



Kurt Christopher Knapek

May 26, 1970 - January 12, 2022

Kurt Christopher Knapek, 51, embraced by the love of his precious friends and family, left this world for a greater place where he is fully healed.

A native of Beaver, Pennsylvania, Kurt graduated from Penn State in 1992 with a Bachelor's in Communication and Journalism. After moving to various places around the country gaining experience; Kurt moved to South Carolina in 2006. There he joined The Sun News as a reporter and later became the Online Media General Manager. Kurt's most recent career was as Vice President of Operations and Digital Media with The Post and Courier, a publishing company, from January 2013 to June 2021.

Outside of work, Kurt was a hands-on father. He loved supporting his three sons in their many school activities. Kurt was a loving and devoted husband who often referred to his wife as, "my smokin' hot wife." He enjoyed yard sales, playing Pokémon, relaxing to music, and daily walks.

Kurt left a lasting impression on anyone who had the privilege to know him. He spread joy through his infectious laughter and kindness. He was loyal and protective of those he loved. He was generous to everyone. Kurt Knapek's legacy is forever embedded in his ability to live and love big.

Survivors include: his wife, Chanda Juetta Knapek of Summerville; son, Kyle Zachary Knapek of Summerville; stepsons: Tristan Timothy Pye of Summerville and Trevor Chandler Pye of Summerville; sister, Erica Ann Knapek of Beaver, PA; and nephew, Jacob Harlin Arnold (Jake) of Beaver, PA. He was predeceased by his parents, Ernest Eugene and Dorothy Joan Dougan Knapek.

Family and friends are invited to attend his visitation on Sunday, January 16, 2022 from 6 o'clock to 8 o'clock at James A. Dyal Funeral Home. A funeral service will be held on Monday, January 17, 2022 at 1 o'clock at Riverbluff Church, 5421 River Bluff Pkwy, North Charleston, SC 29420.

Flowers will be accepted.

A memorial message may be written to the family by visiting our website at www.jamesadyal.com.

ARRANGEMENTS BY JAMES A. DYAL FUNERAL HOME, 303 SOUTH MAIN STREET,
SUMMERSVILLE, SC 29483 (843)873-4040.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 16. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

James A. Dyal Funeral Home
303 S. Main Street
Summerville, SC 29483
(843) 873-4040
<https://www.jamesadyal.com>

Service

JAN 17. 1:00 PM (ET)

Riverbluff Church
5421 Riverbluff Pkwy
North Charleston, SC 29420
(843) 266-6328

Tribute Wall



“ Kurt Christopher Knapek

September 29, 2022 at 10:11 AM



“ Kurt was an incredible human with such a bright light that he shared with everyone who was ever around him. He was such a great boss and impacted me very much in the short time we shared as coworkers. I will always remember his kindness.

Ali Arazie - January 17, 2022 at 01:12 PM



“ I was lucky enough to meet Kurt through a mutual friend via Facebook. It's odd to meet your families cousin that way but I am only grateful for the fact that I met him at all! Kurt and Kyle visited us the times and spent special family time together in Florida and he was as much a part of our family as anyone. Family that is created by choice and love is the best family ever! I already miss his sense of humor and quick wit and feel honored that I was able to witness the love shared in his home as he was entering transition. I will never forget him gently stroking Kyle's hair and holding Chanda's hand with love flowing everywhere! I'm so grateful I was able to say goodbye to my friend and my girls' cousin and know that he will be watching over this beautiful family and my girls. Blessings and loving prayers to Chanda, Kyle and her boys. We will always be here for you with the family love!

