



Rev. Chris Gaddis

November 30, 1963 - December 26, 2022

Rev. Chris Gaddis, age 59, of Royston, GA, formerly of Hog Mountain, GA, passed away on Monday, December 26, 2022. He was preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Delores Strickland Gaddis; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Twigg and Ann Doster Smith; Grandparents, Elmert Mildred Strickland and Virginia Gaddis; Uncles, Doug Strickland and Billy Strickland. He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Tracy Smith Gaddis, Royston, GA; sons, Adam (Ricky) Gaddis, Royston, GA, Zak Gaddis, Dacula, GA, Hayden Gaddis, Royston, GA; daughter, Kelsye Gaddis, Banks County, GA; uncle, Roger (Gaye) Strickland, Lawrenceville, GA; aunts, Josephine Strickland, Athens, GA, Martha Strickland, Auburn, GA, Juanita (Roger) Popp, Hull, GA; grandchildren, Jake Gaddis, Austin Gaddis, McKenna Gaddis, Reed Gaddis; brother-in-law, Jeff (Diane) Smith, Buford, GA; niece, Brittany Gaddis; nephews Brandon Gaddis, Tyler Smith and Keener Smith. Rev. Gaddis was born on November 30, 1963 in Atlanta, GA. He was a 1981 graduate of Dacula High School. He was also retired from Georgia Tech Alumni Association as a Building Director after 30 years of service. He was also Pastor of Woods Grove Baptist Church. Rev. Gaddis moved to Franklin County in 2018 to live a life he long dreamed of being a farmer. Chris was known by everyone and never met a stranger. His family and cows were his life. He would literally give you the shirt off his back and he never could tell anyone “no” when asked to help do anything. He was a jack-of-all-trades, Master of None. Chris had a heart of gold. No words can begin to explain the

hole left in the hearts of those that knew him. Chris was a man of God. He was an advisor of everything and confident with his works and words. Chris was guaranteed to be the life of a party and center of attention. He lived by "Laughter is the best medicine" even if it was at your expense. That made it even funnier to him. Though not very tall, Chris was larger than life and will be missed beyond measure. He is leaving behind massive shoes to fill and many of broken hearts, but also hearts and memories that will forever be, because of who and what he was, "The Man". A Funeral Service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 4, 2023 in the Chapel of Flanigan Funeral Home, Buford, GA with Rev. Jimmy Strickland and Rev. Kenny Williamson officiating. Interment will follow at Gwinnett Memorial Park, Lawrenceville, GA. Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, January 2, 2023 at Flanigan Funeral Home, Buford, GA and from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 3, 2023. In lieu of flowers, Chris would want you to donate to the Georgia Tech's Ramblin Wreck Club, (Georgia Tech Ramblin Wreck Club, GT Foundation, c/o Ramblin Wreck Club, 760 Spring Street, Suite 400, Atlanta, GA 30308), Local FFA Chapter or any Charity of your choice in memory of Rev. Chris Gaddis.

Cemetery Details

Gwinnett Memorial Park

925 Lawrenceville Hwy
Lawrenceville, GA 30046

Previous Events

The family will receive friends

JAN 2. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Flanigan Funeral Home
4400 South Lee Street
Buford, GA 30518

The family will receive friends

JAN 3. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

JAN 4. 1:00 PM.

Chapel of Flanigan Funeral Home

Interment

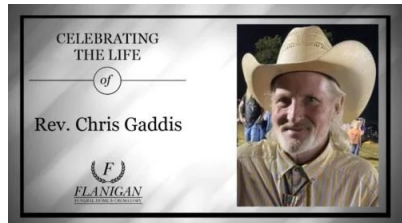
JAN 4 (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Flanigan Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Rev. Chris Gaddis*



Flanigan Funeral Home - December 30, 2022 at 04:42 PM

TD

My love and prayers have continually been with all of you. So many wonderful memories of Chris, Harold and Delores, Strick and Mildred. They were our extended family.

Troy Dunagan - January 03, 2023 at 12:50 PM

KH

Tracy and family,

I don't really even know where to start or how to say what I want to say. I am so sorry and can't imagine the pain and sense of loss you are all going through at this time. Please know we extend our deepest sympathies to each and every one of you and are lifting this sweet family up in our prayers.

At times of great loss God gives us great peace, love and mercy. May your faith in him bring you peace and may his mercy surround you and help to comfort you in the days and weeks ahead. Thank goodness we have precious memories for now they become our treasures.

Not just myself, but my family has such wonderful memories of Chris, Tracy and Harold and Delores at Hog Mountain Church. Those were some of the best days of my life and such fun and special memories that we will never ever forget. Chris was a very special friend to me and my family. My dad was our Sunday School teacher for years and years and taught us so many great life lessons which we have all continued to use as we became adults. We all sang in the choir and Delores played the organ and not many a Sunday went by that she didn't join in and sing in that beautiful voice. What good times we had with our families there and continued that friendship into our adult lives.

We were so sorry to hear of this tragic accident. An accident so quick, sudden and so permanent and heartfelt to everyone that knew Chris and this family.

Thoughts and prayers to each of you and may you have comfort in knowing Chris is in his forever home and we will all see him again one day.

*Our love to each of you. "The Hinton's"
(Bo, Kathy & Clint)*

Kathy Hinton - January 03, 2023 at 03:47 PM

DO

“ 3 files added to the album GTAA



Donna - January 02, 2023 at 09:39 PM

DO

“ I can't believe I am writing about Chris in the past tense. It feels strange ad wrong. My heart goes out to the whole Gaddis family for their terrible loss. Chris's heart had bottomless depths of sensitivity and kindness. He was wild, irreverant and deeply caring and sensitive at the same time. There is nobody like him. Last time we talked, Chris mentioned he'd write a book. He had so much practical wisdom, so much curiosity, pee-in-your-pants inducing stories and jokes, and people insights to fill several books and then have room for more. I will never forget Chris. He was for real, a gentleman and true to himself in every sense of the word.



