



Christopher Nilson Wilcox

September 8, 1989 - April 1, 2019

Christopher Nilson Wilcox, 29, son of Bruce and Victoria Wilcox, Bloomsburg, passed away peacefully on April 1, 2019 at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center after a brief illness. He was born on September 8, 1989, at Geisinger Medical Center, Danville.

Chris was born with a variety of physical and cognitive difficulties, but led a life full of laughter, smiles, love and activity provided by his family, friends and two special organizations. At age two, Chris was one of the original seven riders at Eos Therapeutic Riding Center and participated in horseback riding through the end of the 2018 season. The loving care provided by Debbie Smith, Debby Reifendifer, Denise Treven and volunteers at Eos made his time there some of the happiest of his life. He resided for many years at St. Joseph's Center in Scranton and for the past ten years at the St. Joe's group home in Swoyersville, PA. The amazing staff at St. Joe's loved him as their own and gave him expert care and daily experiences that made his life full and enjoyable. Several of the staff joined his parents at his bedside for his last moments.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his sister, Meredith Wilcox-Levine and her husband Christopher, Carmel, N.Y.; aunt Leslie Beckwith (Simuel), Danville and uncle Steve Nilson (Kathy), Mendocino, CA; cousins Joshua Landesman (Lynne), Glen Allen, VA, Ethan Landesman, Knoxville, TN, Seth Landesman, Valencia, CA, and Simuel Beckwith Jr., Danville.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Bert and Dorothy Wilcox, New Hartford, NY, and J.R. and Jean Nilson, Bedford, NH, and aunt Barbara Landesman, Bloomsburg.

A time of visitation for family and friends will be held Saturday April 6 at 1:30 PM at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Main and Iron Streets, Bloomsburg. Funeral services will be held at 2:30 with interment immediately following in St. Paul's Memorial Garden.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to Eos Therapeutic Riding Center, 288 Dahl Road, Bloomsburg, PA, 17815, eostrc.org, or to St.

Joseph's Center, 2010 Adams Avenue, Scranton, PA, 18509, stjosephscenter.org.

Friends and family wishing to send a memorial gift, share a personal memory or offer condolences to the family, a Memorial Tribute Page in Chris's honor and a Sympathy Store are available at www.AllenFuneralHome.com

Events

APR **Public Visitation** 01:30PM - 02:30PM

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St. Paul's Episcopal Church

East Main and Iron Street, Bloomsburg, PA, US, PA

APR **Funeral Ceremony** 02:30PM

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Comments



“ Cynthia And Michael Matzko lit a candle in memory of Christopher Nilson Wilcox



Cynthia and Michael Matzko - April 14 at 05:54 PM



“ Chris was an angel that would light up a room with that amazing smile of his. I cherish every day spent with him at the Swoyersvilles home. No matter how bad things seemed he would smile even when we could not. I will always remember how infectious his spirit was and the way he adored his parents. I would smile at how his face would light up when ever dad would walk in the door a smile so precious you would almost tear up with feelings of warmth and love. Chris "Smiley" I hold a special place for you in my heart, you will never be forgotten. I love you Smiley.
Robin Meadows

Robin Lynn - April 06 at 04:11 PM



“ Sending Heartfelt Love and Strength to your family.
Thank You for sharing Christopher with all the Eos family. Christopher and your family have shared so much help, quidence, knowledge support and Love to many families with special needs children along this journey. Your giving heart and soul have provided much strength, love, joy to Christopher with many cherished memories.
I know Christopher is painfree riding Santee Leo, Sugar Pye, Chief, Alf, Awesome Possum and Justin with his handsome smile and giggles <3

Sincerely, Debbie Smith

Deborah D Smith - April 06 at 11:55 AM



“ I have so many beautiful memories of my friend Chris. He was brave, smart, funny and loving. His smile filled my heart. I feel blessed to have been his friend and to have loved him

Denise Treven - April 03 at 09:04 PM



“ Oh, Bruce and Vicki. There are no words that can express the sorrow that we feel for you both and Meredith. We've known and loved you all from the beginning of this blessed journey. We've watched how you not only made a wonderful life for Christopher but helped so many others along the way. You are amazing people and we love you all so dearly. God knew you had the strength for this journey, and He was right. With our deepest love and devotion to you all. Kitty and Glen



Kitty and Glen Rodgers - April 03 at 06:51 PM



“ Vickie and Bruce, I'm so sorry for your loss of sweet Chris. I do remember his smile. My prayers, love and condolences to all of you at this difficult time.

Trish Arter - April 03 at 03:26 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Christopher Nilson Wilcox.



April 03 at 03:25 PM



“ When Grayson was born you were the first people I needed to reach out to. You were my strength, as you have been for so many, for so many years. You have done so much for Chris, you helped him to become the man he was. Sending you love and prayers, Laura

Laura - April 03 at 03:08 PM



“ Jackie and I are so sorry to hear of your loss, but your memories will last a lifetime. Although we only saw him with you at Eos funtions we will all miss him.

Bob and Jackie Shuman - April 03 at 12:05 PM



“ Dear Bruce and Victoria,

Angie and I send our deepest condolence. May you find comfort in your endless memories and strength from your faith, family and friends. Much love to both of you.
Liz Masich and Angie Drumm

Liz Masich - April 03 at 11:14 AM



“ It was a delight to have Chris attend storytime at the library when he was young. His smile made your day special and I find myself smiling now just thinking of him A very special person.

Hal Pratt

Hal Pratt - April 03 at 10:09 AM



“ Bruce and Victoria... So sorry to hear of his passing. I know he brought you lots of joy over the years. He also brought you a second family (EOS). Our thoughts and prayers are with you. -Doug & Carla Farley



Doug Farley - April 03 at 08:49 AM