.*

*What truly stands out in my memories is Chris's perfect laughter. So joyful and unique. I will always think of Chris laughing*

*Thank you, dear Chris.*

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**Julia Guth** - January 31, 2019 at 06:40 PM