



Christopher James Wesolek

March 2, 1983 - May 25, 2015

Christopher James Wesolek, age 32, passed away on Monday, May 25, 2015 in Glendive, Montana. Visitation will be held from 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. on Friday, June 5, 2015 at the Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. A Funeral Service will be 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, June 6, 2015 at the Glendive Alliance Church with Pastor Matt Hull officiating. Interment will follow at the Grandview Cemetery in Intake. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Christopher James Wesolek was born on March 2, 1983 to James and Rita (Zietz) Wesolek, in Saginaw, Michigan. He is survived by his wife, Nichole (Rice) Wesolek, his parents James and Rita, his younger brother Brian Wesolek and sister-in-law, Jessica, and his grandmother, Vera (Veitengruber) Zietz. He is also survived by many loving aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Chris was an amazing man, but a stubborn one at that! Although, he would never truly admit it! To prove his stubbornness from the start, he decided he just wasn't staying in the womb any longer, being born into this world one month premature! He grew up as an energetic child who enjoyed playing with Tonka trucks and tinkering with anything and everything. Brian was his best friend, and still is. He loved the great outdoors, their family spending nearly every weekend at their cottage on Crooked Lake in Lake, MI. As he grew older, Chris developed a love for all things masculine, becoming an avid hunter and man of the wild. He also spent much of his time fishing. He worked alongside Jim in the electrical business, learning valuable skills that he would use through the remainder of his life. His father's teachings laid a foundation that helped shape Chris into the man he truly was. He attended Bethlehem Lutheran School and Valley Lutheran High School in Saginaw. After graduating in 2001, Chris received his Associate of Science degree at Delta College, then went on to Lake Superior State College in Sault Saint Marie, MI, earning his Bachelor of Science Degree in Fish & Wildlife Management in 2007. While there, he also worked at the LSSU Aquatic Research Laboratory & Fish Hatchery. He was called on and counted on for many things, as he was very trustworthy and had a superior work ethic. A couple months after graduation, Chris ventured to Logan, Utah to work with

a Sage Grouse Project for the University of Utah. He spent one and a half years there and then moved back to Saginaw in the Fall of 2008. At this point in his life he was tremendously growing in his spiritual journey, developing a deep trust and faith in Jesus Christ. He became part of a church body that surrounded him and cared for him. He began work in the Summer of 2009 as a Seasonal Fisheries Technician for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service in Marquette, MI, and worked in this position for three summers. In the Winter of 2010, the Lord brought Nikki into Chris's life through a dating website, both of them a little skeptical, but as their relationship grew and flourished, they believed the hand of God to be at work. His arm really didn't have to be twisted, but Chris figured that if he was ever going to win this girl's heart he would have to move to Montana! Not to mention, there was fabulous wildlife habitat! So, he began the next season of his life on the Rice Farm, along the Yellowstone River in the Fall of 2011. He became quite the farmhand, helping in any way he could. Whether it be feeding or doctoring cows, running farm equipment, driving truck, scheduling hunts, building things, or doing electrical work, Chris was always there if needed, and felt it only right to do so. Wanting to continue pursuing his passion, he began working as the Seasonal Conservation Technician with the MT Fish, Wildlife & Parks in the Summer of 2012. Chris and Nikki were engaged on Christmas day, 2012, and were convinced that Glendive, Montana was now home for life. They wanted to eventually take on a larger role in the farming and ranching operation, and dreamed of building a house there. So while Nikki planned the wedding, Chris was drawing up blueprints! They poured the footings in May and were married on June 1st, 2013... there was no turning back! Chris had continued in his position as the Conservation Technician and continued to work on the house as he had time. He also selflessly served friends, neighbors, and the community, with the gifts and talents God had given him. Chris and Nikki became part of the Glendive Alliance Church family, growing to love, respect, and care for many. Together they were spiritually strengthened, growing more in love with Christ and in His character daily, desiring to be His Presence in this world, and longing to see His dreams for their lives fulfilled. Chris will be remembered for much: his work ethic, his listening ear, his smile and laughter, his humor, and, yes, his stubbornness, among many other things. But most of all, he will be remembered for being a remarkable friend, an endearing son and brother, an incredible husband, and man of God with a quite faith that spoke volumes. His life on earth tragically ended on May 25, 2015, however, his life in eternity is just beginning!