Donna - January 02, 2023 at 09:35 PM

SD

“ So so many memories with the Gaddis family since 2003 prayers and love to u all love Shirley and Family

Shirley Davis - January 02, 2023 at 06:37 PM

NC

“ So sorry for your loss. Praying for your family during this time.
Dr. Mark Cheek and Staff

Northside Gwinnett Primary Care - January 02, 2023 at 12:17 PM



“ *He was always the sweetest man I knew!! He got me through the hardest time in my life, the world will definitely have a huge whole in it now that can't be filled!! My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends, he will definitely be missed!!*



Angel Chancey - January 01, 2023 at 03:09 PM



“ *Tracy and family, I'm sorry for your loss. Chris and your family have always been part of the Plott family for as long as I can remember. Growing up at Hog Mountain Church and farming. Chris always had a way with words and was such a good person. He will greatly be missed. Keeping your family in my prayers. Sam Blackstock*

Samantha Davis - December 30, 2022 at 08:16 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



James Henderson - December 30, 2022 at 12:39 PM

PD

“ Super sad to hear...I worked at GaTech for 39 years and knew Chris from his first years at GT. I was very close to Chris's mother Delores as she was Purchasing Director for a lifetime. She and my Aunt Billie worked together and I met her through Billie and visited them almost daily at work. When I met Chris he was just like his obituary reads. Always smiling always stopped to talk and always kept me up to date on his mom who retired before I did. His mom was incredibly proud of her son and his family and he was proud and clearly loved his mom. The world lost a great man and much too early. I dearly loved him and his family and wished I had kept up with him post retirement. Love and condolences to his family. Pete and Sherry Dawkins

Pete Dawkins - December 30, 2022 at 07:43 AM

RE

“ I'm saddened to hear about Chris. He was a good friend and will be missed deeply.

Rev Donnie Elliott - December 29, 2022 at 06:43 PM

JR

“ My heart goes out to Tracy and family. Chris was a friend and co-worker for many years, and I am immensely saddened for all who knew and loved him.

Jolie Rosenberg - December 29, 2022 at 08:33 AM

IR

“ So sorry for all of Chris's family in this time of such a great loss. Though I have not known them long, Chris and Tracy were special people to me. I thoroughly enjoyed Chris's music at church, his singing and piano playing. I especially enjoyed the little additions he made to the hymns we were singing! He will be greatly missed at Carnesville Baptist Church. But I am sure he is singing those hymns in that Heavenly choir and rejoicing with Jesus now.

Ida Rogers - December 28, 2022 at 11:30 PM

PA

“ So sorry to hear about the tragic accident of such a good man/ friend/family, he would do anything for anyone in need. My family an I have such great memories with Chris and his family an Woods Grove Baptist. He married us he preached sermons of many loved ones, he will be missed by so many. My thoughts an prayers are with Tracey an the kids an grandkids along with lots of love may you R.I.P. Chris 💜💜

Paula - December 28, 2022 at 10:45 PM

BC

“ There is a country song You find out who your friends are, Chris was this person he would drop everything and come. Didn't matter what day or time see I like most of you know I have called many times and the only thing he ever said was I'm on my way. Chris was my pastor at Woods Grove Baptist Church he was my friend and my heart is broken. But I know we will be reunited again. My prayers for Tracy and the rest of the family. We send our love



billie cormick - December 28, 2022 at 08:47 PM

JP

“ *Loved Chris. He was always there for my family . He will be missed, but he is resting with his Lord and Savior.*

joan patton - December 28, 2022 at 06:59 PM

RJ

Will miss you my friend and brother. Will see you by and by, in the rapture...

Rev. T A Cañas, Jr.-Philippines - December 29, 2022 at 01:09 AM

JP

“ *joan patton lit a candle in memory of Chris Gaddis*



joan patton - December 28, 2022 at 06:57 PM

CG

“ Chris and I met through his friendship with my brother. We all became very good friends and even though we did not see each other often I always considered him, Tracy and his parents dear friends. One of the funniest memories I have of Chris was in high school. They were making senior pictures for his class and he asked me to go to the parking lot and move his car, the yellow Gremlin. So I told him that I would be glad to move it but I would probably have to move the phone books out of the driver seat. We laughed but there were actually several large catalogues in the seat. I will never forget that. Also we were going to start playing tennis... that lasted one night. There are some many fond and wonderful memories of Chris that I will cherish as long as I live. The camping trips several of the boys made to just having a conversation with him. Tracy, you and the family are in my thoughts and prayers. May God comfort you in the way only he can. The picture below was made the night he and my brother graduated from high school. Rest in peace....Super Knat (nickname from high school). Until we meet again.



Connie Garnet - December 28, 2022 at 06:25 PM



“ I’m so sorry to hear about brother Chris. I remember the first time I met him and his family was at woods grove, I had come to visit my friend and her family there Chris made us feel right at home that day and ever day after that. I can’t remember his wife name but she did as well. My prayers are with his family. , love Wanda



Wanda Grissom - December 28, 2022 at 06:12 PM

AT

Tracy, my heart is broken for you and the children at this sad and difficult time. I am so incredibly sorry to hear about Chris, May you find comfort in knowing that Chris is celebrating in his new home. My prayers are with you, and please know I am holding you close in my heart.

Much love

Alma Thomas

Alma Thomas - December 29, 2022 at 10:15 PM