



Christopher G. Merrill

March 22, 1964 - May 23, 2015

Hampton Falls – Christopher G. Merrill, 51, died Friday, May 23, 2015 of accidental injuries sustained on his small farm.

He was born in Exeter, March 22, 1964 a son of George F. and Louise (Ludgate) Merrill of Hampton Falls.

Chris graduated from Lincoln Akerman School in Hampton Falls, Winnacunnet High School with the Class of 1982 and from the Thompson School of Agriculture at the University of New Hampshire in 1984.

He was the owner and operator of Chris Merrill, Inc. a construction, masonry and landscaping company he founded in 1984. His children were most important and he never missed any event they were involved in. He was a true outdoorsman working his farm, snowmobiling, hunting and fishing.

In addition to his parents, he leaves his wife and best friend, Elizabeth A. (Kelly) Merrill with whom he would have celebrated 23 years of marriage together in June, his son, Levi and his daughters, Abby and Hayley all of Hampton Falls, his brother, Russell P. Merrill, III of Salisbury, Mass., his sister, Ann Merrill of Edina, MN, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Visiting hours will be from 2-4 P.M. Saturday, May 30, 2015 at the Remick &

Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited. Services will be private. Family flowers only. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Seacoast Youth Services, 867 Lafayette Road, Seabrook, NH 03874 or go to www.seacoastyouthservices.org.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 30. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory

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Tribute Wall

ML

“ Dear Merrill family, we are looking to get in touch to return some photos that we recently uncovered in our home in Jay Vermont. Please reach out if you would like these photos returned, you can email me at megahnlusty@gmail.com. If you're reading this and you know the Merrill family, please let them know we'd love to get in touch.



meghan lusty - March 21, 2025 at 10:49 PM



“ *Christopher G. Merrill*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM

LW

“ We just talked to Chris a few weeks ago, we all are greatly saddened by the news of his passing, please know we donated to the Seacoast Youth Services, in his memory. Our thoughts are with his entire family.

Sincerely,

The Staff at CaroVail Fertilizer

Lynne Wood - June 01, 2015 at 09:03 AM



“ *Kevin Mills lit a candle in memory of Christopher G. Merrill*



Kevin Mills - June 01, 2015 at 04:11 AM



“ *Liz I was devastated to hear about Chris! You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I was so sorry I couldn't come to the wake. We were away this weekend. He was such a great guy and incredibly hard worker. Stay strong*

Midge - May 31, 2015 at 08:20 PM



“ *Dear Liz and Family,
We at Miles Smith Farm are so sorry to hear about this terrible loss. We had the honor of knowing Chris as a fellow Scottish Highlander farmer and are so sorry for his passing.*

Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help and if you need any help with the cattle.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

*With deepest sympathy,
Carole Soule and Bruce Dawson
603 892 6863*

Carole Soule - May 31, 2015 at 01:29 PM

MT

“ Dear Liz and family -

Our sympathy goes out to you on this sad day. Scott and I and our two boys have heaved many heartfelt sighs since we heard the news. We have all lost a great man - an original, a craftsman, a can-do, loving, wise role model.

We count ourselves among the lucky as Chris has been and will remain part of our lives through his hardscape and planting work: each day as we come and go in our daily lives we enjoy his brilliant craftsmanship, his work over the past two summers creating the gorgeously patterned spaces and walkways around our cute Victorian House.

His care and coming and going made it possible for me and my family to feel at home (now, finally) in Massachusetts after we had to move away from Exeter, where we met him through horticulturalist Ida Wye. How lucky we were that he took on our jobs and became a greater part of our lives.

Please know he came to town nearly in tribute to you, Liz, and your years here in Boston. He loved you so much and also the children. One day I worked alongside him doing plantings - I was also trying to get the boys to work with us - and I heard of your family life and property in Hampton Falls, which he loved so much.