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: www.silhafuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Grandview Cemetery

Intake, MT

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **5**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Homes - Glendive, Montana
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Service

JUN **6**. 10:00 AM (MT)

Glendive Alliance Church
105 Highland Park Road
Glendive, MT 59330

Tribute Wall



“ *Christopher James Wesolek*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Patricia Burr Hoepner Bannerman lit a candle in memory of Christopher James Wesolek*



Patricia Burr Hoepner Bannerman - August 28, 2016 at 07:10 PM



“ *I am just now hearing of Chris' passing. I am absolutely stunned; my condolences to his family, friends, and other loved ones.*

Chris was an amazing light in this world. I had the fortune of knowing him during his time in Utah. While I know that we were meant to be friends only for a season, I treasure those memories. Chris was always a gentleman, willing to lend a hand to those in need. He was kind, always had a story to share, and opened his home to others. I have fond memories of sitting in his kitchen and talking about a great many things as he prepared dinner or snacks for Bible study. I am thankful that Chris lived a great life, that he knew what it meant to be loved by so many people. And that, now, he can find rest.

Des McKinney - May 06, 2016 at 12:54 PM



“ *Chris was a great guy who I had the pleasure of meeting while turkey hunting the last three years. He welcomed us onto the ranch and let us set up our camper each year. I am so sorry for your loss and I know that he will be missed very much. I really enjoyed the conversations that we had with him each year. May God bless all of you during this time. Scott Smith, Great Falls, MT*

Scott Smith - January 13, 2016 at 07:39 AM

RD

“ Jim & Rita,

So Sorry to learn of Christopher's death. He was such a wonderful young man. I had the pleasure of meeting him when he was at my cabin helping his father doing the wiring. My thoughts and prayers are with you and Christopher's wife.

Dick DeLong

Richard DeLong - June 08, 2015 at 11:17 AM

KC

“ *Christopher's work ethic is truly his mom's influence! I have never met a more hardworking focused woman. This is one of the most beautiful memorials I have have ever read. Trust that he is in God's loving embrace, and in God will you find your strength and comfort.....Karen Haley Colston and girls*

Karen Haley Colston - June 06, 2015 at 08:44 PM

DE

“ *Rita*

Watching Christopher grow up as we worked together for so many years makes me aware of how close you are to your boys and feel for the pain you are having. You are in my thoughts.

Denise Francis

Denise - June 06, 2015 at 03:29 PM

EB

“ *Jim, Rita, Nikki, Brian and Jesse*

We cannot begin to imagine the pain you are feeling. Christopher was truly a great kid, always giving, sharing, willing to help. We were thrilled when he finally found happiness with Nikki, knowing the tough road he had travelled to finally find her. It is truly a tragedy that this happened but perhaps there is some comfort in knowing that he did find happiness.

Our hearts are truly with you,

Elliott, Anne, Amanda, Brianna and Sean Broderick

Elliott Broderick - June 06, 2015 at 12:46 PM

RF

“ *Rita and Jim,*

You are in our thoughts and prayers. May all your beautiful memories of Christopher surround you and make you smile to know how blessed you were to have him in your life. Praying Gods peace enfolds you. Ruth and John Frey

ruth frey - June 06, 2015 at 10:30 AM

SL

“ To all of Chris's family, our deepest sympathy and prayers are being sent to you. May the memories make you smile and heal your heart. Love, Bridger, Ryder, Soda and Staci

Staci Lange-Rice - June 05, 2015 at 08:43 AM



“ Spring Has Sprung Mixed Basket was purchased for the family of Christopher James Wesolek.



June 04, 2015 at 10:20 PM



“ Full Heart was purchased for the family of Christopher James Wesolek.



June 04, 2015 at 06:34 PM

MK

“ Dear Jim, Rita, Brian, Jessica and Nikki
What a beautiful obituary and tribute to Christopher. We did not know Chris in his adult life very well, (only visiting with him at his own and Brian' s weddings, but as a child we loved him! We remember how very active he and Brian were as little boys! No one can understand the deep pain and emptiness this has brought to all of you, but knowing that he is indeed wrapped in Jesus' loving arms should bring great peace to you.
You are all in our hearts and prayers .
love,
Dave and Mary Janet

mary j kushion - June 04, 2015 at 10:20 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Christopher James Wesolek.



