



## Christopher A. Stein

April 20, 1990 - September 21, 2021

Ogdensburg - Christopher A. Stein, age 31, passed away on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at Newton Medical Center due to sepsis. Born in Phoenix, Arizona, Christopher moved to Sussex County when he was 16 and had lived in Ogdensburg for the past 11 years. Christopher adored spending time with his son and taking vacations back to Arizona. He was a loyal ASU, and Diamondbacks fan.

He is survived by his wife, JoyAnna M. Hickey; his son, Silas Christopher Stein; his mother, Helene L. Disney-Viteo of Barnegat. A memorial visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, October 9, 2021 at the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex.

In lieu of flowers please consider a memorial donation to the Silas C Stein Education Fund at [www.gofundme.com/f/silas-c-stein-education-fund](http://www.gofundme.com/f/silas-c-stein-education-fund)

Online condolences may be offered to the family at [www.pinkelfuneralhome.com](http://www.pinkelfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

**Private Cremation Services**

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

OCT 9. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I met Chris on a Wednesday night, through a mutual friend. He said he needed work and I needed help. He showed up for work the next week in a beat up Honda that barely ran. We instantly got to work and things went really well. He told me he just had a kid and needed money. I appreciated his situation and respected him for stepping up. He was in drug court and had been clean eyed and bushy tailed. We had a lot of fun and we both worked hard for the next 2 years. We became really good friends. He and I had very different world views, but we really got along and had powerful and intelligent conversations. He was good with my son, who has autism, and treated him with dignity and respect. I got to know Joy and Silas, and his friend Tommy B. as well. Tommy and Chris really stepped up after my dad passed away in 2015 and helped me get his affairs in order. I will be forever grateful for that. Tommy and Chris became regulars at my house for games and dinner and helping out. Chris got a new stang and Tommy got a classic one. Things were super cool and we hung out regularly. Then, the old beast slipped back into the picture, and I lost touch with both of them since 2016. I missed Chris's help a great deal. I am so sorry to hear of his passing. I was just thinking about him and how we used to crush it on certain work sites. I will miss him and regret not reaching out to him. My deepest condolences to Joy and Si. If there is anything I can do please let me know.

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**Tim Mure** - September 24, 2021 at 10:00 PM

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“ In the summer of 2013 me and Chris met for the first time in the parking lot of the Sussex County court house. I was just staring out on the Drug Court program and Chris was on phase 2 of the program. Which is an intense form of probation for those who don't know what it is. We spoke about many things in that hour before I had to go into the court room. What I remember taking away from our conversation was we were very different people with very different views and perspectives on life, but I remember despite our differences I thought to myself that he was a pretty cool guy. We actually exchange phone numbers after our conversation and went our separate ways. After I reported to the court room, I realized that that both phase 1 and phase 2 drug court Participants were mandated to be in court that day. Chris left the court house to go home not knowing that he was supposed to be in court that day. After the judge called his name for the second time, the court personnel begin to do the paperwork to issue a warrant for his arrest. At that point I took out my phone and began to text Chris to tell him what was happening. There is no phone usage allowed in the court room. Before I could finish my text, a probation officer named Bill caught me and told me to put my phone away and if I did it again I would be spending a night in jail. I don't know why I felt an overwhelming sense of loyalty and sympathy towards Chris and his situation, so I took my phone back out to finish my text, what I didn't know was that same probation officer double backed on me to catch me for the second time. Bill the probation officer brought me in front of the judge and I was incarcerated that day for texting during court. Funny now looking back on it, I went to jail for a guy I use met. Needless to say we became very close friends and that incident. You will be sorely missed

Your Dear friend Tom Bacolas

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Tom Bacolas - September 22, 2021 at 10:48 PM

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*Joy your family is in our prayers. Jeff wants u to call if you need anything you know we are willing to help. We will be there in October to support you. Love Jeff n Jenn*

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**Jennifer Stevens** - September 23, 2021 at 10:22 AM