



Mr. Chip Grissom

December 11, 1957 - August 25, 2017

By any measure, Chip Grissom led an incredible life. He embodied the love of God, family and friends. He was our role model for courage, integrity and generosity. He wrote the book on living life to its fullest and if you were lucky, you were in a chapter or two. In fact, if you think about some of the best parts of your life, you'll likely find that Chip was part of that memory.

Before Chip left us, he took the time to teach us how to be fearless in the face of adversity, how to be victorious in death. His work here is now done. On Friday, August 25th he began his next adventure. While we mourn, the Saints in Heaven are rejoicing. As you read this, Chip's enjoying a reunion with family and friends he has not seen in years. He's in a wonderful place where he will be hunting, golfing, enjoying a steak and restoring an old Bronco. His laugh and voice are back strong as ever. He's undoubtedly busy re-telling humorous stories that include you, and most likely offering his view on how to improve paradise.

Except for changing his password on his laptop, there was absolutely nothing Chip couldn't do and/or wouldn't try - drive a NASCAR, build a barn, comfort a child, encourage a fellow cancer patient, support a friend in need. He excelled in business, his 30+ year career in the commercial staffing business - Norrell, Spherion and EmployBridge - was one of his great achievements. Tom Bickes, EmployBridge's CEO and lifelong friend said it best, "Chip's values, beliefs, and leadership are woven into the culture we enjoy. He lived with the goal of leaving people better than he found them. I know many share my view

that he certainly accomplished that.”

Chip was born 59 years ago to Bob and Alice in Savannah Georgia. He attended Savannah high school and the University of Georgia where he earned a degree in business, was a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity, made lasting friendships, and met the love of his life, Nancy, to whom he was married for 31 years. He is survived by his mother Alice, his wife Nancy, and their 4 children Katie (husband Kai), Paige, Mary, Mack, “Little Chip” his grandson, and his 3 sisters Robin, Sherry, Suzanne, and many nieces and nephews. Chip never met a stranger, countless people claimed him as their best friend, and he will be missed by many.

There’s not enough space in this paper to tell what Chip has meant to each of us. So, the family invites you to join them at the visitation to celebrate his life and re-tell the stories he can no longer tell. Had he had the time, Chip would have left clear instructions “Don’t talk about me as if I am gone. I’m just in another place. I would rather you think of me and smile, than remember me and be sad.”

Visitation will be Tuesday August 29th from 6pm-8pm at Northside Chapel- 12050 Crabapple Rd. Roswell, GA. Funeral mass will be Wednesday August 30th at 10:00am at St. Thomas Aquinas- 535 Rucker Rd. Alpharetta, GA.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **29**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory
12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Memorial Mass

AUG **30**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church
535 Rucker Road
Alpharetta, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Chip Grissom*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *Seeing this beautifully written obituary of Chip brought such a combination of sad and happy thoughts. First, my deepest condolences to Nancy and your children. It is so difficult to lose such a wonderful husband and father. All of those that knew him and worked with him lost a good friend. He always had a way of making us happy, with a funny comment or just a look. He was a true professional and a wonderful gentleman. I am so happy that I had the opportunity to work with him and learn from him. Remember all of those special memories and when you are feeling sad, think about the fun and special times. It won't make things better, but it will help.*

Kathy Chentnik Martin

Kathy Martin - September 01, 2017 at 03:54 PM



“ *Paige and Mary, I am extremely sorry for your loss. I never met your daddy, but I certainly had the privilege of working with and getting to know both of you. After reading the beautiful words of your daddy's obituary, it's more than evident what an amazing person and father he was and is, and what beautiful ladies (inside and out) he raised! You and the rest of your family are in my thoughts and prayers!*

Amy Whatley - August 30, 2017 at 05:12 PM



“ I worked with Chip for only a few years after the Norrell/Spherion merger, but he left a lifelong impression on me. As a young woman just starting out in my career, Chip demonstrated that you could be successful in the corporate world, while staying true to your faith, morals and beliefs. I remember, on more than one occasion, Chip making sure a meeting ended on time so that he could be home for dinner with his family or get to one of his children's games. He often shared his views on the importance of praying together, eating together, and talking together as a family. For all of his business acumen, these are the lessons I am most grateful to Chip for sharing. I can only imagine what Chip must have meant to his family, and I pray that the love, laughter and lessons he shared with you all will fill you with happy memories for many years to come. God bless the Grissom family, and may you rejoice in peace, Chip.

