



## Christopher "Chris" Wade Brant

August 8, 1959 - May 12, 2018

It is with great sadness that the family and friends of Christopher Wade Brant announce his passing after a long and brave battle with cancer. Chris passed away peacefully surrounded by family and ascended into heaven to be with his Heavenly Father on May 12, 2018 at the age of 58 years. Chris was born to his late parents, Vernon and Judith Brant, on August 8, 1959 in Orlando, FL. He attended Oakridge High School where, at the age of 16, he met the love of his life, Maria, and began what would become a truly rich and full life. He attended Edison Community College for 2 years before receiving a full scholarship to play baseball at Louisiana State University. Chris proudly wore #10 as shortstop for the Tigers. He was an exceptional player who broke many records that, to this day, remain untouched. After graduating college, he went on to play professional baseball in Nettuno, Italy where he made many memories that he fondly spoke of to anyone who would listen. Shortly after returning from Italy, he married Maria and began his family. If you knew Chris, you know the love he had for his family was unparalleled. He spent the bulk of his career working in the family business. Within the last few years of his life, he began working at the law firm of O'Connor and O'Connor. He enjoyed the work tremendously, while simultaneously experiencing a sense of community and closeness with everyone. Chris was a lifelong parishioner of St. John Vianney Church and an active member of his Cursillo group. Through this group, he forged friendships that evolved into a much deeper bond. Those friends are now forever family. His faith was of utmost importance to him and

brought him comfort and peace knowing that his journey on this earth would lead to a heavenly reception. He loved the outdoors, hiking, fishing, and the solitude and tranquility of the mountains. Cars were a special interest of his. He was an especially avid Jeep aficionado. He will forever be in our hearts.

Chris is survived by his wife of 34 years, Maria; daughters Andrea (Joey) and Lindsey; grandson Jackson; sister Jill (Michael) Smeal; sister in law Carol (Michael) Enright; father in law Otto Rodriguez; nieces Morgan and Tiffany; nephews Alex, Tyler, and Trent.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Orlando Cursillo, Inc. Please send donations to PO Box 2461, Orlando, FL 32802 and specify the donation is being made in honor of Chris Brant.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 20. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

A Community Funeral Home & Sunset Cremations  
910 W. Michigan Street  
Orlando, FL 32805  
(407) 841-4424  
<https://www.acommunityfuneralhome.com/>

## Vigil Service

MAY 20. 3:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Mass

MAY 21. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church  
6200 S. Orange Blossom Trail  
Orlando, FL 32809

## Reception

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MAY **21**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church  
6200 S Orange Blossom Trail  
Orlando, FL 32809  
(407) 855-5391

# Tribute Wall

AR

“ I just recently learned that Chris passed away. He was my teammate in little league and friend through Oak Rudge and beyond. It was an honor to be his catcher when he pitched at Pine Castle LL. I am deeply saddened and extend my condolences to his family. V/R. Tony Riddle



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**anthony riddle** - July 08, 2018 at 12:04 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Christopher "Chris" Wade Brant.



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May 20, 2018 at 02:11 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Christopher "Chris" Wade Brant.



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May 20, 2018 at 10:35 AM

HB

“ I worked with Chris for many years at Brant Bros. We had some fun times together. Chris loved to play Golf and fishing. My deepest sympathy to Maria and family!

*Howard Boggan*

Howard Boggan - May 17, 2018 at 01:49 PM

 Jene  
Malone

“ so sorry for your loss GOD BLESS

Jene Malone - May 16, 2018 at 07:30 PM

EB

“ Eddie Bori lit a candle in memory of Christopher "Chris" Wade Brant



Eddie Bori - May 16, 2018 at 02:47 PM

TM

“ I worked with Chris at Brant Brothers for 12 years, my deepest sympathies to the family

*Terri Gilmore Meyer*

Terri Gilmore Meyer - May 16, 2018 at 11:32 AM

DR


“ I am so sorry to hear about Chris. I worked at Brant Brothers for 20 years. My sincere sympathy to the family. Diane Rutherford

Diane Rutherford - May 16, 2018 at 11:28 AM

ST

“ I didn't get to really know Chris until a few years ago even though we are family and from day 1 I enjoyed his personality and the joy and faith he wore everyday! He was such a fun person to be around and talk to! My heart is so sad however when I think of the joy in heaven at his arrival I find peace!

stacy - May 15, 2018 at 06:10 PM

 Elaine  
Moody

“ You fought a long and courageous fight Chris. Now you can rest in the arms of our Lord Jesus. We'll miss you.  
Norman and Elaine Moody



Elaine Moody - May 15, 2018 at 05:13 PM

GM

Maria and family I am so sorry for the loss of such a great and courageous man. But his body fought until the end. May he find the peace that only the good Lord can give him.  
Ginny Monteleone

Ginny Monteleone - May 15, 2018 at 05:35 PM

TL

got great memories of chris, from our time at LSU to the 3 months we played baseball in Italy , great guy always made you laugh, rest in peace number 10

tony lonero - May 16, 2018 at 09:56 AM