



Mr. Thomas Christopher Pyles

September 19, 1949 - July 14, 2023

Thomas Christopher Pyles died on July 14, 2023, after a prolonged battle with Parkinson's disease. Chris was born on September 19, 1949, in Bethesda, Maryland, to Thomas Walter Pyles and Beatrice Lee Howard Pyles. He grew up in Catonsville, Maryland, where he graduated from Catonsville High School. He went on to earn a BS in Industrial Management from Georgia Institute of Technology in 1971. At Georgia Tech, he was a member and officer of the Beta Iota Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, the Navy Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC), and was instrumental in forming the first Georgia Tech Lacrosse Club Team.

Following graduation, he was commissioned as an Ensign in the U.S. Navy, stationed first in Jacksonville, Florida, and then in Orlando. He served for four years, earning the rank of Lieutenant, Junior Grade. Chris then entered the University of Georgia School of Law, graduating in 1977.

After law school, he moved to Carrollton, Georgia, where he was embraced by the community and served as an attorney for over 40 years. His service included working for 10 years representing the children for the Georgia Division of Family and Children Services, and he retired as a partner in the law firm practice of Price and Pyles in 2018.

He received many awards for his community involvement, including the lifetime achievement award for his 35 years of service with Sertoma. He was honored as the Grand Marshall of the Fourth of July parade in 2017. He held numerous positions as a member of the Carrollton Jaycees, and consistently

supported the Empty Stocking Fund. He was an active member and lay reader of St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, where he also served on the vestry. He loved his long-time involvement with the Carroll County Community Theater, where he enthusiastically worked in all roles, from back stage to actor to director to board member. He was a member and past president of Sunset Hills Country Club.

Chris is survived by his beloved wife of 36 years, Debbie Norton Pyles of Bowdon, Georgia, sister Anne (Tom and daughter Jessica) Glass of Athens, Georgia, and devoted daughters Amanda (Hudson) Denney of Greenville, South Carolina, and Margaret "Meg" (Gene) Perkins of Columbus, Georgia. Chris cherished his role as "Pop" to his five grandsons, William Hudson Denney, Jr., Thomas Alexander Denney, Hayes Roush Denney, Howard Adam "Hap" Perkins, and Dale Alexander "Alec" Perkins. He loved and will be missed by his many friends, including lifetime friends from Catonsville, his Georgia Tech tailgate crew, long-time supper club group, and travel groups with whom he enjoyed so many trips. He was also a member of a fantasy football league for an astounding 43 years. The family is also deeply indebted to his special caregiver, Malinda Hendrix, as well as to Sacred Journey Hospice and Laurel Glen Memory Care

Chris was a true southern gentleman. Often referred to as a "gentle giant," he will be remembered as having a larger-than-life spirit. He amazed his friends with his knowledge. He could do crossword puzzles in pen. Chris loved music and was a walking encyclopedia, who could recall the lyrics and artist of most songs, from top 40 and oldies to hard rock. We are certain that today he is barefoot and dancing to beach music on the sands of heaven!

There will be a private family graveside service. A memorial service will be held at St Margaret's Episcopal Church in Carrollton, GA, at 3 pm on Sunday, July 16, 2023, and all are welcome to attend. The service will be livestreamed, accessible at https://www.facebook.com/SaintMargaretsEpiscopalChurch/videos/?ref=page_internal Immediately following the service, the family would like for you to join them for a celebration of his wonderful life at the Carrollton

Center for the Arts.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Carrollton Center for the Arts – Community Theater (CCCT, 251 Alabama Street, Carrollton, GA 30117), St. Margaret’s Episcopal Church (606 Newnan Street, Carrollton, GA 30117), or the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s Research (<https://give.michaeljfox.org/give/421686/#!/donation/checkout>)

“When a great man dies, for years the light he leaves behind him, lies on the paths of men.” Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL **16**. 3:00 PM (ET)

St. Margaret's Episcopal Church
606 Newnan Street
Carrollton, GA 30117

Tribute Wall

KB

“ Send love❤️.. My Husband had Parkinson's disease and was dealing with shakes, stiffness and balance issues – it was like his body was in rebellion. Meds (Levodopa) and therapies were not doing much, so we thought about trying alternative methods as we heard interesting stories about Ayurvedic herbs with this disease. We explored the path and it changed his life with all symptoms totally reversed - Shakes calmed down, stiffness took a hike. My husband is living proof that natural Ayurvedic herbs can be a game-changer in the face of Parkinson's as he is totally cured and fine now. The journey wasn't always smooth, but the results speak for themselves. If anyone out there is facing a similar battle, consider giving Ayurvedic herbs a shot. We got the Ayurvedic herbs which cured him from naturalherbscentre.com I recommend Ayurvedic treatment from Natural Herbs Centre for Parkinson's disease This is how my husband reversed his PD. This isn't some scam or some made up nonsense.