Marie Gimbrone - January 17, 2022 at 12:39 PM



“ Kurt and I worked together at The Post and Courier and shared a lot of laughs through those years, often sparked by choice movie quotes of which he had plenty. We were in separate departments at the newspaper and that was probably best because he was a Steelers fan and I was one to regularly convey my post game analysis on Tom Brady's ability to read defenses. Kurt was a hockey fan too so we'd gather for Stingrays games where we'd let our kids eat whatever they wanted and behave at will. With an infectious grin, Kurt was one who enjoyed a good sarcastic exchange. He was a friend, a colleague, and by all measures a great dad. Kurt will be missed. Mark Gallagher - Charleston SC

Mark Gallagher - January 17, 2022 at 11:10 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Kurt Christopher Knapek.*



January 16, 2022 at 01:51 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kurt Christopher Knapek.*



January 15, 2022 at 10:25 PM

MS

“ *Much Love, Chip and Ashlie Sanders purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Kurt Christopher Knapek.*



Much Love, Chip and Ashlie Sanders - January 15, 2022 at 05:43 PM



“ *Bountiful Rose Basket was purchased for the family of Kurt Christopher Knapek.*



January 15, 2022 at 02:41 PM

MB

“ *Kurt was a wonderful friend. He was the best listener and so easy to talk to. I will miss our long conversations. I loved his humor! When my daughter was in high school, he thought it would be hilarious to go with me to a parent meeting and pretend to be her dad and embarrass her. You should have seen the look on her face when he walked in with me. Did he ever show you how to eat a chicken wing?? If not, you missed out! I'm so grateful to have a video of his chicken wing eating skills. He lived life to it's fullest! He will be missed, dearly. I will keep his family in my prayers.*
With love, Mel, Shelby, and Jonah Buck

Melanie Buck - January 15, 2022 at 05:32 AM

HL

Although I didn't know Kurt Long, I could tell he was a genuine person. He really impressed me by the way he loved his family. RIP Kurt

Harry Long - January 16, 2022 at 09:26 AM

SS

From the day my husband and I moved next door to the Knapek's in Beaver, Pennsylvania we knew we were lucky to have such special neighbors. Kurt was 12 years old and Erica was 10. They embraced our young family as their own. We always kept in touch with Ernie and door even after we moved out of state. I was thrilled when I reconnected with Kurt on Facebook and have followed his wonderful life with Kyle, Chanda, and her sons. We were truly blessed as a family to know Kurt, his sister Erica, and his mom and dad Ernie and Dot. Kurt will be truly missed.

Sue Scullion - January 16, 2022 at 03:43 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kurt Christopher Knapek.



January 14, 2022 at 09:32 PM

SK

“ Chandra and family, I'm sorry for your loss. Even though we started off on the wrong foot at The Sun News we became friends. He will always be remembered as a hilarious person in my mind. Always had me laughing.

Sue kersey - January 14, 2022 at 08:32 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kurt Christopher Knapek.



January 14, 2022 at 07:44 PM

RP

“ Mr. Kurt was always so kind. I remember on Halloween many many years ago he used to chase me and Kenzie around with a chainsaw and i was always so scared but it always made the night more fun. I'm sending my love to the whole family. Please let me know if you guys need anything. Much love, Riley. ❤️

riley platt - January 14, 2022 at 05:42 PM

CM

“ I just can't believe you're gone, Kurt. I will remember you fondly. Your amazing laugh and smile, fun game nights, our road trip to Hilton Head, cookouts..it's been a long time since I've seen you. But I was keeping up with your journey and really thought if anyone could beat this...if ANYONE could beat this, it would have been you. I will say that the one thing that brings a smile to my face is that you and Mandy are reunited again. Man, what a great reunion that must have been. You guys behave up there and have all the fun. Your family is in my thoughts and your memory will live on, always, my friend. #cancersucks

Carissa Moreno - January 14, 2022 at 05:16 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kurt Christopher Knapek.



January 14, 2022 at 04:57 PM

GI

“ It has been through FB that I have form a picture in my mind's eye of Kurt. I "see" him as a very caring and compassionate family-man, who has shown himself to empress his Cancer in ways that not many could. And in doing so, has left a lasting impression on many.
R.I.P., Kurt

Gloria Infinger - January 14, 2022 at 03:48 PM

JR

“ Kurt was truly a one-of-a-kind man. His sense of humor will forever be remembered by his friends. We truly lost a great man in Kurt. My prayer is that his family is comforted by the many lives Kurt touched while he was with us... and he's laughing now in Heaven because I used the word "touched."

Jay Rodriguez - January 14, 2022 at 03:31 PM