



## Christian "Chris" Howard

October 12, 1966 - November 17, 2017

ADRIAN – Christian “Chris” M. Howard, 51, of Adrian passed away Friday, November 17, 2017.

He was born October 12, 1966, in Petoskey, Michigan, the youngest child of Melvin and Nanetta (Fear) Howard. Chris was a 1985 graduate of Boyne City High School. He earned a bachelor’s degree from Adrian College and a master’s degree from Eastern Michigan University.

On September 23, 1989, Chris married Regina “Gina” Rodriguez, and she survives.

Chris loved the outdoors, especially his family property in Ostego County, Michigan where he spent a great deal of time morel and deer hunting. Chris worked in many capacities within the academic community at Adrian College, Mercy College in Toledo and most recently, Siena Heights University where he was the assistant director of student success. He also worked for Chase Bank as a marketing regional manager. Chris will be greatly missed by the many students he connected with over the years.

In addition to his parents, Melvin and Nanetta of Boyne City, MI, and Gina, his wife of over 28 years, he is survived by their children, Calvin (Sunny) Howard and Alexa Howard, both of Adrian; sisters, Kelly Martin of Boyne City and

Kathy Way of Charlevoix, MI; and many extended family members.

A prayer service will take place at 7 p.m., Wednesday, November 29, 2017, at Wagley Funeral Home in Adrian with Fr. John Grace officiating. There will be a gathering of family and friends at the funeral home Wednesday from 2 p.m. until the service.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Siena Heights University. Online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.WagleyFuneralHome.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com).

# Previous Events

## Gathering of Family and Friends

NOV **29**. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)  
1501 W. Maumee St.  
Adrian, MI 49221  
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## Prayer Service

NOV **29**. 7:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Christian "Chris" Howard*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Amy Peplinski lit a candle in memory of  
Christian "Chris" Howard*



**Amy Peplinski** - December 01, 2017 at 12:26 PM



“ *To: Gina and family, Prayers for your family.  
From: Kim Poling*



**Kim Poling** - November 30, 2017 at 02:47 PM



“ *Wanda Dotson lit a candle in memory of  
Christian "Chris" Howard*



**wanda dotson** - November 29, 2017 at 03:04 PM

BP

“ *Bev Paquette lit a candle in memory of Christian "Chris" Howard*



Bev Paquette - November 29, 2017 at 01:51 PM

NA

“ *Nathan, Jami, Aunt Kathy, Nikki, Eric, and Addison purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Christian "Chris" Howard.*



Nathan, Jami, Aunt Kathy, Nikki, Eric, and Addison -  
November 29, 2017 at 06:10 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Christian "Chris" Howard.*



November 28, 2017 at 10:45 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Christian "Chris" Howard.*



November 28, 2017 at 09:07 PM

TA

“ My thoughts and Prayers will continue to be with all of Chris's Family through this time of loss. I will always have fun memories of Chris and am grateful for the renewed friendship we have shared these past couple of years. I Pray God gives you comfort and I know Chris will be forever watching over you!

*Tina Marie Van Alstine*



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**Tina Marie Van Alstine** - November 28, 2017 at 08:41 PM

HB

“ Heidi Lillis, Mark Bogetto purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Christian "Chris" Howard.



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**Heidi Lillis, Mark Bogetto** - November 28, 2017 at 07:35 PM

KB

“ Kathy Burroughs & Rodney Burroughs lit a candle in memory of Christian "Chris" Howard



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**kathy burroughs & Rodney Burroughs** - November 28, 2017 at 05:40 PM

KB

*I know there's nothing I can say that will help, but I do think of you often, praying for you and your family.*

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**kathy burroughs** - November 28, 2017 at 05:42 PM

SP

“ Steven Parsons purchased the Cheeseboard Co mplete for the family of Christian "Chris" Howard.



Steven Parsons - November 28, 2017 at 03:23 PM

SP

“ Chris was a great person. I have had the pleasure of knowing him since pre-school. He always had a smile or laugh to greet you and was genuinely concerned/ interested in others. Hearing of his death has taken me back to many good memories growing up with him and somehow staying out of trouble. My thoughts and prayers are with the Howard family.

