



# Christopher Matthew Arnold

April 11, 1983 - May 31, 2024

Christopher Matthew Arnold (41) passed away on May 31, 2024.

A lifelong Georgia resident, he was born on April 11, 1983, at East Ridge hospital in East Ridge, Tennessee, and graduated from Lakeview Fort-Oglethorpe High School in 2001. After which, he would later earn degrees in both welding and automotive technology.

A jack of all trades, he held several jobs ranging from auto mechanic to truck driver to exterminator. He loved working on old trucks, especially Chevy S-10s, building traffic lights, working alongside his dad, country music, with his favorites being Hank Williams, Johnny Cash, and Randy Travis, and most of all, his family.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Joe and Gloria Arnold, James Smithey, and Terry and Fonda Abercrombie, the last of whom he was extremely close to, and his uncles Mark Arnold, James Smithey jr., and Rick Ross.

Survivors include his loving parents Kevin and Rhonda Arnold, siblings Aaron Arnold and Bethany (Brent) Shaffer, nephews Ayden, Nolan, and Cohen Shaffer, grandmother Atsey Smithey, uncle Garry (Cheri) Abercrombie, aunts Angie Ross, Kathy Okla, and Mary Lou (Pat) McHugh, several cousins, and his beloved dog Kojak.

The funeral service will be held at 1:00 pm on Saturday, June 8, 2024 in the funeral home chapel. "casual attire" JEANS FOR CHRIS!!!! The family will receive friends from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the funeral home.

Condolences may be left at [www.wilsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com). Arrangements by  
Wilson Funeral Home Wilson Funeral Home Ft. Oglethorpe Ga.

# Cemetery Details

## Lakewood Memory Gardens South

325 Greens Lake Road  
Rossville, GA 30741  
(706) 866-7777

# Tribute Wall

BS

“ *Bethany Shaffer lit a candle in memory of Christopher Matthew Arnold*



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**Bethany Shaffer** - October 16, 2024 at 02:52 PM

BS

“ *My sweet big brother, I am missing you extra today. I keep thinking about the very last text you sent me. "No matter what happens, I love you and I'm proud of you." We fought like cats and dogs, but we would have killed for one another. 5 months has almost come and gone but you still cross my mind daily. I miss you. I love you. I will see you again. Love always, Nay*

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**Bethany Shaffer** - October 16, 2024 at 02:51 PM

TM

“ *Rest in Peace Chris. Will remember you from lms and lfo and our chats on Facebook.*



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**Thomas Wolfgang Maguire** - June 07, 2024 at 07:15 PM



“ I could not have asked for a better father figure for my kids as they were growing up. You stepped up and took my kids in as your own and we were so blessed and lucky to have you while we did. They will always know you as their father and their best friend. Twenty six years we've known each other. Our journey started at LFO as friends and grew so much more from there. We had our secrets and our jokes, rather appropriate or not, but it was just us.. We were in our own little world that no one knew about. There will not be a day that I won't think about you. I love you Chris. We all love you and we miss you so much.



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**Kelly Diane** - June 07, 2024 at 03:23 PM

KC

“ Kristen Carpenter lit a candle in memory of Christopher Matthew Arnold



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**Kristen Carpenter** - June 07, 2024 at 03:05 PM

JS

“ Jenny Smith lit a candle in memory of Christopher Matthew Arnold



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**Jenny smith** - June 07, 2024 at 02:53 PM

SM

“ Chris, I will always cherish the memories we made and times we had in high school and adulthood. There was no better friend than you.

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**Scott Moreland** - June 07, 2024 at 02:37 PM

CB

“ Chris was a wonderful man and a caring person to me always has been  
Just a few weeks ago he came to my house to help get me in bed  
The last text I got from him was may 3 checking to see if I needed anything which I didn't but he said he would be home all weekend if I needed him  
And to stay strong and that he loved me  
I love you Chris and will always love you and keep your memory alive  
Rip  
My precious cousin



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**Charlene Bowers** - June 07, 2024 at 02:37 PM

SM

“ Scott Moreland lit a candle in memory of Christopher Matthew Arnold



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**Scott Moreland** - June 07, 2024 at 02:36 PM