



Mr. David Wayde Chrismer

September 22, 1945 - June 8, 2025

On June 8, 2025, David Wayde Chrismer, beloved husband of Margaret Chrismer (nee Wright), devoted father of Paul Francis Chrismer and his wife Marilyn and Nancy Chrismer Duke, dear brother of James E. Chrismer, Stephen P. Chrismer, John Brady Chrismer, Anna Chrismer Housman and the late Michael P. Chrismer, loving grandfather of Andrew C. Duke and Meredith M. Duke.

David was born on September 22, 1945, the third child of Wayde and Katie Chrismer. He had an incredibly happy childhood living in Bel Air. In grade school he attended St. Margaret parochial school and was a member of the St. Margaret parish. As one of six kids in the family, he quickly learned to get along with people.

After graduating from Calvert Hall College H.S. and Loyola College, David settled in Baltimore, and began a 43-year career in teaching. His first and last years in teaching were in Baltimore County public schools, sandwiched between 41 years in the Baltimore City public schools. Over the years, the subjects he taught included Pre-Algebra, Algebra, Algebra II and Geometry. He taught at Rock Glen Jr. High for five years, before beginning a nearly two decade tenure at Fallstaff Middle School. For nearly a decade, he taught underclass courses at Baltimore Polytechnic Institute.

The love of his life was his wife Maggie, a feisty, funny and witty redheaded nurse. He proposed to Margaret Wright after Midnight Mass on Christmas 1969 and they were wed on August 22, 1970 at Maggie's home parish, St. Anthony in Gardenville. David and Maggie had two children, Paul Francis (born 1975) and Nancy Elizabeth (born 1977). The Chrismer's lived in Rodgers Forge and favorite family memories included holiday gatherings, summer vacations including a week in Ocean City each July, educational day trips, many summer days spent at local community pools, Orioles games and hundreds of school and church events over the many years.

Beyond the love of family and friends, other loves and passions included Irish culture, aviation, World War II, Baltimore history and culture, traveling (most notably three trips to Ireland and a dozen cruises), rooting for the hometown professional teams (Orioles and Ravens), Notre Dame football, Mount St. Mary's basketball, Calvert Hall athletics, and following the sport of lacrosse.

David was first diagnosed with a rare head and neck cancer in 2007 and had three separate cancer occurrences over 15 years. Each time facing cancer, he bravely fought through his illnesses and the side effects of treatment. And he enthusiastically rang the bell following his cancer treatments three times. Over these years, David was blessed to receive the care of smart, talented and compassionate doctors, nurses and medical professionals at Johns Hopkins Hospital. In the years following his first diagnosis, David experienced many wonderful moments. In 2013, his son Paul married Marilyn Camacho, a beautiful Cuban girl from New York. He also saw the births of his grandson Andy and his granddaughter Meredith, and seeing them grow up to become smart, talented and lovely young adults gave him an immense amount of joy.

David's perspective in life was enhanced by his incredible faith. David was a practicing Roman Catholic his entire life. From years as an altar server at St. Margaret's, 18 years of Catholic education, marrying in the Church and raising

two children in the Catholic faith, visiting almost every church in the Baltimore archdiocese, attending services at the National Basilica at Catholic University and the Sacred Heart Basilica at Notre Dame, visiting St. Patrick's cathedral in Manhattan, dozens of visits to the Seton Shrine and the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes in Emmitsburg, and even a pilgrimage to the Vatican, his faith in Jesus and connection to the Catholic church sustained him in even the worst days. Our family would like to thank Fr. Sam Young for visiting him in hospice and extending an Anointing of the Sick blessing the day before he passed away.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Calvert Hall College High School, 8102 LaSalle Road, Towson, Maryland 21286

Cemetery Details

Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens

200 E. Padonia Road
Timonium, MD 21093
<http://www.dulaneyvalley.com>

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

JUN 14. 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Church
101 Church Lane
Cockeysville, MD 21030

Tribute Wall

TK

“ My name is Ted Kakavas. I was a student of Mr. Chrimer for 5 years. I offer my sincere condolences to the Chrimer family for my teacher, friend, and mentor Mr. Chrimer from Falstaff Middle School. He guided me in a time where today I would have been labeled autistic or even worse. Without him, I would be in a vastly different place. May he rest in peace and may his memory be eternal!

