



Christian Hayes Anderson

August 20, 1982 - September 14, 2012

Christian Hayes Anderson, 30 of Interlochen, and formerly of Georgia and California, passed away September 14, 2012

Christian was born on August 20, 1982. On August 25, 2010 he married Amy Brogan Stull in Savannah, GA.

After graduating from High School, Christian enlisted with the United States Navy. He served in Japan and other areas for five years, and returned home. He then enlisted with the United States Army where he was deployed to Iraq. After five years of service, he then joined the reserves.

He was the proud father of his son, Brogan Hayes Anderson. In his spare time he enjoyed reading anything he could get his hands on. Christian was a fantastic cook and had an eye for detail. He had an excellent memory and had a great sense of humor. His quick wit and outgoing personality were two of his best characteristics. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Christian is survived by his wife Amy, son Brogan, parents Brian and Mary Ann Anderson of California, brother Brian (Christine) Anderson and their children Paige and Riley also of California, brother Timothy Anderson of California, sister Terra Anderson of California, grandparents William and Patricia Hayes, sister-in-law Beth Stull of Lansing, brother-in-law Nick Stull of Lansing, mother-in-law Anne Stull of Interlochen, and grandma-in-law Dee Stull, as well as countless other friends and family members.

The memorial service honoring Christian's life will take place on Saturday, September 29, 2012 at 11:00 am with visitation beginning at 10:00 am at the Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be directed to a College fund set up for Christian's son, Brogan Hayes Anderson through Northwestern Bank, or to Goodwill Industries of

Northwest, Patriot Place:Homeless Veteran's Transitional Housing Community (2279 S. Airport Rd. W., Traverse City, MI 49643) or the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Envelopes will be provided at the Funeral Home on Saturday at the Memorial Service and Visitation.

The family is being served by Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Events

SEP **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home
305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

SEP **Memorial Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Christian and I were the best of Pals at a point in our lives. Christian was the first I met when graduating from bootcamp 2/2001. He and I attended Dental "A" School together, and grew to enjoy each others Irish personality. We were in-separable, we made others around us believe we were cousins, so we can ensure we would take orders together through our military service. Rumor spread quickly, we took orders together to Okinawa Japan Oct 2002. First, we attended Field Medical Service School, Camp Pendleton from May 16, 2001 - Oct 2002. We have some great times together in California because we are both from there. Christian and I shared a room at Camp Hansen, Okinawa Japan. Folks quickly began to know the "cousins" in Okinawa as well. I have many, many stories and great memories of Christian. I'm happy to know Christian knew my wife very well. My wife Cheryl moved to Okinawa for 8 months after graduating college, and Christian stayed with us off base for most of that time. Our paths together turned when I was given orders back to Camp Pendleton in 2003, and he stayed in Okinawa another year. I begged him to come, but will never know why he changed his mind to stay longer. My oldest son carries the Hayes middle name in memory of my brotherhood with Christian. My son Caelin Hayes Thomason was born 11-12-06. If you didn't know, the Hayes name is Christian's mothers family name. I also passed my mothers family name to my 3rd son Braden Nolan Thomason born 11-8-12. My middle son is Alden Jay Thomason born 2-25-10. With each of my sons, I do think of my irish brother Christian. My wife and I have many photos and stories of Christian, and would like to pass them onto Amy and Brogan. I've attached a photo of a tattoo Christian drew for me...we loved it so much we each had it done. Please, pass my contact information to Amy so she can reach out to us for some great memories and photos to pass onto her and Brogan.

Cheryl and I were both shocked to discover the news. I will forever think of you brother...think of the many times we watched The Princess Bride, share our St Pattys Day presents from home, and the many times we laughed and joked.

Donnie Thomason

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Donnie Thomason - November 18, 2012 at 11:51 AM



“ Dearest Amy and Brogan, Beth, Nick, Anne, and Christian's parents, Brian and Mary Ann,

It has taken me a long time to write this. Living next door to your wonderful family enabled me to get to know Christian just a bit. And the only way I knew him was the giving, generous side.

I was so happy for Anne, Nick and Beth when I learned that Amy, Christian and Brogan were coming to Interlochen. It was such a gift to have them all here with Anne. We all missed Terry and having such a fine young man like Christian around was wonderful.

