



## Christopher "Chris" Brooks

December 8, 2007 - May 21, 2026

Christopher "Chris" Brooks of Hobe Sound, FL. passed away on Thursday, May 21st after a car accident. At 18 years of age, Chris had just completed high school and was beginning his transition from a very happy and fulfilling childhood to a promising future full of opportunity and hope. Even though Chris was taken from us much too early, his faith was strong and we are comforted to know that he is now with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Chris was born December 8, 2007, to Kristin Brooks in Stuart, FL. He was raised in a nurturing environment by his loving grandparents and guardians Tom and Gwen Brooks, with the help of their youngest daughter Lindsay Brooks ("the best big sister imaginable"). Chris was a lifelong Martin County resident and attended Bethel Lutheran Preschool, Hobe Sound Elementary, Murray Middle School, and South Fork High

School.

Chris was a true blessing to his family and friends. He was very much loved and appreciated by his extended family and was often the life of the party at family gatherings and vacations. Some mentioned that Chris was “an unexpected gift” because of the somewhat unusual way that he became such an important and cherished part of their lives. The outpouring of kind and loving thoughts expressed by his friends and their families serve as a testament to how much Chris meant to each of them.

Along with family and friends, Christian faith was another priority for Chris. He regularly participated in church youth group worship and activities. His pastors were important role models that shaped his personal and spiritual growth, and he appreciated the bonds of friendship he had with each of them. Beyond the normal church-based activities, Christopher traveled to attend numerous summer youth group camps.

Chris was very active in the Scouts (BSA) organization where he earned the ranking of “Life Scout”. One of Chris’s many accomplishments in scouting was completing a 5-mile swim challenge. In addition to the various life skills that he learned through scouting,

Chris established long-term friendships with some of the other scouts, including his good friend Sam. His scout masters were critically important in helping to shape Chris into the kind and impressive young man that he had become.

Chris was a proud member of the South Fork High School bowling team. The friendships that Chris made through his bowling experiences seemed to be more meaningful to him than the achievements he accomplished on the lanes.

In more recent years, Chris developed a passionate interest in cars and auto repair.

Chris and his good friend Rylan were in the process of rebuilding the engine in his recently acquired Subaru. Chris was enrolled to start a curriculum at J-Tech Institute in Jacksonville, FL. to pursue formal training and a career as an automotive technician.

Chris's other interests and pursuits were extensive. He played youth league soccer and baseball. He was a talented pitcher and a powerful hitter, which earned him a spot on the All-Star team. Other activities and interests that Chris enjoyed included golfing (especially with his dad), fishing, boating, boogie boarding, canoeing, trail riding, gaming, computers, tinkering with mechanical things, music (middle school band and

high school marching band), basketball and pickleball.

Chris is survived by his grandparents and guardians, Tom Brooks and Gwen Brooks;  
Mother Kristin (Herbert) Brooks Blanco and 2 half-brothers, Isaiah and Axton;  
Uncle Tim  
(Hannah) Brooks and five cousins, Samuel, Hope, Amelia, Jeremiah and Ruthanne;  
Aunt/Sister Lindsay Brooks and Uncle/Brother Chase Patterson; Aunt Sue (Mark)  
Brooks Lynch; Uncle Scott (Toni) Brooks and cousins, Josh (Michaela) Brooks, Sutton  
Brooks, Ashley Brooks and fiancé Tony Herrington; Uncle Forrest (Susan) Brooks and  
cousins Andrew Brooks, Amy (Stephen) Buehler, Henry Buehler, Alexis Buehler and  
Ariana Buehler; Aunt Jennifer Brooks.

Chris was known for his kindness, gentle spirit, and his genuine interest in hearing what  
others had to say. His fun and loving character left a lasting mark on everyone that  
knew him. Christopher's spirit always seemed to light-up whatever room he was in, and  
going forward, we know that the memories he left us with will continue to do the same.

A Celebration of Life will be held at The Grace Place Church on June 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

The family invites you to share your memories, photos, and stories of Chris on his

memorial site. These special shared moments will help carry Chris's memory forward with love.

We are so grateful and thankful for the outpouring of love and sympathy from this caring community. Thank you for keeping our family in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

"Wherever a beautiful soul has been, there is a trail of beautiful memories" -  
Author  
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# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

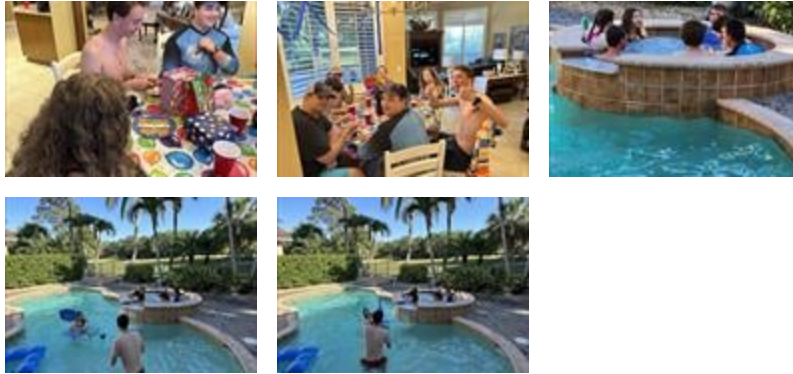
JUN 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

The Grace Place Church  
1550 SE Salerno Rd  
Stuart, FL 34997

# Tribute Wall

MP

“ I’m sharing a memory of Chris at John’s birthday party. He was a good friend of John’s.