Ted Kakavas - September 16, 2025 at 08:40 PM

JC

“ As my father, F. Wayde Chrimer, used to say, David was his Number 3 son. I am Number 2. Mike, the first son, died in 2024. Steve, Brady, and Anna (the girl, kiddingly nicknamed “Quits”) followed in order.

A firm belief among us siblings was that we were all incredibly blessed from the moment we were born. Our parents, Catherine Nora (Jordan) Chrimer and Francis Wayde Chrimer, took us to Mass every Sunday, oversaw our receipt of the first three sacraments, worked hard to enable us to attend Catholic Schools, and showered us with the love we learned to demonstrate to our own children. In short, they modeled the joys of family.

David was an exemplar of these blessings. As the two siblings closest in age, we shared numerous common experiences and interests, carried on lengthy conversations, commiserated about difficulties, and reveled in mutual successes and those of our children.

Farewell, dear David, “Jimbo” is going to miss you terribly. Put in good words for all of us as we will continue to pray for you. “San Juan Bautista de LaSalle. Vive a Jesús en nuestros corazones, para siempre.”

Jim Chrimer - June 13, 2025 at 04:57 PM

BC

“ Dear David,

I am following my "favorite" son's example by writing this note to you because I know that you are present and will always be with Maggie, Paul and Marilyn, Nancy, your beloved grandchildren, and your entire family.

I am saying "ditto" to every part of Johnny's message to you, Uncle David! I had the good fortune to meet you before you married Maggie. It was so much fun enjoying lots of laughs and always seeing big smiles on your face and love in your eyes when you spoke about this wonderful girl that you were going to marry...Maggie. How lucky you have been to have kept that "love and look in your eye" all of these years, David! The "icing on your cake" has been two beautiful (inside and out) children, Paul and Nancy! You have no worries in that you know how devoted they are to their Mom. They both are already living up to your legacy to them in being kind, generous, responsible, caring and fun loving adults who will forever love both of their parents.

As I said the other day when I was with your family in the hospital, I am certain that your parents, brother Mike and, of course, my Jane, have all been welcoming you with open arms and lots of hugs! Your "presence" among us will always be missed, but the memories we keep will always be treasured.

Rest in peace, dear friend...

*Love,
Boo*

Boo Chrismer - June 12, 2025 at 11:44 AM

JC

“ Dear Uncle David,
It's your 'favorite' nephew Johnny Chrismer. I've decided to mix it up by writing this message to you! Physically, I am writing this note on a website. Reflecting in my thoughts, I believe and feel you're here, sitting right next to me listening.

I want to thank you for caring and loving me. Throughout my life, near or far, you always knew what I was up to, as a player, a coach, and now a father. I aspire to have the same characteristics you shared with me every-time we were present together. Love of family, love of sports, kindness, caring for others, being the best version of yourself, and leading by example to name a few!

*I promise to keep you close to my heart, my mind, and carry on a legacy. Until next time, my man!
I love you,
Johnny*

John B Chrismer - June 11, 2025 at 12:04 PM

RH

“ Calvert Hall College Class of 1963 regrets the passing of our devoted classmate, David Chrismer.
Rest on peace.
Dick Hilgartner

Richard B Hilgartner - June 10, 2025 at 08:42 AM

RH

“Maggie, Nancy and Paul:
Sincerest regrets for losing David.
He has long been a neighbor, fellow parent I, loyal classmate, fellow traveler, and good friend.
He will be missed.
Rest in peace!
Dick Hilgartner

Richard B Hilgartner - June 10, 2025 at 08:39 AM

DC

“Dave and I went to HS and College together and were in many of the same classes because our last name started with “C”. He was always an outstanding student and to my knowledge never bent the rules. He helped me get interested in the school newspapers which he was editor-in- chief and was tolerant of my writing or lack thereof. My most loving memory of Dave was when he dubbed me in the sports column, “Casual Conneen”. See, I played on the tennis teams and would enjoy chatting, not trash, with my opponent as I usually won.
Gods bless you Dave and Maggie!
Drew “casual” Conneen

Drew Conneen - June 09, 2025 at 09:52 PM

AM

“David, a real sport enthusiast, always spoke with me for years about CHC and related teams and my family’s activities. One of the REAL NICE GUYS in the 63 class. I will miss him. RIP
Art St Martin

Art St Martin - June 09, 2025 at 07:57 PM