



## Christopher Youell Uptain

March 5, 1978 - September 9, 2020

Christopher Youell Uptain, 42, of Atlanta, Georgia, formerly of Russellville, Alabama, passed away Wednesday, September 9, 2020, from an automobile accident. He was born March 5, 1978, in Colbert County, Alabama. Mr. Uptain was member of Bethsaida Baptist Church, a 1996 graduate of Russellville High School, and received both Bachelor of Science (2002) and Master's (2005) Degrees from the University of Alabama. He had resided in Atlanta a number of years and was employed with Well Star Health System of Marietta, Georgia, as a licensed counselor who loved his work and was very dedicated to it. He was honored to be chosen to serve on the Board for the Georgia Society for Clinical Social Workers.

Graveside services for Mr. Uptain will be Tuesday, September 15, 2020, at 11:00 A.M. at Colbert Memorial Gardens, Tuscumbia. Officiating will be Dennis Steward with Jamie Kiel providing music. Pallbearers will include Terry Thorn, Kevin McCarthy, Ricky Wagnon, Kenny Wagnon, Allan Hallmark, and Abe South.

He is survived by parents, O'Neal and Barbara Uptain, Muscle Shoals; sister Angie Thorn (Terry) of Russellville; niece Kellie McCarthy (Kevin), Muscle Shoals; great nieces: Shiloh Madden, Kattie McCarthy, Lilly McCarthy, Collins McCarthy; great nephew, Asher McCarthy; and many friends and co-workers who loved him dearly.

Preceding him in death were his grandparents: Wallace and Fairy Hicks, and Harvey and Helen Uptain; and great grandmother Maude McCullum.

Pinkard Funeral Home, Russellville, is directing.

# Cemetery Details

## Colbert Memorial Gardens

700 Highway 43 South  
Tuscumbia, AL

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

SEP **15**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tuscumbia, AL

# Tribute Wall

ER

“ *To the Uptain Family, I hope you are still looking back and reading these. I am definitely thinking of and praying for you in the loss of Christopher.*

*If more had his heart, what a loving and better world it would be. Christopher and I worked together at Wellstar Community Hospice for the last two years. He was a consummate professional and had become a dear friend. He was so encouraging to me while I was pursuing my LCSW license and offered me the sweetest message and tips just days before the exam. He kept me accountable, and was one of the first people I contacted upon passing the exam in August of this year.*

*His humor was brilliant, and his laugh infectious. I am so thankful that God favored me to encounter him in what seems to be far too short of a time.*

*May God bless you, hold you, and comfort you during this time.*

*Erin Jones*

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**Erin** - September 21, 2020 at 04:52 PM

SO

“ *Sharal Ozim lit a candle in memory of Christopher Youell Uptain*



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**Sharal Ozim** - September 20, 2020 at 03:37 PM

NL

“ *Nathalie Larose lit a candle in memory of Christopher Youell Uptain*



Nathalie Larose - September 16, 2020 at 06:04 PM

JH

“ *Christopher was a wonderful man to work with. I will always cherish his kindness and love he showed not only to his patients and their families, but to me as a new grad nurse in the intimidating world of home hospice. He was like a big brother to me in this field. I will never forget how we would cut up with each other every time we crossed paths. Christopher, thank you for your unconditional love and support as my friend. Until we meet again. Love, Jenny Hopkins*

Jenny Hopkins - September 16, 2020 at 12:41 PM

SM

“ *Sarah Musselman lit a candle in memory of Christopher Youell Uptain*



Sarah Musselman - September 16, 2020 at 11:15 AM

VT

“ *Vicky Travet lit a candle in memory of Christopher Youell Uptain*




Vicky Travet - September 16, 2020 at 06:45 AM

MJ

“ *Michelle Joyner lit a candle in memory of Christopher Youell Uptain*



Michelle Joyner - September 15, 2020 at 08:15 PM

 Elizabeth Stipe

“ *Elizabeth Stipe lit a candle in memory of Christopher Youell Uptain*



Elizabeth Stipe - September 15, 2020 at 07:07 PM

AG

“ *Annie Garry lit a candle in memory of Christopher Youell Uptain*



Annie Garry - September 15, 2020 at 03:00 PM

MH

“ *So sorry for your loss, praying for friends and family.*  
*- Michelle Hession*

