



## Christopher Michael Jerz

May 10, 1998 - January 12, 2021

Christopher Michael Jerz, 22, of Methuen, passed away on January 12, 2021, after a long, hard fought battle with brain cancer at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. Born in Methuen on May 10, 1998 to his loving parents, Michael and Karen (Woekel) Jerz also of Methuen. He attended Marsh Grammar School and graduated from Central Catholic High School with the Class of 2016. After graduating from Central Catholic, Chris continued his education at Johnson & Wales where he received both his Associate's Degree with honors in Culinary Arts and his Bachelor of Science Degree with honors in Food Service Management.

Chris was known for his kind heart, awesome homestyle cooking, and his great sense of humor. He loved winters in New England, especially his time snowmobiling with his family and friends in Pittsburg, NH. He also loved his truck and working on it with his friends. Cooking was his passion ever since he was young. He cooked for everyone whether it be an every day meal, birthday or graduation party, fundraisers, and for his friends and family. His specialty was comfort foods and there was none better than his. He spent many years in the Boy Scouts and treasured every moment he spent with his family and friends. He will be missed by everyone who knew him.

Chris is survived by his beloved parents and his paternal grandparents Edward and Mary Jerz of Ludlow, MA. He was the dear nephew to Kathleen Kenney and her husband Paul of Medway, MA and Susan Jurewicz and her husband Dave of Bedford, MA and great nephew to Janet Milnes. Chris was the cherished cousin to David Jurewicz Jr, Elizabeth Kenney and Ryan Jurewicz, whom they looked up to as an older brother, and Peter Milnes, Susan Milnes, Brook Milnes, Meredith Demay, and Andrew Milnes. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents Carl Woekel Jr. and Ruth Woekel.

Visitation for Chris will be on Monday, January 18, 2021 from 3 – 7 PM at the Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home, 233 Lawrence Street, Methuen. Friends and family are cordially invited to attend. A funeral service for Chris will be held on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 11 AM at the Marsh Corner Community Church, 317 Pelham Street, Methuen. The funeral

service will be live streamed at <http://www.marshcorner.com/funeral>. Interment to follow at Elmwood Cemetery, 110 North Lowell Street, Methuen.

Due to the ongoing global pandemic and government regulations, facial coverings are required to attend calling hours, the funeral service and interment. The staff at the Marsh Corner Community Church request that all guests who will be attending the funeral service at the church to pre-register. Social distancing must also be observed. Please pre-register at:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Qxd2bl83V0eOi4CveOuTMOD3lrowiUJOvvCeYUYn9-hUNEhFR0ZBSTNMUTJVQ1ZFVEFJR0RIN01YUi4u>.

In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made to: Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284. When submitting your memorial contribution please include in the memo section "In memory of Chris Jerz to support Dr. Reardon's Research Fund". To give online, please visit [www.danafarber.org/give](http://www.danafarber.org/give).

The Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home is proud to serve the Jerz family.

# Cemetery Details

## Elmwood Cemetery

North Lowell St.  
Methuen, MA 01844

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

**JAN 18.** 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home  
233 Lawrence Street  
Methuen, MA 01844  
<https://www.pollardfuneralhome.com/>

## Service

**JAN 19.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Marsh Corner Community Church  
317 Pelham Street  
Methuen, MA 01844

# Tribute Wall

SL

“ Dear Karen and Michael, so sorry for your loss. My heart-felt condolences to your family.

Salvatore Leone - January 20, 2021 at 11:50 PM

SD

“ Suzanne Delaney lit a candle in memory of Christopher Michael Jerz



Suzanne Delaney - January 20, 2021 at 09:43 AM

JS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Judith Stackelin - January 20, 2021 at 09:05 AM

MF

“ MaryEllen Fillipon lit a candle in memory of Christopher Michael Jerz



MaryEllen Fillipon - January 20, 2021 at 05:59 AM

BB

“ The Baker and Lane family are so very sorry for your loss, and will be keeping your family in our prayers.