Please know we are thinking of you now, and while we can only imagine your sadness we are saddened too, deeply. We greatly admire Chris and will enjoy our connection to him through his masonry as long as we live. For generations to come others will enjoy his artistry. The granite he laid will outlive us all and is a true gift. We have him only in mind now, but what a strong legacy he has left as a person, as an artist, and as inspiration.

I will be in touch with happier things in the future. For now, thank you for sharing Chris with us. All best wishes - Margaret from The

Music Hall, formerly of Exeter

Margaret Talcott - May 30, 2015 at 05:46 PM

TH

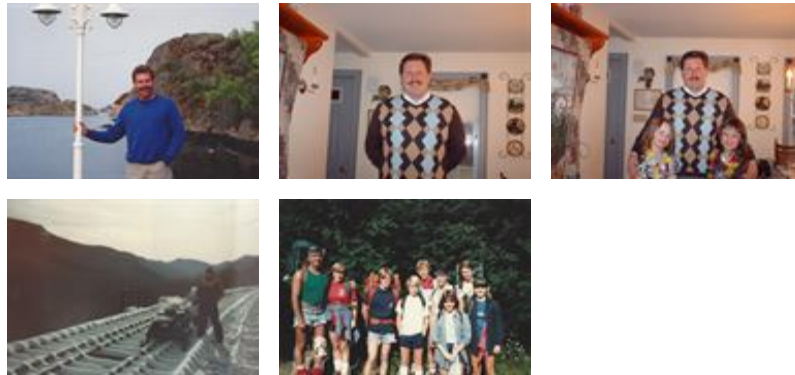
“ *Dear Elizabeth and family. We wanted to let you know how saddened we were as a family to hear of Chris' passing. Chris worked on several projects at our house and we grew to appreciate his sense of humor and of course his impeccable workmanship. He truly was a pleasure to be around. Today we as a family are celebrating the passing of our daughter by releasing a dozen Monarch butterflies in her honor. We will also release one in memory of Chris as you gather to celebrate his life as a husband and father.*

With deepest sympathies - the Hindle Family of Portsmouth.

Tom Hindle - May 30, 2015 at 07:37 AM



“ *40 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - May 30, 2015 at 06:57 AM

DM

“ *David Earle Merrill lit a candle in memory of Christopher G. Merrill*



David Earle Merrill - May 29, 2015 at 11:16 PM

RH

“ *So Saddened To Hear About Chris,, My Deepest Sympathy Go Out To His Family.. We Met Chris When He Got His Chocolate Lab From Us, and Also A Donkey. Please Know You Are In Our Prayers.. Please Feel Free To Contact Us If There Is Anything We Can Do. Dana and Roberta Henderson Barrington NH*

Roberta Henderson - May 29, 2015 at 08:31 PM

RM

“ *Liz my sincere condolences to you and your family during this difficult time. I can't even imagine what you and the family are going through at this time. If there is anything that I can do for your please let me know.*

Robin Murphy - JCP

Robin Murphy - May 29, 2015 at 12:00 PM

HC

“ Just heard the very sad new of Chris tragic death from Dolores Dermody.
We the Connolly Family from Cork Ireland Beatrice, Harry ,Peter, Daniel ,Nicola,and grandchildren Harry Jnr and Matthew send our deepest sympathy and support to Ann Merrill and family at this diffacult time and offer support in any way we can from Ireland .
We will arrange a Mass for Chris as soon as possible in Cork for relatives and Friends of the Kelly Family .
Harry Connolly
Cork Ireland

Harry Connolly - May 29, 2015 at 03:22 AM



“ Diane James lit a candle in memory of Christopher G. Merrill



Diane James - May 29, 2015 at 02:33 AM



Sorry for your loss

Diane James - May 29, 2015 at 02:34 AM



God Speed Chris!!!!

Kevin Mills - June 01, 2015 at 04:21 AM

JT

“ Liz, Hayley, Abbey, and Levi

I had the pleasure of knowing your husband and dad for the last twelve years or so. By extension, I always knew what everyone was up to because Chris and I often talked of our families. I don't need to tell you how much he loved you all, or how proud he was of his family.

