



## Christopher M. Sofranko

April 4, 1953 - November 21, 2022

Christopher M. Sofranko, age 69, passed away on November 21, 2022 after a battle with cancer. Christopher was born on April 4, 1953 in Panama City, Panama to Gene and Betty Sofranko (both deceased). He leaves behind his loving wife, Nancy L. Wilson. Chris and Nancy were married before family and friends on August 6, 2022 on Jekyll Island, Georgia.

Chris grew up in Lorain, Ohio and was the the oldest of nine siblings. In his younger years, he enjoyed sports and was an athlete. He was proud of his Catholic education and graduated from Lorain Catholic High School.

Chris spent many years as project manager and consultant for his family's businesses, Lorain Glass Company and Lakeland Glass Company. The majority of his professional career was spent working to help those struggling with addiction. Chris worked as a counselor at various addiction recovery centers in Northeast Ohio and Eastern Pennsylvania. He participated in the Erie City Mission/New Life Center Program, then continued to support and serve others in the program.

An active member of Alcoholic Anonymous for many years, Chris found great fulfillment acting as a sponsor and helping others achieve sobriety. Most recently, he was employed as a Chemical Dependency Counselor Assistant at Glenbeigh Treatment Center.

Chris loved music - particularly live concerts, and was an avid sports fan, especially enjoying college football. One of his favorite fall traditions was traveling to Notre Dame to take in a football game and catch up with family. He had a true zest for life and enjoyed cooking for his loved ones. Chris had a very keen mind, and loved to read, especially philosophy, and discussing current events. He loved to travel, and recently traveled with his wife Nancy to Hawaii, his favorite destination.

Chris was a gift giver with a heart of gold and a great sense of humor. He was unselfish, kind, and compassionate. The joy he brought into this life will be remembered and cherished always. A loving husband, son, brother, uncle, and friend, who will be dearly missed.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Gene and Betty Sofranko.

He is survived by his loving wife, Nancy L. Wilson, his siblings, Kevin (Laurie) Sofranko, Karen (Mike) Ploszek, Ann (Fritz) Shadley, Sue (Scott) Pedersen, Betsy (Joe) Tedesco, Dr. Jean (Mark) Reinhold, Pat (Mike) Smith, Sallie (Rob) Hoelscher and many nieces and nephews.

His visitation will be held Sunday from 3- 7 PM at Monreal Srnick Funerals & Cremations.

Services for Christopher Sofranko will be held on Sunday, November 27, 2022, at 7:00 PM at Monreal Srnick Funerals & Cremations, 35400 Curtis Blvd., Eastlake

# Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Memory Video*



Monreal Srnick Funerals & Cremations - November 23, 2022 at 01:21 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Christopher M. Sofranko.



November 23, 2022 at 10:22 AM



“ I met Chris as a Junior transfer student to Lorain Catholic in 1970. There was a large group of St Mary's transfer students in our class, and I was pretty much an outsider. Chris helped me to fit in with a group who grew up together and it made my transition to LC much easier. I will always be indebted to him for that. i was shocked to hear of his passing because we were Facebook friends and he never mentioned what he was going through. As a cancer survivor myself I understand some of the journey. It was obvious that he was a strongly spiritual man from his postings. I'm sure he will be missed by many people. I send my love and support to Kevin, his wife, and his entire family.

Tom Fairlie - November 22, 2022 at 09:21 PM

PW

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with Chris and his family during this difficult time.*

*Pam (Kerecz) Waite and Dennis Waite*

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**Pam Waite** - November 22, 2022 at 08:02 PM

CC

“ *Carol Campana lit a candle in memory of Christopher M. Sofranko*



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**Carol Campana** - November 22, 2022 at 07:31 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Christopher M. Sofranko.*



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November 22, 2022 at 05:12 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Christopher M. Sofranko.*



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November 22, 2022 at 04:58 PM

SA

“ Sharon Grubiss and son Austin purchased the Fo  
otprints Tribute Blanket for the family of  
Christopher M. Sofranko.



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**Sharon Grubiss and son Austin** - November 22, 2022 at 03:17  
PM

RK

“ I cannot sum up my friendship and who Chris was to me in this box.  
Simply, there will never be another person like him. He went the  
extra mile for others without hesitation or recognition. His sense of  
humor was legendary. He was such a blessing to my life and so  
many others. I will try and live my life in a way that honors his  
example. Godspeed my brother.



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**Rob Kerner** - November 22, 2022 at 02:17 PM

JL

A good man was Chris Sofranko. He was a former student-athlete of  
mine at St Mary and Lorain Catholic High Schools and a member of  
one of the loving families of our city.  
I remember him helping his old retired teacher learning the ropes at  
The Lorain St Mary food bank. I enjoyed our occasional posts and  
replies on Facebook. Yes, he was a very good man and will be missed  
but not forgotten by his family and friends. RIP, Coach

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**Jim Lahead** - November 22, 2022 at 04:11 PM

JM

*Chris, as you can see from above, you are both missed and admired. I hope you can help those in heaven as you helped those down here. My condolences to your family, friends, and all those that knew you. God bless you.*

*Jim Macholl*

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**Jim Macholl** - November 22, 2022 at 08:30 PM



“*My condolences to the entire Sofranko family. I am alive today because Chris decided to help me. I am eternally grateful. He holds a special place in my heart.*”



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**Todd Hodges** - November 22, 2022 at 01:42 PM