Steven Parsons - November 28, 2017 at 03:18 PM

KB

“ Chris genuinely cared about the students he worked with. He was a good man who will be missed by so many. Peace to his family.  
Karin and Matt Barbee

Karin Barbee - November 28, 2017 at 12:53 AM

FA

“ Fatmy Abed sent a virtual gift in memory of Christian "Chris" Howard



Fatmy Abed - November 27, 2017 at 01:39 PM

FA

“ *Fatmy Abed lit a candle in memory of Christian "Chris" Howard*



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**Fatmy Abed** - November 27, 2017 at 01:38 PM

GR

“ *Thoughts and prayers*



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**Genevieve Robinson** - November 27, 2017 at 11:51 AM

GV

“ *Our deepest condolences to the family--cousin Gina receive our hugs, love and prayers---God bless your family. cousins Gloria and Pete Valdez--Jackson*



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**Gloria Valdez** - November 27, 2017 at 06:10 AM

LG


“ *Lisa Gerard lit a candle in memory of Christian "Chris" Howard*



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**Lisa Gerard** - November 26, 2017 at 11:47 PM

Janie Garcia

“ *In Memory of Chris Howard. Gina, you and the Family are in my Thoughts and Prayers.* 



Janie Garcia - November 26, 2017 at 02:55 PM



“ *Julie Dixon Swanson lit a candle in memory of Christian "Chris" Howard*



Julie Dixon Swanson - November 25, 2017 at 05:31 PM

SC

“ *Sandy (Schmoldt) Clausen lit a candle in memory of Christian "Chris" Howard*



Sandy (Schmoldt) Clausen - November 24, 2017 at 04:44 PM

CS

“ *Christa Shelvey lit a candle in memory of Christian "Chris" Howard*



Christa Shelvey - November 23, 2017 at 06:37 PM

JM

“ Chris is one of the main reasons I loved working at Siena. We enjoyed coffee together in the mornings and putting puzzles together on the slow afternoons. I've rarely met someone so open and warm. He helped me through hard times and shared his with me. He had a better attention span for puzzles than I did, so I always made sure to steal one piece so I could "help" him finish his puzzle when he got stuck. He had a great laugh. I consider him a good friend, wish I had spent more time with him, and will miss him.  
Jonathon

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**Jonathon Marowelli** - November 23, 2017 at 09:24 AM



“ Karen Ann Larsen lit a candle in memory of Christian "Chris" Howard



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**Karen Ann Larsen** - November 22, 2017 at 05:47 PM

TR

“ Theresa R. lit a candle in memory of Christian "Chris" Howard



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**Theresa R.** - November 22, 2017 at 03:26 PM

TT

“ Tom And Sarah Towne lit a candle in memory of Christian "Chris" Howard



Tom and Sarah Towne - November 22, 2017 at 12:42 PM

TT

Some of the best times growing up in our neighborhood, Chris was part of. He will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers to the family.

Tom and Sarah Towne - November 22, 2017 at 12:44 PM

DM

“ In the three years I worked at Siena Heights my favorite memory is the location of my office- I taught in the humanities division but was in the tiny office suite, off the Academic Services conference room. Christian was my neighbor. We talked about everything from Michigan history to mushroom hunting to helping students who were struggling academically. When I need a colleague he was always there to talk and offer advice.

Dr. Christy Mesaros-Winckles - November 22, 2017 at 07:12 AM

MF

“ Miriam Smith Finet lit a candle in memory of Christian "Chris" Howard



Miriam Smith Finet - November 22, 2017 at 07:05 AM

JO

“ Joh lit a candle in memory of Christian "Chris" Howard



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**joh** - November 21, 2017 at 10:14 PM

JF

“ Joh Lorenzo and Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Christian "Chris" Howard.



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**Joh Lorenzo and Family** - November 21, 2017 at 10:12 PM

HK

“ So sorry for your loss. I knew Chris through my friend ,his wife Gina. Prayers to the family.



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**Holly Kendall** - November 21, 2017 at 09:59 PM

PS

“ Gina, I am so sorry I am so sorry!  
You and your family are in my prayers  
With love, Patty Stanton

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**patty stanton** - November 21, 2017 at 09:13 PM

DG

“ *Diane Gibbs-Puffpaff lit a candle in memory of Christian "Chris" Howard*



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**Diane Gibbs-Puffpaff** - November 21, 2017 at 08:47 PM

YW

“ *I remember when we first met, I was a student at Adrian College and I had Dr. Fechner for a history class (you were his aide). I was doing miserably - getting a "D" in the class - until you reach out and offered a suggestion on how to study for Dr. Fechner's tests! You were a great friend to both George and me and we were blessed to have you and your family in our lives. You were funny and compassionate when we needed it the most. You've made an indelible mark on the community and are an inspiration to all who know you! You taught us to pioneer on regardless of circumstance and to always to have faith in ourselves and what we believe in. May you RIP, Chris! Prayers blessings to your family!*



