



Chris A. Baightel

December 24, 1958 - June 9, 2020

Chris A. Baightel, 61, of Wapakoneta, died 5:03 a.m., Tues. June 9, 2020, at Mercy Health- St. Rita's Medical Center, Lima, with his family at his side, after a long courageous battle following his second double lung transplant. He was born Dec. 24, 1958, in Lakewood, OH, the son of Warren & Lois (Crosby) Baightel. His mother survives in Lakewood, and his father is deceased. On April 23, 1983, Chris married Valerie J. "Val" Eckert, and she survives.

Other survivors include,

2 children, Ryan (Brittany) Baightel, Findlay, OH,
& Sarah (fiancée- Derek Bergman) Baightel, Botkins, OH,
2 grandchildren, Hadley Baightel & Cole Bergman,
2 brothers, Jeffrey Baightel, & Daniel Baightel.

Chris's family would like to recognize the gracious gift of a double lung transplant from Steven Reid in August of 2014. This selfless act gave him and his family more precious moments together; to which they will be forever indebted to.

Chris worked from 1989 to 2014 in the maintenance department of Honda, Anna, OH. He received a degree from Agricultural Technical Institute, Wooster, OH and an Electrical Engineering degree from Terra Technical College, Fremont, OH. He was an active member of First United Methodist Church, Wapakoneta, where he taught Sunday school for 20 years and also

taught a financial peace course. Chris had also been a Cub Scout pack leader. He enjoyed fly fishing, going on trips in his RV with his wife, advocating as an ambassador for organ donation and truck drives with his dog, Grady.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Mon. June 15, 2020, at First United Methodist Church, Wapakoneta, with Pastor Josh Tissot officiating. The family will receive family & friends 2-6 p.m., Sun. at the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, Wapakoneta, and 1 hr. prior to the service, Mon. at the church. While we ask that social distancing be maintained, friends and family are welcome to attend. Memorial contributions may be directed to Lifeline of Ohio or First United Methodist Church. Condolences may be expressed at www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com. The funeral service will be live streamed on the Eley Funeral Home Facebook page.

Cemetery Details

Ft. Amanda Cemtery

St. Rt. 198
Wapakoneta, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 14. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Eley Funeral Home & Crematory
1102 Lincoln Ave.
Wapakoneta, OH 45895
eleyfuneralhome@gmail.com
<http://www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com>

Visitation

JUN 15. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church
Glynwood Road
Wapakoneta, OH 45895

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Eley Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Chris A. Baightel*



Eley Funeral Home & Crematory - June 15, 2020 at 10:16 AM

BC

“ *Val, Ryan, Sarah,*

Billie and I are very sorry for your loss. We have been praying for Chris as he proceeded through his journey.

They say God only gives us what we can handle, we think Chris was very strong to fight the battle with his lungs.

Our thoughts and prayers will continue to be with you as you proceed thru this time of loss.

Bob Conner - June 14, 2020 at 05:23 PM

KM

“ *We were so sorry to hear of Chris' passing. Your entire family will be in our prayers in the coming days. As I read these tributes, it is obvious Chris had an amazing impact on many lives and was a positive testimony to his faith. These are difficult days, but we gain comfort in knowing we will live forever with Christ and we will see our loved ones again.*