Brianne Baker - January 20, 2021 at 01:10 AM

AR

“ Karen & family,  
So sorry for your loss!



Amanda Robinson - January 19, 2021 at 11:56 PM

JB

“ Dear Karen and Michael please accept my most heartfelt  
sympathy in the loss of your beloved Christopher.  
Jane Bogle



Jane Bogle - January 19, 2021 at 09:31 PM

GL

“ Gina Lannan lit a candle in memory of Christopher Michael  
Jerz



gina lannan - January 19, 2021 at 11:44 AM

SO

“ Shelly O. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Christopher  
Michael Jerz.



Shelly O. - January 19, 2021 at 11:20 AM

KJ

“ Kathleen Jeffrey lit a candle in memory of Christopher Michael Jerz



Kathleen Jeffrey - January 19, 2021 at 10:26 AM

MD

“ I had the pleasure of helping Chris these past few years with some of his schoolwork, and in return, he kept me well-fed! My "fwend" and fellow hood rat, I will miss you. (And I am still so very sorry about Clam Haven!) With much love, Ms. Dickey

Mary Ann Dickey - January 18, 2021 at 07:15 PM

MR

“ Thoughts and prayers to Christopher's family and friends during this difficult time. I graduated Central Catholic with him in 2016 and I have nothing but great things to say about him. A precious life gone too soon.

Matthew Rizkallah - January 18, 2021 at 06:27 PM



“ Chris and I graduated from Central together and he really was one of the nicest sweetest people I've ever known. No one should have to go through what Chris did especially someone as kind hearted as him. My condolences to his nice family, my thought and prayers will be with you during this tough time.



Josie Piro - January 18, 2021 at 06:18 PM

EK

“ Elias & Louma Khoury lit a candle in memory of Christopher Michael Jerz



Elias & Louma Khoury - January 18, 2021 at 04:14 PM

JM

“ Our prayers are with you all during this difficult time. We are sending thoughts of peace and love, may they comfort you and give you strength.  
*The Morris Family*

Julie Morris - January 18, 2021 at 02:28 PM

AC

“ Mike, Doug and I are so sorry for your loss.

Andrea Coursey - January 18, 2021 at 02:27 PM

MH

“ Karen & Michael,  
I was saddened to read about your son Chris's passing. I have experienced the passing of my dad and a close friend due to glio blastoma but I can't image what you both are going through in mourning for the death of a 22 year old son. I will send a contribution to Dana-Farber in Chris's memory. My thoughts are with you and your family. God bless!  
*Michael Hughes, MHS retired*

Micahel Hughes - January 18, 2021 at 12:21 PM

JB

“ We'll always remember the fun and joyous times at their beautiful house at the Pond. There were many times my children would 'beg' me and my wife to stay overnight for a sleepover in the tent with Chris. Impossible to refuse as any parent knows! Never a dull moment, always great food, endless chatter with friends and NEVER to be forgotten. You always hear, 'Don't be sad its over, be glad it happened'. Well, we are all very sad those times are over but will never forget the beautiful memories with Chris and his family, his kind and generous Grandmother who always welcomed us at her Pond home, the Pond and everywhere else we spent time together. You'll be greatly missed Chris, May God always be with you.

*The Beylounne Family*

jim beylounne - January 18, 2021 at 09:05 AM



“ Kelly Shaffer lit a candle in memory of Christopher Michael Jerz



Kelly Shaffer - January 17, 2021 at 11:17 PM

JK

“ Our deepest condolences on the loss of Christopher. Mike, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

*Jack and Pat Kreckie*



Jack Kreckie - January 17, 2021 at 02:58 PM

LS

“ Lisa Simonian lit a candle in memory of Christopher Michael Jerz



Lisa Simonian - January 17, 2021 at 12:45 PM

SL

“ Sharon LaPlante lit a candle in memory of Christopher Michael Jerz



Sharon LaPlante - January 17, 2021 at 12:38 PM

DM

“ Dana M. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Christopher Michael Jerz.