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**Maria Patten** - June 06 at 12:21 PM

KM

“ Loreta and I are heartbroken at the passing of your beloved Christopher. We will always remember him as this little ring bearer. Much love and prayers, Kevin McDonnell



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**Kevin McDonnell** - June 04 at 08:39 AM

“ Christopher always had a way of making everyone laugh for as long as I can remember. He used to tell me and my friend I nonsensical stories in the car when he was just a toddler and instead of “Once Upon a Time” he would say “Once again...” it made us laugh so hard it hurt. Every device I have is full of videos and pictures of him including my phone, Nintendo DSi, and every digital camera I’ve ever owned.

He was always down for any adventure with me whether it was the beach, the zoo, the trampoline park, or rock climbing. We had an annual tradition for a while where the two of us would drive to a theme park on Christmas Eve and do all the holiday festivities the park would offer and then drive back home the same night. One year we went to Busch Gardens in Tampa and we were supposed to stay the night at my apartment before driving back. We ended up locked out of my apartment and had to drive back late at night, he didn’t complain and said he would stay awake with me while I drove. He fell asleep pretty quick but it was the thought that counted.

Christopher had so much passion and compassion. He really loved animals, especially dogs. I think I’ve seen every dog movie that exists because of him and several times since they were always on rerun in the back of the van. All of our fur babies loved him and he claimed to my mom that I ruined his plan to get a dog when he moved in with us because I adopted our newest dog in December.

He was supposed to move in with us this month to pursue his love for working on cars at J Tech and we were so excited to have him. When he called me to ask if he could live with us it wasn’t even really a question but I said “I’m not doing your laundry for you.” When we attended his signing day at J Tech with him he expressed he wanted to talk with the manager of the Subaru dealer that was there. Well when they started talking Christopher was telling him all about the work he was doing on his car, we were there for so long waiting for them to finish their conversation that all the other families, students, and business partners had left. The man

*running the event sat at the next table waiting for them to finish so he could leave as well. The Subaru manager took Christopher's information and offered him a job at the dealership and was willing to even wait for Christopher to finish his first semester before starting there.*

*It is evident that Christopher's joy was received widely with all of the friends and community that he surrounded himself with. We all miss him so much but we are so lucky to have had someone in our lives that we loved so deeply worth missing. I love you, bro.*



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**Lindsay Brooks** - June 03 at 10:51 AM

SP

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Brooks family 🙏🙏🙏🙏  
We hope the precious pictures we have of Chris give you comfort as they do us.

Sharon and Ron Panaro



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Sharon Panaro - June 02 at 09:39 PM

SP

“ We will always love you Chris. Our pain at your passing is heart breaking 💔 We have happy memories when you were born and little, the precious time we got to spend with you will always be with us.

Rest In Eternal Peace now with our Lord and Savior sweet heart 🕊️

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Nana and Papa Papa Panaro



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Sharon and Ron Panaro - June 02 at 09:21 PM



“ If i could say one last thing to you it would be that I am so proud of who you became, and who you were becoming. I could see the fine young man you were growing into. You loved so deep and so wide, your friend’s family and even acquaintances were quickly pulled into your sphere of influence. Over the weeks since you have passed I have learned so much about you.

You loved to work with your hands and it didn’t matter the medium you made it work. You made so many beautiful things crafted by your hands alone. You had more hobbies than most and that means a-lot coming from a collector of hobbies such as myself. Your ambitious attitude and positive mindset was your momentum and strength through life, I wanted nothing more than to help guide you in refining your raw talents and energy.

Your friend group was massive! And so deeply involved, im envious of the childhood you lived. Enriched with amazing memories everywhere you looked. Bonds that would last a life time and unfortunately will live on through their lives now.

I am so proud of you chris, this was a great tragedy to have someone so talented and kind ripped from our hearts. But know that your memory burns to our core and I promise to love harder, forgive quicker, and collect more hobbies because of you. This isn’t goodbye this is see you later brother.



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Chase Patterson - June 02 at 08:13 PM

SJ

“ Fifth grade Hobe Sound Elementary Dance



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**Serrena Jones** - June 02 at 07:38 PM

LB

“ 20 files added to the tribute wall



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**Lindsay Brooks** - June 02 at 06:18 PM

SP

Love all the pictures, Chris had a wonderful life 💙

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**Sharon Panaro** - June 02 at 10:30 PM

JC

“ Please join us for a Celebration of Life fundraiser at Stuart Bowl Lanes on Saturday, June 6, 2026 at 6-9pm. Donation \$10.



jcleasor@outlook.com - June 02 at 03:59 PM

TT

“ Chris was a wonderful, respectful young man. Jett and Anthony loved bowling with him and spending their Saturdays goofing around. His presence leaves a hole, but I'm grateful he is home with the Lord.



Tracy Tremblay - June 02 at 02:53 PM

TT

Sorry. \*absence leaves a hole.  
Sending prayers to his family and friends.

Tracy Tremblay - June 02 at 02:58 PM

JS

We didn't have a lot of contact with Chris but we are deeply saddened by his passing. Remember Chris as such a happy kid always smiling. He loved to go fishing with Tom and Catbird was happy to tag along. Always remember the good times and know he is in a better place. Our love and prayers are with all the family at this time.  
Catbird & Judy Sexton

Judy Sexton - June 04 at 11:12 PM