Michelle Hession - September 15, 2020 at 01:55 PM

PB

*Prayers for your family. May you find Peace during this very challenging time.*  
*Pamela Ballard*

Pamela K Ballard - September 16, 2020 at 11:45 AM



“ *My deepest sympathies to the family of Christopher. He was a light everywhere he went. He always put a smile on my face when he came by. We all admired his work ethics and his devotion to his patients. His attention to details. I always wait for a last word or comment from him when reviewing his patients. He is a great loss on earth but such an asset in heaven.. Miss you!*



*Manouchka Joseph MD*

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**Kooka Joseph** - September 15, 2020 at 01:28 PM

HL

“ *I met Chris at the age of 6 years old. We were in the first grade. I loved him from the moment I met him. We continued through school together until we graduated high school. I spent many days with him...being silly, rolling yards, taking school field trips, swimming. He was my 8th grade Homecoming Escort. We lost face to face encounters over the years, but we never lost touch. I knew him as a beautiful, blonde haired, adorable little boy and I knew him as a remarkable, loving man. Chris, you will FOREVER be in my heart. I'll continue to treasure the friend you were to me as long as I walk this Earth. O'neal, Barbara and Angie, I love you all and I will continue to pray for the healing of your hearts.*

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**Heather King Love** - September 15, 2020 at 01:27 PM

AB

“ *Andrea(Pennington) Bolton lit a candle in memory of Christopher Youell Uptain*



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**Andrea(Pennington) Bolton** - September 15, 2020 at 01:21 PM

BI

“ *Christopher always had an easy smile for those who needed one, he was generous in his sharing of his giftedness by reading the poem "When a Great Tree Falls" at our Annual Celebration of Life and Remembrance . I loved talking about spiritual /faith matters with Christopher, I considered him a brother and a friend. He was greatly loved by his Hospice co worker family as well as the families he served. I miss him.*



*Barbara Ingram, Hospice Bereavement Coordinator*

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**B Ingram** - September 15, 2020 at 12:51 PM

SA

“ *Susan Alsobrook lit a candle in memory of Christopher Youell Uptain*



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**Susan Alsobrook** - September 15, 2020 at 12:38 PM

RN

“ Rock Nelson lit a candle in memory of Christopher Youell Uptain



Rock Nelson - September 15, 2020 at 11:49 AM

RH

“ Rhonda Hand lit a candle in memory of Christopher Youell Uptain



Rhonda Hand - September 15, 2020 at 10:21 AM

VH

“ Victor & Kelley Hodges lit a candle in memory of Christopher Youell Uptain



Victor & Kelley Hodges - September 15, 2020 at 08:10 AM

OR

“ Osha Rogers lit a candle in memory of Christopher Youell Uptain



Osha Rogers - September 15, 2020 at 06:55 AM

CD

“ *Christy Dill lit a candle in memory of Christopher Youell Uptain*



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**Christy Dill** - September 14, 2020 at 09:59 PM



“ *To one of my best cousins, Chris, I'm going to miss you so much! We grew up together, went to school together, worked together and have so many wonderful memories! Barbara, Oneal and Angie, I'm praying for y'all in the days to come. I know this so devastating for you. Until we meet until, love you, Cuz!!!*



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**Loretta Sikes** - September 14, 2020 at 08:55 PM

EB

“ *Eva C Bolton lit a candle in memory of Christopher Youell Uptain*



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**Eva C Bolton** - September 14, 2020 at 08:49 PM

DR

“ *Denean Clement Romans lit a candle in memory of Christopher Youell Uptain*



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**Denean Clement Romans** - September 14, 2020 at 08:37 PM

PB

“ Christopher, you brought light to our hole group. You became a part of our family. We miss you so much. Thank you for being so amazing.

*I will be praying for you and your family. We will always love you .*

*Pathy Batista*



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**Pathy Berner** - September 14, 2020 at 08:29 PM

KU

“ Kristi Utley lit a candle in memory of Christopher Youell Uptain



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**Kristi Utley** - September 14, 2020 at 07:02 PM

FS

“ Sorry to hear about Christophers passing. I can remember when I had him in my Sunday School class at Old Bethel Church. Such a sweet little boy WE love you all and are praying for you. Bro. Danny and Frances Stanford.