Though I've never met them personally, Chris often spoke of his parents and would often pass on their wisdom in the form of (my mom/dad always said) anecdotes. I will always remember the times we spent working together plowing snow or doing other projects in the summer. One of my fondest memories is the day me, Chris, and Levi went to the Fryeburg Fair a couple years back. I always marveled at Chris' work ethic, and how well rounded his knowledge was of the outdoors. We had opposite opinions most of the time and spent about half of the time we knew each other arguing and insulting each other, which I will miss bitterly. Despite that, I knew I could always count on him to help me day or night with any problem that I had.

Liz, It is my hope that I can help in any small way to ease the passing of such a wonderful man. I am proud to have counted him as a close friend and will always remember and hold dear his beliefs as a father and husband.

*Jake Tetreault
Lebanon, Maine*

Jake Tetreault - May 28, 2015 at 03:32 PM

WS

“ To the Merrill family, I am so very sorry to hear what has happened in your family. Just an absolute tragedy. Chris was a hard worker, devoted dad and husband. He was passionate about his beliefs and would do anything for someone in need. A strong man in many ways. May God give you strength through this trying time.

Thinking of you, The Szymczycha Family.

Wendy Szymczycha - May 27, 2015 at 08:32 PM

CS

“ To the entire Merrill family, I am so saddened to hear of your loss. My deepest sympathy to you all at this very difficult time. I feel fortunate to have called Chris a best friend through our school years and I often reflect on our fishing, hunting, and so many other adventures. Thank you for all the good times my friend and you will be missed! Bless you all! Craig and Lori Smith

Craig Smith - May 26, 2015 at 08:37 PM

DD

“ Dear cousin Ann, Levi, Hayley and abbey, words cannot express the sadness and pain we feel here in Ireland for the tragic loss of Chris. Chris was a beautiful man, very proud of his wife and children. I particularly remember him for his wonderful honesty, openness, and kind words. He always made us feel extremely welcome in your home Ann on the many occasions we came to visit. He was a wonderful husband and father, I cannot imagine Ann what you, children and Chris family are going through, but please know you are in our thoughts. We send you love, peace , and condolences across the Irish Sea for your tragic loss. Love always cousin Dolores Isabel aunty Ann / mary, Connolly, uncle harry/ Beatrice/ Connolly / Dermody / Hillgrove families x

dolores dermody - May 26, 2015 at 06:38 PM

AE

“ I went to high school with Chris which lead us to a long friendship in our younger days we hunted, fished, clammed and went oystering together. I will say this about Chris he respected other peoples land while hunting he stayed off their posted land, but he left his open for others to use. Chris was a good man and will be missed but many. My deepest sympathies for his family.

Arthur Eaton - May 26, 2015 at 05:37 PM

LC

“ Dear Liz, Levi, Haley, and Abby,
I have many fun memories of Chris swinging the boys as high as they could go on the rope swing, teaching them about the animals and the outdoors and summer Saco floats on the river rats. The boys enjoyed him and spending time at your house so much. I am so sorry for your loss and the suffering you must be going through. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Our deepest sympathy
Laurel, Tate, and Coleman

Laurel Carter - May 26, 2015 at 03:07 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Christopher G. Merrill.



May 26, 2015 at 02:54 PM

RH

“ Liz, Levi, Hayley and Abby,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Robin Heim & Family

Robin Heim - May 26, 2015 at 11:59 AM

EW

“ Liz, Levi, Hayley and Abby, and George, Louise, Ann and Russ, we are so sorry to learn of this tragedy. As a member of his class at LAS, I can attest to his quick and able intellect. He could readily discuss math theories (leaving many in the dust) and then turn around to dissect the latest Bruins' game. He was also accomplished at school sports.

At our store, Chris was a loyal customer who we also contracted with for snow removal and construction needs. We could always depend on a job done well and he never disappointed.

We will miss Chris. Our hearts are heavy and we hope you know how sorry we all are.

