



Christopher Tate Coombs

July 22, 1962 - February 27, 2021

Christopher Tate Coombs, born on July 22, 1962 to Butch and Von Coombs went home to be with the Lord on February 27, 2021.

Chris graduated from Blue Mountain High School in 1980 and went on to study business at Mississippi State University, graduating from the College of Business in 1984 with degrees in Business Administration and Economics. During his time at Mississippi State, he was an active member of the Kappa Sigma fraternity.

Following graduation, Chris began his career with Shell Agricultural Chemical Company. Upon DuPont's acquisition of Shell in 1986, he became the youngest product manager in company history at the time. Chris later relocated to DuPont's headquarters in Wilmington, Delaware where he served as a Junior Executive and attended the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business.

Chris later served as Vice President of Sales for BASF in Raleigh, North Carolina before being appointed as Vice President of North America with AgraQuest, Inc. a biochemical company based in Davis, California. With decades of experience in the agricultural field, Chris founded AgSource in 2008, where he served as President and CEO.

After doing business across 6 continents throughout his career, Chris had a desire to spend more time at home in Mississippi. Along with his wife, Tanya, he founded Concord Inn, a bed and breakfast located on their homeplace in Cotton Plant, Mississippi. Chris also helped lead his family's propane business, Coombs Gas, in the latter years of his life.

Chris had a passion for projects and the outdoors. He loved spending time on his property in Cotton Plant woodworking, tending to his cattle, gardening, and using his tractors. From the earliest stages of development of his estate in Cotton Plant, he had an extraordinary vision that is captured by what now resides.

In June of 2018, Chris was diagnosed with ALS. Even in the midst of a challenging

disease, Chris's last three years of life were marked by perseverance and a desire to live to his fullest extent possible.

Chris is survived by his mother, Von; his wife, Tanya; his sons, Braxton (Elizabeth), Carson, and Adam (Abbey); his stepdaughter, Anna; his granddaughters Alexandria and Lily; and his farm dog, Tojo. He is preceded in death by his father, Butch.

A drive-thru visitation for friends will be Tuesday, March 2, 2021, from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm at First United Methodist Church of New Albany. Pallbearers will be Lee Russell Gray, Adam Martin, Tyler Russell, Ron Selby, David Short, and Dan Wilson.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations in Chris' name be made to the West Tennessee Chapter of ALS Association, the Delta Chi Chapter of Kappa Sigma Fraternity at Mississippi State University, or any worthy cause of your choice. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the family will have a private celebration of life service on Tuesday at 12:30pm at First United Methodist Church of New Albany.

For online condolences please visit www.unitedfuneralservice.com

Cemetery

Coombs Family Cemetery

HWY 15 north New Albany

New Albany, MS, 38652

Comments



“ Please accept my prayers and sympathy. I was so shocked to read about Chris' passing. We were friends as teenagers when I lived in Ripley. Joy Lynn Cook Brown

Joy Cook Brown - March 08 at 05:06 PM



“ Our deepest sympathies and condolences to the family of Chris Coombs. We are deeply saddened to hear about the passing of Chris Coombs. He and his family gave us one of the more wonderful memories when we were hosted as guests of the Coombs family at their B&B in Cotton Plant. We will always cherish our time together with the Coombs family. Our prayers for strength and comfort for the family during this time of great loss. May God Richly Bless You.

Max & Suzi Phillips

Max Phillips - March 03 at 03:13 AM



“ We send our love and prayers to the Coombs Family in the loss of Chris. He was an amazing man, son, husband and father. He will be missed but he is now with Jesus and out of pain caused by his battle with ALS.
We contributed, in his name, to the ALS Association -Tennessee District.
Betty Matthews, Linda and Warren Dove

Betty Matthews, Linda and Warren Dove - March 02 at 03:38 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Christopher Tate Coombs.



March 02 at 01:15 PM



“ My deepest sympathy goes out for the entire Coombs family, especially Von (a dear friend for many years). Chris was a great student of mine at BMHS and also a good friend after graduation. I know Butch and Von were very proud of this great young man. So sorry that the last three years were so hard for Chris and ya'll. My prayers are with you now and also in the future.

Sincerely,
Arnold and Brenda Witt

Arnold Witt - March 02 at 10:28 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. Praying for you all. Lynn Harrison

Lynn Harrison - March 02 at 09:45 AM



“ Jimmy Hancock lit a candle in memory of Christopher Tate Coombs



Jimmy Hancock - March 02 at 07:17 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Christopher Tate Coombs.



March 01 at 09:10 PM



“ Tina Bonds lit a candle in memory of Christopher Tate Coombs



Tina Bonds - March 01 at 08:58 PM



“ Von, My God in heaven hold you up at this time. I remember Chris growing up in Blue Mountain. He was the cutest young man around town. Wish I was back in Mississippi to share your grief, but I AM STILL IN Florida. Still praying for you and the family.



Janell Laprade-Bird - March 01 at 07:13 PM



“ WEST RIPLEY BAPTIST CHURCH sent a virtual gift in memory of Christopher Tate Coombs



WEST RIPLEY BAPTIST CHURCH - March 01 at 06:23 PM



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“ Tanya,
I was stunned to hear of Chris' passing. My daughter Whitney Washington Stroupe was married at your property about 8 years ago. Chris and I discussed some business for some time after that and then we lost touch. I'm so sorry to hear of this. My dad passed away in 2002 from ALS so I'm very familiar with the struggles. My wife Edie and I will be praying for you and your family.
Greg Washington
Pontotoc, MS

Greg Washington - March 01 at 12:52 AM



“ Jackie And Polly Stokes lit a candle in memory of Christopher Tate Coombs



Jackie and Polly Stokes - February 28 at 10:47 PM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Von, Tanya and the family are in my thoughts and prayers.
Lynda Mckinney

Lynda McKinney - March 01 at 10:35 PM