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**frances stanford** - September 14, 2020 at 06:42 PM

JH

“ Jamie Hall lit a candle in memory of Christopher Youell Uptain



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**Jamie hall** - September 14, 2020 at 05:35 PM

KA

“ *Kim Williams Allen lit a candle in memory of Christopher Youell Uptain*



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**Kim Williams Allen** - September 14, 2020 at 04:03 PM

EE

“ *Many of Christopher's WellStar Community Hospice social work colleagues would appreciate the parents' address to mail cards and remembrances. We are all feeling this tremendous and traumatic loss.*

*Please email : [ellen.estes@wellstar.org](mailto:ellen.estes@wellstar.org) to send appropriate home addresses- his sister's as well.*

*Thank you,  
...praying without ceasing.*

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**Ellen Estes** - September 14, 2020 at 02:01 PM

SS

“ *Sebrina Summerhill lit a candle in memory of Christopher Youell Uptain*



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**Sebrina Summerhill** - September 14, 2020 at 10:06 AM

DY

“ My deepest sympathies to the family of Christopher. Many of Christopher’s Tuscaloosa friends cannot attend the graveyard service but would like to send cards to his parents (besides the funeral home address). Could someone please email me at Denise. Yanaura@yahoo.com? Thank you so much. May you find some rest and peace soon.

Denise Yanaura - September 14, 2020 at 08:51 AM

BK

My condolences to Christopher's family. We were wonderful friends and I would love to share more memories with you about him and how much he was loved. He brought laughter and peace to so many. He was a sweet friend and brother to me. I am honored to be his friend. I would love hear from his family. I can be reached at ketchams@bellsouth.net

Barbara Ketcham - September 14, 2020 at 08:22 PM

SH

“ Sammy & Opal Hall lit a candle in memory of Christopher Youell Uptain



Sammy & Opal Hall - September 13, 2020 at 10:09 PM

SH

“ Sammy & Opal Hall lit a candle in memory of Christopher Youell Uptain



Sammy & Opal Hall - September 13, 2020 at 09:58 PM

KC

“ *Kristi Cuffe lit a candle in memory of Christopher Youell Uptain*



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**Kristi Cuffe** - September 13, 2020 at 06:09 PM

DY

“ *I met Christopher when he attended the School of Social Work at The University of Alabama and began attending University Presbyterian Church. So many People, including me, were affected by his light that came from his big heart and gentle soul. We loved his smile and laugh (which we did often). We talked about life and social justice which brought him to becoming a social worker. Some of us were blessed to work with him at Tuscaloosa Dept of Human Resources. We are all blessed to know him as a friend. The world is darker without you, Christopher, but we have your light in our hearts.*



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**Denise Yanaura** - September 13, 2020 at 05:41 PM

BB

“ *Barbara Bianchi lit a candle in memory of Christopher Youell Uptain*



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**Barbara Bianchi** - September 13, 2020 at 03:00 PM

SH

“ *Sammy & Opal Hall lit a candle in memory of Christopher Youell Uptain*



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**Sammy & Opal Hall** - September 13, 2020 at 02:01 PM

BA

“ *So sorry for your loss. Praying for comfort at this time. Buddy & Joyce Armstrong*

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**Buddy & Joyce Armstrong** - September 13, 2020 at 12:55 PM

LS

“ *Laura Saint Smallwood lit a candle in memory of Christopher Youell Uptain*



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**Laura Saint Smallwood** - September 13, 2020 at 08:54 AM

DK

“ *If everyone in this world could love like Chris did it would be a lot better place to live in. His humor, kindness, his unconditional love, genuine care. The sunrise & sunset will never be the same without Chris. We will meet again. Until that time just know you will be missed.*



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**Donna king** - September 12, 2020 at 10:57 PM

MI

“ *Mistystew@aol.com lit a candle in memory of Christopher Youell Uptain*



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**mistystew@aol.com** - September 12, 2020 at 10:05 PM