Liz Dodge Webster

Keith Webster

Everyone at Dodge's Agway

Elizabeth Webster - May 26, 2015 at 09:31 AM

RH

“ Liz, Levi, Haley, Abby and the entire Merrill Family.
We just heard about your loss. We are very deeply saddened to hear this.
We send our love and condolences.
We will always remember Chris as a very devoted/loving husband and father.
His family always came first.
He was a man among men, hardworking, smart, strong willed, never a quitter.
I will always think of him and the family on hot summer days loading hay
from the fields with his big smile.
He was a true friend and will be missed, but not forgotten!

Rick and Linda Higgins

Rick Higgins - May 26, 2015 at 09:16 AM

AM

“ Dear Merrill Family - I am saddened to hear of Chris' tragic passing. I knew Chris from WHS as he was a good friend of my brother. I also had the pleasure of hiring him a few years back to do a landscaping job at my company. My thoughts are with you all during this difficult time.

Alicia (Welch) McLaughlin

Alicia McLaughlin - May 26, 2015 at 07:01 AM

DF

“ Liz, Levi, Hayley, Abby and the Merrill Family - We are so very sadden to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all as you go through this very difficult time. We are here for all of you and please do not hesitate to let us know if and when you are in need.

The Kelley Family - Warren, Doreen, Patrick and Ashley

Doreen Kelley, Hampton Falls - May 26, 2015 at 04:31 AM

LS

“ Liz, Levi, Hayley, Abby, Louise and George, words could never express the heartache that we feel at this time for all of you. Chris was a smart, devoted and caring father, husband and son. He stood up for what he believed in with all his being. Jim and I always enjoyed our times together with you, Chris and Louise at the many different games while we rooted for our daughters at LAS and WHS. Chris will truly be missed. May the Lord bless you and your family now and always.

The Stevens Family

LuAnn, Jim, James, Kathryn and Kristyn

LuAnn Gilman Stevens - May 25, 2015 at 03:56 PM

BC

“ To the loss of a great friend. It was a surprise two weekend ago when Chris showed up north and came over to visit. A man of strong morals, a loving husband and father. He will be sadly missed. Our prayers are with his beautiful wife Liz and their three children Levi, Haley & Abby. Are prayers are with you all. Love Bryan & Ruth Curtis



Bryan & Ruth Curtis - May 25, 2015 at 03:01 PM

TD

“ Liz levy Haley and Abby I am thinking of you I am here if you need anything Chris was a wonderful father and husband

tara datro - May 25, 2015 at 11:27 AM

DD

Dear cousin ann, Levi, Hayley and Abby. Words cannot express the sadness and pain we feel in Ireland to hear of the tragic loss of Chris. Chris was a beautiful man, so proud of his wife and children. I particularly will remember his wonderful honesty, openness and warmth on the many occasions we visited your home ann, chris was a wonderful husband and father, he always made us feel so welcome. Ann and family cannot imagine you are going through, please know you are in our thoughts, we send you love, peace, and condolences across the Irish Sea for your loss. Love always, cousin Dolores , Isabel , aunty Ann, Connolly /Hillgrove/ Dermody families in Ireland x

dolores dermody - May 26, 2015 at 06:00 PM

CL

I was honored to call Chris a friend for over for twenty years. He had a wonderful way about him - sincere and dedicated with an unbreakable moral compass. If you found yourself in a foxhole, he was the guy you would want in it with you. To his family, my unspeakable sorrow at your loss. We will all miss him forever.

Charlie Leto

charles leto - May 28, 2015 at 02:31 PM

HM

Dear Liz, My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. So sorry for your loss. Love and friendship, Helen Mitchell-Johnson

Helen Mitchell-Johnson - May 29, 2015 at 05:45 PM

DW

Dear Liz and Family our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.f I can do anything for pease feel free to call me at anytime if it is just to talk I have been there and so has David. love and Godbless you all.

Denise Wenhold - May 30, 2015 at 10:47 AM