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**Yvonne Wolf** - November 21, 2017 at 08:47 PM

FM

“ *Frances Morey lit a candle in memory of Christian "Chris" Howard*



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**Frances Morey** - November 21, 2017 at 06:59 PM

DA

“ *David@DianaPatterson lit a candle in memory of Christian "Chris" Howard*



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**David@DianaPatterson** - November 21, 2017 at 06:34 PM

CA

“ *Gina sending prayers for you and your family.*

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**Carmela** - November 21, 2017 at 06:00 PM

YW

“ *Yvonne Wolf lit a candle in memory of Christian "Chris" Howard*



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**Yvonne Wolf** - November 21, 2017 at 05:58 PM

RH

“ *Rhonda lit a candle in memory of Christian "Chris" Howard*



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**Rhonda** - November 21, 2017 at 05:57 PM

CA

“ *Carmela lit a candle in memory of Christian "Chris" Howard*



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**Carmela** - November 21, 2017 at 05:55 PM

AH

“ *My heart and prayers go out to his family and friends!!*



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**Andrea Hall** - November 21, 2017 at 05:48 PM

YW

“ *I remember the first time I met you - I was in a history class at Adrian College and you were an aide to Dr. Fechner. I was (literally) getting a "D" in the class until you told me "how to study" for Dr. F's tests. You meant a lot to both George and I and we were so blessed to have you in our wedding and life! RIP, Dear friend! God Bless you and your family!*



*George & Yvonne Wolf*

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**Yvonne Wolf** - November 21, 2017 at 05:46 PM



“ Kierstin lit a candle in memory of Christian "Chris" Howard



kierstin - November 21, 2017 at 04:55 PM



“ Always kind, always willing to put service before self. May you be at 🙌 .



Monica Robbins - November 21, 2017 at 04:43 PM



“ Mary Davis lit a candle in memory of Christian "Chris" Howard



Mary Davis - November 21, 2017 at 03:42 PM



“ Kierra Rice lit a candle in memory of Christian "Chris" Howard



Kierra Rice - November 21, 2017 at 03:38 PM

P(

“ Pam Price (Kenyon) lit a candle in memory of Christian "Chris" Howard



Pam Price (Kenyon) - November 21, 2017 at 03:21 PM

TH

“ Theresa lit a candle in memory of Christian "Chris" Howard



Theresa - November 21, 2017 at 03:18 PM

RH

“ Rhonda Harasewicz lit a candle in memory of Christian "Chris" Howard



Rhonda Harasewicz - November 21, 2017 at 02:44 PM

KE

“ Kelly lit a candle in memory of Christian "Chris" Howard



kelly - November 21, 2017 at 02:38 PM

KA

“ Kathy lit a candle in memory of Christian "Chris" Howard



kathy - November 21, 2017 at 02:37 PM

MB

“ Mark Bernard lit a candle in memory of Christian "Chris" Howard



Mark Bernard - November 21, 2017 at 02:36 PM

SM

“ Sherry McGee lit a candle in memory of Christian "Chris" Howard



Sherry McGee - November 21, 2017 at 02:35 PM



“ Amy Ream lit a candle in memory of Christian "Chris" Howard



Amy Ream - November 21, 2017 at 02:32 PM

KI

“ *Kirstin lit a candle in memory of Christian "Chris" Howard*



Kirstin - November 21, 2017 at 02:31 PM

PS

“ *Pat Sumner lit a candle in memory of Christian "Chris" Howard*



Pat Sumner - November 21, 2017 at 02:30 PM

LO

“ *Lori lit a candle in memory of Christian "Chris" Howard*



Lori - November 21, 2017 at 02:19 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Christian "Chris" Howard.*



November 21, 2017 at 02:08 PM

LE

“ Leslie lit a candle in memory of Christian  
"Chris" Howard



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**Leslie** - November 21, 2017 at 01:59 PM

SO

“ Chris made a difference in the life of the students. He will be sorely  
missed. May our Gracious God comfort those who loved and grieve  
his loss. Sr. Sharon Spanbauer, OP

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**Sr. Sharon Spanbauer, OP** - November 21, 2017 at 01:55 PM

ML

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Hold on to all those  
memories of our little neighborhood of youth. I know I do!

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**Marylou Erber Livingstone** - November 21, 2017 at 01:27 PM

SA

Chris was such a good man, always kind and showing concern for  
others. Thanks for all the ways you have touched the lives of so many  
at Siena. You wil be missed.  
Sister Peg Albert, OP

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**Sr. Peg Albert** - November 21, 2017 at 10:33 PM