Kent & Maryann Metz

Kent Metz - June 14, 2020 at 02:54 PM

MJ

“ I ONLY KNEW CHRIS BY GOING TO OUR CHURCH. THE FIRST THING I LEARNED ABOUT CHRIS WAS THAT WHEN ASKED HOW HE WAS DOING HE ALWAYS SAID HE WAS BLEST. THIS WAS BEFORE HIS FIRST LUNG TRANSPLANT. AND THERE AFTER HE WOULD SAY HE WAS MORE BLEST THEN HE DESERVED. HE WAS A WONDERUL LEADER IN OUR CHURCH, FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES TO THE FINANCIAL PEACE CLASSES, WE CONSTANTLY HEARD HOW WELL LOVED AND HOW HE HAD HELPED FAMILIES IN SO MANY WAYS. AS THE YEARS PASSED HE HELPED OTHER FOLKS WHO WERE GOING THRU THE SAME TRAUMA OF A TRANSPLANT. HE WAS CONSTANTLY EDUCATING AND LEADING AND GIVING OF HIS TIME TO THOSE WHO ASKED. WHEN I WOULD WRITE TO HIM DURING THE SECOND TRANSPLANT I WAS TELLING HIM THIS WAS ANOTHER WAY TO DO HIS MISSIONARY WORK IN THE HOSPITAL. HE CAME ACROSS HUNDREDS OF FOLKS, EDUCATORS AND DOCTORS AND NURSES AND AIDS AND HOUSEKEEPING AND FOOD SERVICE YOU NAME IT HE TOUCHED THE WORLD WITH HIS FAITH. IF WE THINK ABOUT A LEAF IT REMINDS YOU TO LIVE AS WELL AS YOU CAN FOR AS LONG AS YOU CAN, UNTIL IT'S FINALLY TIME TO LET GO AND ALLOW YOURSELF TO DRIFT AWAY WITH GRACE, AND THAT WAS CHRIS. MEMORIES ARE A DOORWAY TO THE PAST, AND THE MORE ONE TREASURES THE MEMORIES, THE WIDER THE DOOR WILL OPEN, TO A NEW AND DIFFERENT KIND OF FUTURE. THANK YOU CHRIS, FOR SHOWING US ALL HOW TO GO ABOUT THIS CHRISTIAN LIFE WITH A SMILE AND WE SAY WE ARE SO BLEST TO HAVE KNOWN YOU!

Marilyn & Larry James - June 13, 2020 at 01:39 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Chris A. Baightel.



June 11, 2020 at 09:08 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Chris A. Baightel.



June 11, 2020 at 05:50 PM



“ Val. Tracey said it all, I just want you to know I am thinking if you and the family. You are in my prayers and you know if you ever need anything we are a call away. Love you and God Bless all of you ❤️

Toni Bogner - June 11, 2020 at 03:13 PM



“ Valerie, Ryan, and Sarah, on behalf of the Bogner family, we want to send our deepest sympathies to you and the entire family. Chris was a very special man, one whom anyone would be honored to know and love. Our thoughts, prayers, and hugs go out to all of you and we hope you can find comfort knowing that Chris is finally at peace with the Lord.



Tracey Bogner - June 11, 2020 at 02:47 PM

DF

“ Val, I'm so sorry for you & your family for your loss. You are in my thoughts & prayers. Diane Fark Fisher

Diane Fark Fisher - June 11, 2020 at 01:01 PM

JL

“ My deepest sympathy to the Baightel family! My son Aaron and his family thought very highly of Chris! With my grandson choosing him to be his confirmation sponsor.
May the many wonderful memories of him comfort you during this difficult time.
Janice Longsworth

Janice Longsworth - June 11, 2020 at 10:23 AM

GD

“ Before my lung transplant, Chris and I met to discuss my upcoming surgery. I was nervous and scared but Chris walked me through the process and procedure. Afterwards, I had such a peace and calmness because of his inspiration and witness. I am so terribly sorry for the family and their loss. I pray for their comfort during this very difficult time!


Gary Denig - June 10, 2020 at 03:45 PM

MC

“ So sorry to hear of Chris's passing. I have many childhood memories of Chris, mostly playing and working on the farm, but also family visits to Lakewood, and Baightel's visits to our home. I remember Chris single-handedly building a haunted house in the chicken coop, then giving guided tours. I remember he and I building a crude cabin in the woods, made out of fallen limbs and old junk. Chris loved the farm, and worked so hard milking, plowing, planting, and harvesting. We will miss him at the family reunions.

Mike Crosby - June 10, 2020 at 02:12 PM

VB

Thank you 


Val Baightel - June 19, 2020 at 07:42 AM

DB

“ I have many wonderful memories of Chris and Val but I think some of my favorites are the laughs we all shared at Luke's in Bluffton. I don't think I ever left that place without a smile on my face even when we all were going thru some really tough and scary times. My last memory of Chris is when he and Val visited our son's apple orchard in their huge RV, that was so thoughtful of them to stop and visit us on their trip to Michigan. Chris will forever hold a special place in my heart as one of the kindest people I know. He will be greatly missed. Love you Val

Debbie Brannan - June 10, 2020 at 10:42 AM

VB

Thank you 

Val Baightel - June 19, 2020 at 07:41 AM