June 03, 2015 at 10:26 PM

HM

“ I can not even imagine the pain and grief that you all are going through; especially Nikki. We will keep You and your family in our thoughts and prayers.
Darla and Henry Mischel and Girls

Henry Mischel - June 03, 2015 at 10:17 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Christopher James Wesolek.



June 03, 2015 at 10:53 AM

US

“ Uncle Roy and Aunt Sherry purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Christopher James Wesolek.



Uncle Roy and Aunt Sherry - June 03, 2015 at 09:54 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Christopher James Wesolek.



June 03, 2015 at 09:10 AM

SC

“ My deepest condolences to Nikki, Jim, Rita, Brian and all of the family. I am remembering you in my prayers.

Susan Collins

Susan Collins - June 02, 2015 at 11:29 PM

KK

“ Dear Nikki, I was in awe as I read Chris' obituary (you both are beautiful lighthouses for the Lord). There are so many levels of 'knowing' someone - and to think that Chris ~knows~ Jesus in all of his glory is pretty amazing. At first glance, it would seem Chris received such an easy assignment in this life. And yet, to encounter him even for a moment, it was evident that Chris was a man of great strength and integrity. It seemed obvious that he would take the lead in the building of our new church - and perhaps that is exactly what he is doing. I can only imagine the delight of being a carpenter in heaven (and the mutual enjoyment of discussing plans with Thee Carpenter)! I'm guessing God will assign him the task of preparing your heavenly mansion. Oh - can you imagine the love he might pour into your heavenly home? These are all just musings - I know they don't diminish the real and raw pain you're experiencing. Please know we carry you close to our hearts. We wish so much that this wouldn't have happened - even so, your steps of faith and trust in God have surely encouraged others to look to Jesus for peace and comfort. May you mourn well. With love and admiration, Kent, Kari, Koby and Kade



Kent and Kari - June 02, 2015 at 10:42 PM

AK

“ Nikki and family,

You are in our prayers. There are no words to make easier. The angels will hold your hand though this time. Just let them. May god bless all of your family.

Al and Patti Karsky (Your dad's cousin)

Al and Patti Karsky - June 01, 2015 at 09:33 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Christopher James Wesolek.



June 01, 2015 at 10:47 AM

AH

“ *Nicki and Family,*

My deepest condolences to you. Please know that my heart is with you during this difficult time.

With Love,

Aliza Hunter

Aliza Hunter - June 01, 2015 at 10:10 AM

KW

“ *3 files added to the album Wesolek family pictures*



Kristin Wesolek Williams - May 31, 2015 at 02:27 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Christopher James Wesolek.*



May 30, 2015 at 08:21 AM

HM

“ *Nikki and Family*

We are thinking of you and your family at this time of a loss loved one. Thoughts and prayers are being sent your way.

Love - Jay, Heidi, Harlee. and Brylee Moran

Heidi moran - May 29, 2015 at 06:16 PM

DV

“ *Nikki and family,*

We are so sorry to hear of your tragic loss. Words will not ease the heartache you have right now. Just know that we have you in our thoughts and prayers through the difficult days ahead.

Doreen & Craig Herbert and family

Doreen Vaira-Herbert - May 29, 2015 at 05:52 PM

KN

“ *Nikki and family:
We are so very sorry for your loss. You and your family our
in our thoughts & prayers.
Kathy & Jack*



Kathy Nicholson - May 29, 2015 at 03:01 PM

BR

*Nikki and Family:
Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. We send our condolences
and sympathy to the entire family.
Love, Bert, Deanna, Steve and Kevin and Families*

Bert Rice - May 31, 2015 at 04:07 PM

DW

*Dear Nikki and Family, We are deeply saddened with the death of Chris. He was a
great MAN. He hunted here and everyone loved him. Even when he shot off his finger
in an ACCIDENT. I would tease him that he had to go through hunters safety again
before hunting. We thought of him as one of our adopted Sons.
We continue to keep you in our prayers in the coming days and months. Dave & Jody
Warner from Michigan*

Dave & Jody Warner - June 02, 2015 at 07:32 PM

SW

*Jim and Rita..prayers for you and your family in this time of great loss. I have no words
that seem to be enough. I will pray for you and for his wife and her family also to find
peace and know that he is at peace too and will be watching over all of you. Let
knowing what a remarkable man he was, and the positive impact he made in the
world, comfort you. Susan Welch (SSC&R)*

Susan Welch - June 06, 2015 at 05:07 PM