Liza Fiore Palermo

Liza Palermo - August 30, 2017 at 11:05 AM



“ To the family of Chip: I was am so sorry to hear of your loss. I had the opportunity to work with Chip at Spherion, and recently our paths crossed again. I always admire and respected his drive, his integrity and most of all his love of his family. I remember a conversation years ago on a stressed out crazy work day-- he looked at me and said go home to your baby, and remember family first always. Hls words of wisdom have stayed with me throughout my career. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Lisa Laughton McCarthy - August 30, 2017 at 08:42 AM

DK

“ To the family of Chip: I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I knew Chip at both Norrell and Spherion. He had class, respect, a drive to succeed, a love of life, and a love for his family. His priorities were right. May God hold you tight in His embrace so you feel comforted.

Denise Kruse - August 30, 2017 at 12:26 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Chip Grissom.



August 29, 2017 at 04:54 PM

LS

“ Chip was very special to our family and always brought so much joy to our house when he came over. You knew you were going to laugh and have a good time. My favorite memory is how he would pick up the kids and check and see if they had all their ribs. One by one he would count them tickling them all along and the kids would giggle and he would turn them upside down. We love you Chip, the Segars Family ❤️

leslie segars - August 29, 2017 at 02:23 PM

HH

“ Chip was an amazing man and such a warrior. More important his heart was so huge. His love and care for his family, friends and animals was displayed every day. What he did for us Stephanie and her horse Jet on many occasions was 'above and beyond' and we could not thank him enough. He all have wonderful memories to hold on to forever.



Howard Hapner - August 29, 2017 at 02:19 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Chip Grissom.



August 29, 2017 at 02:16 PM

MS

“ Katie, I am Melanie's mom. Melanie kept me updated on your dad and I prayed for him. I am so sorry he is gone. My sympathy, thoughts and prayers are with you.

Marlane Sobeck

Marlane SOBECK - August 29, 2017 at 12:31 PM

LC

“ I was in one of Chip's early chapters - our entree into adulthood. I have so many fond memories of Chip and Nancy starting out fresh from college in Atlanta. My love and prayers go out to you and your family.

Lisa "Putt" Chapman

Lisa Chapman - August 29, 2017 at 11:51 AM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Mr. Chip Grissom.



August 29, 2017 at 09:49 AM



Stayton
PettyJohn

“ Stayton PettyJohn purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Chip Grissom.



Stayton PettyJohn - August 29, 2017 at 09:17 AM



Stayton
PettyJohn

“ Chip was one of those special people who made everyone he met feel important. He was a wonderful person and I am honored to have known him.

Stayton PettyJohn

Stayton PettyJohn - August 29, 2017 at 09:11 AM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Chip Grissom.*



August 28, 2017 at 09:05 PM



“ *Tim & Judy Moxley, Josh, Carrie, & Katie purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Mr. Chip Grissom.*



Tim & Judy Moxley, Josh, Carrie, & Katie - August 28, 2017 at 09:02 PM



“ *Every once in a while you get lucky, and meet someone special who changes your life for the better. Chip did that for me, as he did for many others. He was once in a lifetime, and I'll be forever grateful he was my friend.*

Gary Peck

Gary Peck - August 28, 2017 at 08:58 PM



“ *Jackie and Jason Grund purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Chip Grissom.*



Jackie and Jason Grund - August 28, 2017 at 07:16 PM

PD

“ This notice was a most fitting tribute to Chip, for it is impossible to think of Chip and not smile :) Even in our small circle, I can think of several very specific examples of his words of wisdom. Larry says Chip was like a brother to him. While we regrettably cannot be there in person, we will be there in spirit and attend Mass here in Wilmington on Wednesday at Noon. Our prayers and thoughts will be with you. God Bless, Larry and Patti Dunning

Patti Dunning - August 28, 2017 at 05:26 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mr. Chip Grissom.