Dana M. - January 16, 2021 at 03:12 PM

RC

“ *My prayers and condolences to Christopher's family including his parents, Michael and Karen and to his paternal grandparents: Ed and Mary Jerz. May Christopher now know healing and the eternal embrace of God. And may God comfort Christopher's family.*

*Rev. John Connors  
Wilbraham, MA*

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**Rev John Connors** - January 16, 2021 at 02:57 PM

AB

“ *Ann Barbagallo lit a candle in memory of Christopher Michael Jerz*



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**Ann Barbagallo** - January 16, 2021 at 01:00 PM

KK

“ *Karen I am so sorry to hear about the loss of Chris. He fought a very courageous battle. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers during this very sad and difficult time.*

*Love,  
Kim*

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**Kim Kowal** - January 16, 2021 at 12:40 PM

RB

“ *I had the pleasure of having Chris in my Kindergarten class many years ago and enjoying "breakfast club" together with his mom and my daughter, for the years that followed at the Marsh Grammar School. Chris was a gentle soul and one of the most courageous young men I will ever know. My heart breaks for you, Karen and Mike... Sending love and hugs...*

*Bobbie Brouder and Family*



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**Roberta Brouder** - January 16, 2021 at 10:39 AM

NM

*I also had the pleasure of getting to know Chris and watching him grow from kindergarten through grade eight at the Marsh. All I can say is that he was the sweetest kid. Karen, I can't even imagine what you and your husband are going through. My heart goes out to you. Nanci Moon*

nanci moon - January 16, 2021 at 08:50 PM

KS

*“ Chris and I went through middle school together. I remember he was always making people laugh, especially when they were having a bad day. If he ever saw anyone down or having an off day, even if he wasn't close with them, he would check in on them and make sure they were okay. He was such a kind person all throughout middle school and it was an honor to have known someone as sweet as him. He will certainly be remembered as one of the kindest souls I've ever met.*

Karley Skutul - January 16, 2021 at 07:44 AM

TL

*“ Karen and Mike I'm so sorry to hear of Chris's passing . I know you cherished your only child ,his memory will remain with you forever .I know There are no words to ease your pain .Chris was a wonderful boy ,always ready with a wave and a warm smile . Whenever I drive by Morgan Dr. I will think of Chris . May the memory of his loving way ease some of your pain. Sincerely Terri Leone*

Terri Leone - January 16, 2021 at 07:36 AM

JM

*“ Julie (Button) Moulison lit a candle in memory of Christopher Michael Jerz*



Julie (Button) Moulison - January 15, 2021 at 07:50 PM

TG

*“ Chris spoke very highly about going snowmobiling with his family,, and how much he loved cooking,,,,  
One of the most amazing Polite young man I was so honored to know ,, ❤️*

Ttudy Goodwin - January 15, 2021 at 06:25 PM

LA

“ My deepest condolences to you Karen and mike . It was such a pleasure getting to know Chris . He just knew how to light up the room 💜



**lorie aliano** - January 15, 2021 at 04:31 PM

CD

“ When Chris volunteered at the Marsh to get hours in during high school, he made such a connection with the students I worked with. He had them laughing!

*I am so sorry for your loss. Chris was an amazing person and an excellent chef!*

**Colette Daniels** - January 15, 2021 at 03:03 PM

KB

“ Kevin Bateman lit a candle in memory of Christopher Michael Jerz



**Kevin Bateman** - January 15, 2021 at 02:17 PM

BR

“ Karen,  
*I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Please know that my thoughts are with you and your family. I know there are no words that can ease the pain of such a tremendous loss but hopefully you can find some comfort in the happy memories and in knowing that he is at peace.*  
-Brynn Rowe

**Brynn Rowe** - January 15, 2021 at 01:57 PM

KR

“ Kim Romero lit a candle in memory of Christopher Michael Jerz



**Kim Romero** - January 15, 2021 at 01:50 PM