Katherine Bhana - February 12, 2024 at 09:17 AM

OB

“ Debbie & Family, We were very sadden to hear of Chris's passing. May God's everlasting love & care continue to be with you and your family. You have our continuous prayers. Love & God Bless, Pat & Ozzie Binion

Ozzie & Pat Binion - July 24, 2023 at 12:23 PM

SS

“ Sullivan Billy & Sue lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Christopher Pyles



Sullivan Billy & Sue - July 19, 2023 at 04:46 PM

GF

“ Gail Foster lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Christopher Pyles



Gail Foster - July 16, 2023 at 07:26 PM

JM

“ Janie R Meadows lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Christopher Pyles



Janie R Meadows - July 15, 2023 at 07:40 PM

KB

Chris was a remarkable man. I met him when the summer he moved to Carrollton. He had impeccable manners, was a delightful friend and I was always impressed with his dad and granddad skills. Being “Pop” fit him to a tee!

Kitty Barr - July 20, 2023 at 02:14 PM

NO

“ So sorry to learn of Chris’s passing. He always had a smile. Our sincere sympathy to Debbie & the entire family. Sincerely, Chuck & Nalda Marlow Otka.

Nalda Marlow otka - July 15, 2023 at 06:49 PM

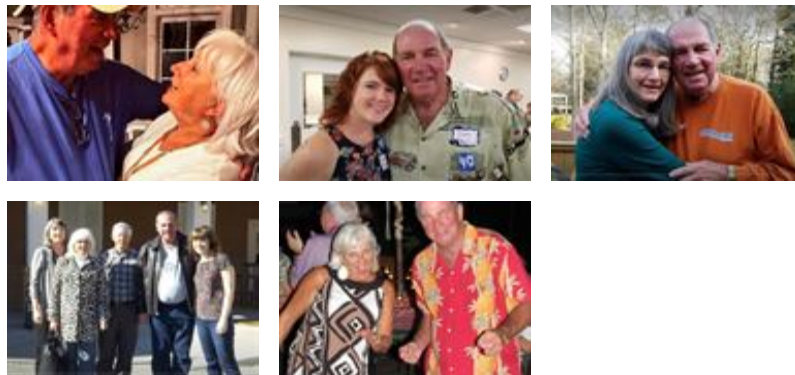
MW

“ Debbie, family & friends. I am so sorry for your heartfelt loss. Chris was a great man that will be sorely missed by so many people he helped. Praying for you Debbie 🙏🙏🙏💔💔💔

Melissa Worley - July 15, 2023 at 01:20 PM



“ 52 files added to the album Life Tributes



Rainwater Funeral Home - July 15, 2023 at 11:28 AM

LP

Such a lovely tribute to a remarkable person - thinking of each of you during this difficult time. Laura Peace and family

laura peace - July 15, 2023 at 06:52 PM

KS

“ Love and prayers to all the family as you navigate this loss.

Katie Smith - July 15, 2023 at 10:40 AM

LB

Love and prayers to you Debbie and family!! What a loving person Chris was and we will all miss him. We certainly enjoyed all the times we were together with you two!!

Lynne and Quenton Bragg - July 16, 2023 at 10:49 PM

JR

“ I will miss this wonderful man! Yall were such solemates. Blessings to you and your family.

JR Ruth - July 15, 2023 at 09:54 AM

MR

“ Sending our prayers and deepest condolences from Margie Riggs and family



Margie Riggs - July 15, 2023 at 09:37 AM

PH

“ Paula Hall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Christopher Pyles



Paula Hall - July 14, 2023 at 09:44 PM

DW

“ I met Chris through Community Theater and cherish his friendship. We didn't see each other often, but when we did there was a ton of laughter and love. My deepest sympathies to his family.



Denise Walker - July 14, 2023 at 09:39 PM

NK

I also met him and Debbie thru the Community Theater. He was a gentle giant. My condolences to his family!!

Nancy Anne King - July 15, 2023 at 12:53 PM

JW

“ So sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you. Richard & Janice Williamson

Janice Williamson - July 14, 2023 at 08:13 PM

HJ

“ Debbie & Families, so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.



Howard & Sharon Jackson - July 14, 2023 at 07:20 PM

SM

“ Sherryll Miles lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Christopher Pyles



Sherryll Miles - July 14, 2023 at 06:46 PM

MS

“ *Mike&Jan Stitcher lit a candle in memory of
Mr. Thomas Christopher Pyles*



Mike&Jan Stitcher - July 14, 2023 at 05:04 PM