August 28, 2017 at 05:13 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Mr. Chip Grissom.



August 28, 2017 at 02:53 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Chip Grissom.



August 28, 2017 at 02:22 PM

KM

“ Kelly Brodalski, Chantelle Fandino, Chad McQuoat purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Chip Grissom.



Kelly Brodalski, Chantelle Fandino, Chad McQuoat - August 28, 2017 at 02:18 PM

PB

“ Patti Brennan purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Chip Grissom.



Patti Brennan - August 28, 2017 at 01:14 PM

DL

“ Donna Carroll, Lesa Francis & Mary Lucas purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Mr. Chip Grissom.



Donna Carroll, Lesa Francis & Mary Lucas - August 28, 2017 at 11:58 AM



“ Dear Nancy and Family ...

What an incredibly fitting and beautiful obituary!

I am eternally grateful for the connection Chip and I made during our time together at Interim/Spherion which resulted in a friendship that I will forever cherish.

That chapter of my life is one I often look back on with a smile and Chip was a major part of those magical memories.

His love for all of you and those fortunate enough to call him friend is an example for all.

You are right, there's "not enough space to tell what Chip has meant to so many" and I am sorry I won't be able to be in Atlanta this week to hear the stories that others will share.

That said, I promise to follow his instructions and continue to remember him ... "as just being in another place" and as he suggested "think of him and smile not remember him and be sad".

Thank you for sharing your Chip with all of us who loved him ... he will always live on in our hearts.

Mary B. Lucas

Mary Lucas - August 28, 2017 at 11:46 AM

CS

“ Chip will be remembered fondly by the Nelson family, franchise owners in Champaign, IL. He was a great leader and a true fighter in his battle with cancer. Sympathy to his family and all those who worked with him.

Cindy Somers - August 28, 2017 at 11:37 AM

WP

“ *With deepest sympathy, Sheri @ ProFinders purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mr. Chip Grissom.*



With deepest sympathy, Sheri @ ProFinders - August 28, 2017 at 10:02 AM

TZ

“ *So sad to hear of his passing. I always admired him. Will remember the family in my prayers*
Tom Zaunbrecher

Tom Zaunbrecher - August 28, 2017 at 09:51 AM

QF

“ *QGenda Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Mr. Chip Grissom.*



QGenda Family - August 28, 2017 at 09:49 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Chip Grissom.*



August 28, 2017 at 08:53 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Chip Grissom.*



August 28, 2017 at 08:47 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Chip Grissom.*



August 28, 2017 at 08:14 AM



“ *Glorious Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Chip Grissom.*



August 27, 2017 at 09:19 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Chip Grissom.*



August 27, 2017 at 08:10 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Chip Grissom.*



August 27, 2017 at 07:29 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Chip Grissom.*



August 27, 2017 at 06:35 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Chip Grissom.*



August 27, 2017 at 05:52 PM



“ *Chip and I "grew-up" in business at Norrell. For 15 years he was my big brother at Norrell and was a huge part of my success as a franchisee! We had great times together. Nancy, you and the rest of the family are in our prayers. Our Lord says, "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33*

Dennis Dorsey - August 27, 2017 at 05:42 PM

MB

“ Marie Bosch purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. Chip Grissom.



Marie Bosch - August 27, 2017 at 05:34 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Chip Grissom.



August 27, 2017 at 03:04 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Mr. Chip Grissom.



August 27, 2017 at 11:34 AM