MM

“ *Christopher was a light in my life. I moved to Tuscaloosa around the time he moved to Birmingham, but we met through University Presbyterian Church and hit it off right away. We would have lunch regularly when he was in town, and he was the one who suggested my dog Rumi's middle name (Lovejoy). Rumi and I stayed with him in Atlanta a few years ago and we had a wonderful time catching up. Rumi died last week and Christopher posted on my FB remembrance the night before he died. I am picturing the two of them playing on a grassy hill, and hope to see them both again someday. Christoper made my life better with his love and caring connections.*

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**Mary Meares** - September 12, 2020 at 08:56 PM

BC

“ *Christopher was an amazing friend and social worker. He made every person he came in contact with feel special. He was gifted in many ways.*

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**Brittany Carter** - September 12, 2020 at 08:38 PM

LA

“ I worked with Christopher in home hospice. Christopher was such a caring social worker. We worked together on a particularly difficult case. Our patient had lost so much of her memory, but she loved to sing. Christopher played the song she was singing on his phone and her eyes lit up. He became my hero that day.

Lindsay Allred - September 12, 2020 at 06:56 PM

KC

“ I met Christopher in 2011 at Tapestry hospice. We became fast friends and have always kept in touch. He is such a special person to me that I will love forever. Until we meet again Schmoopy..I love you more ❤️



Kristi Cuffe - September 12, 2020 at 05:41 PM



Sorry for the loss of Chris ,my Prayers are with Y'all.

Roney Murphy - September 15, 2020 at 09:13 AM

KF

“ Kylie Chaney Franks lit a candle in memory of Christopher Youell Uptain



Kylie Chaney Franks - September 12, 2020 at 03:54 PM



“ Christopher and I met 14 years ago when he was my manager at Restoration Hardware in Birmingham. Every week I would check the schedule and always hope that he was managing my shift because I loved working with him so much. A friendship began and we stayed in touch and made many memories. 5 months ago when I decided to move to Atlanta, Christopher was a huge support and offered advice and help in my new journey. When I was sick he called frequently for wellness checks. His life was about helping others, both at work and off the clock, he cared for the well being of others constantly. His relationship with God was a beautiful thing to witness and we often discussed his spiritual journey. I often asked and still ask what would Christopher do. His positive and generous spirit will forever be missed. Prayers to his family

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**Ellen Hunter** - September 12, 2020 at 02:09 PM

DY

*Well said*

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**Denise Yanaura** - September 13, 2020 at 05:26 PM

SH

“ Steve And Darlene Hill lit a candle in memory of Christopher Youell Uptain



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**Steve and Darlene Hill** - September 12, 2020 at 12:11 PM

DD

“ *Debbie Dixon lit a candle in memory of Christopher Youell Uptain*



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**Debbie Dixon** - September 12, 2020 at 09:55 AM

BH

“ *Beth Hall lit a candle in memory of Christopher Youell Uptain*



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**Beth Hall** - September 12, 2020 at 08:56 AM

TF

“ *Christopher...you had two wonderful and loving families. You shared one with me; my brother, brother to BABS, and son to Bernice. I cannot express how much BABS and I will miss you, but mom is with you; holding you in her arms and welcoming you to the next life. We will see you soon.*

*All our love,  
Todd and Babs*

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**Todd Fausel** - September 11, 2020 at 11:32 PM

 Laura Silverman

“ *My deepest condolences to Christopher's family. This is a great loss for the Georgia Society of Clinical Social Workers and the many people who benefited from working with him.*

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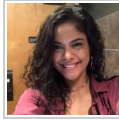
**Laura Silverman** - September 11, 2020 at 04:25 PM

DY

*I know how happy he was to become an LCSW and work in hospice care. He truly cared for his clients.*

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**Denise Yanaura** - September 13, 2020 at 05:28 PM



*Christopher was a kind, gentle soul, an amazing friend who left way too soon.  
I can still hear him laughing and singing the songs we sang together.  
I can still feel his bear hugs every time we saw each other.  
He was and will always be love, peace and light.  
Now shining on us from heaven.  
I'm lucky to have met him.  
I love you, I miss you my friend.  
I'll see you soon.  
Sending my prayers to all his family and friends.*

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**Babi Domingues** - September 14, 2020 at 11:33 PM