During last March's devastating winter storm, Christian and another neighbor, Doug Cunningham, climbed up on my roof and pulled down many of the 53 huge pine branches that fell on my house. He also worked very hard helping to clear snow away from my driveway. He wouldn't take a penny for it, saying it was that's what neighbors do. When I protested, he said I could make him some chocolate chip cookies sometime.

Over the next few months, Christian always helped me with my garbage bags/bin and anything else he saw me struggling with. He took such joy in his adorable little son, Brogan and even in his huge, but incredibly sweet German Shepherd, Ruger. His adoration for Amy was very apparent.

I learned much about him from the tributes on this site and during his memorial service. He and Amy even carried over heavy furniture I got from them. And I will forever remember him when I see it in my home. Christian left his mark on those from many facets of life, and was always, always willing to lend a hand to anyone who needed it.

Sadly, I took Christian his cookies on the very day he passed. His ready smile will be missed and our neighborhood just won't be the same without him.

To all the Stulls and Andersons, I wish you peace, serenity and above all, hope and joy in little Brogan.

With love,
Bonnie Strand

Bonnie Strand - October 18, 2012 at 03:27 PM



“ Dear Anne, Amy and Brogan,

I am so glad that I had an opportunity to meet Christian when Kathy and I were visiting Savannah. From that brief visit, I could tell what a wonderful, kind human being he is. I cannot express enough my deepest condolences to you and your family. You are in my heart and prayers. Love, Toni Royer

Toni Royer - September 27, 2012 at 05:31 PM



“ All,
Christian Anderson is friend, colleague, soldier, medic and much more. My time with him in the Department of Preventive Medicine and around Winn Army Hcommunity Hospital was always connected to a smile, a laugh, and confidence that the job would be done right, the first time. My respect for him is profound. My sorrow for his passing is heartfelt, deep and more profound. May GOD Bless you and keep you. I am truly sorry for your incredible loss.
Jim Arnold

James D. (Jim) Arnold - September 21, 2012 at 01:36 PM



“ Amy and Brogan,
Christian was our best friend for just about a decade... We are forever crushed by this... We love you guys so much and will forever be there for you... We re so sorry this has happened... He loved you both so much. We are so so sorry sweet Amy. HUGging you with our prayers...
Love Danielle & Bobby...

danielle & bobby schaffer - September 20, 2012 at 08:00 PM



“ Amy and Brogan,
Christian was such a wonderful person. He had the ability to find humor in any situation. Though I did not know Christian for a very long time, he still made a lasting impression in my life that will not be forgotten. He will be missed dearly. We are so very sorry for your loss. You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Danny and Kaila Banister

Daniel Banister - September 20, 2012 at 08:24 AM



“ Anderson family,
Christian was not only a very talented medic, a good leader, but a wonderful human being as well. He was a pleasure to work with in the ER at WINN Army Community Hospital. My family extends our deepest sympathy and condolences for the untimely death of your husband, father, brother and son.

Scott Bowling

Scott W. Bowling - September 19, 2012 at 01:35 PM



“ Amy and Brogan,
We are so blessed to have known Christian and you both. He was always so entertaining and such a joy to work with. And yes, he could cook some mean enchilladas - Rachel, Tori, and I still make them and they are family favorites! He will be truly missed and we want you to know that you are in our hearts and minds. Much love, Tori, Anna, and Rachel - Winn Army ER

anna petrey - September 18, 2012 at 11:18 PM



“ Amy: I am so sorry my thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. If there is anything I can do to help please let me know.

Love Patty from MRI

Patty Romberg - September 18, 2012 at 04:51 PM



“ Amy and Brogan, there are no words that can comfort you in a time as this. So I would just like to share that in the short time I knew Christian he was an amazing man and leader, he spoke about both of you with such pride. Bragging about being a stay at home father and how much fun it was for him, and about how proud he was to be a husband. You both were truly loved by him. I pray for your family.

Buskirk - September 18, 2012 at 10:53 AM



“ Amy & Brogan:

I am so sorry to hear of Christian's untimly death. If there is anything you need or if we can do anything to help in anyway please don't hesitate to let us know..
We will keep you and your family in our prayers.

Dan and Cynthia Richardson

Dan Richardson - September 18, 2012 at 09:34 AM



“ Brandy Middleton, RN lit a candle in memory of Christian Hayes Anderson



Brandy Middleton, RN - September 18, 2012 at 09:25 AM



“ Christian was a great person and I feel truly blessed to have known him. He will be greatly missed and thought of often.

Brandy - September 18, 2012 at 09:29 AM