



## Christopher Watkins

September 10, 1962 - February 2, 2009

Christopher George Watkins was born September 10, 1962 in Charlotte, NC, the son of Arthur and Colleen (Nelson) Watkins. He grew up in Detroit Lakes, MN and attended First Baptist Church. He then moved to the Fargo/Moorhead area and graduated from Fargo North High School in 1980. Chris spent many of the next years in the food service industry. He also attended Interstate Business College and received a degree in Business Management.

Soon after this, Chris found Christ Jesus as his Lord and Savior on August 22, 1991. A few years later, he graduated from Dakota Baptist Bible Institute. On May 16, 1998, Chris was united in marriage to Jeanie Olson. In 2001, they moved to Valley City, ND. While in Valley City, he became part of a new church, Calvary Baptist Church, and drove truck for a living.

Chris is survived by his wife, Jeanie and 4 daughters, Lydia, Esther, Anna, and Hope all of Valley City; his mother, Colleen Nelson of Fargo; father, Arthur Watkins of Elizabethtown, NC; brothers, Dan Watkins of Fargo and David (Alessandra) Warm II of Fargo; sisters, Karen Boss of Albert Lea, MN, Rebecca Bauer of Albert Lea, MN, and Cathy Knight of Fargo; mother-in-law, Loretta Hong of Fargo; sisters-in-law, Jackie Custer of Fargo and Laurie (Jim) Tweeton of Catawissa, MO; brother-in-law, Dan (Tawnia) Olson of Kindred, ND; and several nieces and nephews.

Chris loved children, and enjoyed being a Sunday school teacher, VBS worker and van route driver in his church in Valley City. Many lives were touched by this quiet, yet hard working man. For several years, he was a Bible Camp

counselor, and enjoyed working with the youth. Even with a very busy schedule, Chris desired to help kids who needed help, which meant taking in foster children and mentoring. Chris enjoyed fishing with his girls, helping home school his children and gardening. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends, and church.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents; brother, Michael Watkins; an infant sister; and an infant child.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **5**. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel  
251 Central Ave. S.  
Valley City, ND

## Service

FEB **6**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Fargo Baptist Church  
3303 SW 23rd Ave.  
Fargo, ND

# Tribute Wall



“ I love you and think about you often  
karen##imported-begin##KAre##imported-end##

August 23, 2009 at 12:44 AM



“ J eanie, Lydia, Esther, Anna, Hope Never forget Auntie Karen Loves  
you all##imported-begin##KAre Boss##imported-end##

June 26, 2009 at 09:33 PM



“ Jeanie, While I've been gone from Valley City for a year now, I will  
always remember the gentle, caring man Chris was. He was so  
dedicated to his children--both biological and those who entered his  
life in other ways. Please take care of yourself and your family  
during this very difficult time. May God bless you...##imported-  
begin##Leah Rajewsky##imported-end##

February 24, 2009 at 08:53 PM



“ Chris, I miss you so much, They say it harder on the people you  
leave behind. I trying to take it one day at a time, but there are times  
are just burst in tears, i trying to understand your hurt and pain you  
were going through. I just wish i had known. The last time we talk  
you stand i did'nt have too help, but i wanted to. Wish i could hold  
you can take away all that pain, but i know your in heaven and God  
is doing that. I MISS YOU  
Your Sister  
Karen##imported-begin##Kare Boss##imported-end##

February 23, 2009 at 05:33 PM



“ Chris was a light to folks, including myself. He was there to be a friend and help as I began my walk with Christ in 1995, and a friend ever since. His example was one for all of us, and he will be greatly missed. The world was a richer place with him and a poorer place without him. I am saddened by his loss.###imported-begin###Brian & LaShawn Ware###imported-end##

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February 14, 2009 at 08:35 PM



“ Mrs. Watkins & Girls,

We are sorry to hear of your loss - although only temporary - we'll see him in heaven with our Lord! Do know that we and our mission church in NY will be praying for you! Paul Morrison & Liberty Baptist Church###imported-begin###Paul Morrison###imported-end##

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February 12, 2009 at 01:42 PM



“ Jeannie and girls,

May God guide you through the road ahead. It is with deep sorrow that we offer our sympathy to you. We will continue to remember Chris as the kind, gentle, and generous man that he was.

Danny and Patti Angeles###imported-begin###Danny and Patti Angeles###imported-end##

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February 07, 2009 at 04:33 PM



“ I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of Chris. I don't know you and your family but the the Watkins family was talked about all the time from my nephew Jesse Schuldts. When Chris started doing this of being a big brother to Jesse I was so happy that Jesse had a man figure in his life since his dad had nothing to do with him. It is so hard to say some thing and the question is Why did god want this to happen. You and the kids will be in my prayers always. Diane Alkire Laurel,Mt###imported-begin###Diane Alkire###imported-end##

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February 07, 2009 at 01:46 PM



“ Jeanie and girls,  
My deepest sympathy to all of you during this difficult time. I will always remember Chris as the kind, loving, gentle man he truly was. May God's love and your un-ending faith guide you through what will never seem to make sense. Draw strength from those around you and please do not be afraid to ask for help. Know that Chris touched those around him and the children and this community are better because of him. With sincere sympathy,  
Lisa Bayley Neurauter###imported-begin###Lisa Bayley Neurauter###imported-end##

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February 05, 2009 at 10:41 PM



“ You are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. Remember to call anytime if there is anything we can do for you!!

God Bless!!

Trangsruds###imported-begin###Lonny and Jodi Trangsrud (Cailyn and Cole)###imported-end##

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February 05, 2009 at 10:37 PM



“ I worked with Chris as a counselor at Bible Baptist Youth Camp. He was a blessing to me and to the many children we ministered to there.

*If there is anything we can do to ensure that your family is able to attend family camp or youth camp, please let us know. We love you all in the Lord and you are in our thoughts & prayers.##imported-begin##David Brauer##imported-end##*

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February 05, 2009 at 05:36 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with Jeanie and the girls. Your family helped me so much last year by taking in my kids for a year. He will be deeply missed by my boys.... Need anything don't be scared to get ahold of me. Love you guys##imported-begin##Ashley Storbeck and boys##imported-end##

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February 05, 2009 at 05:33 PM



“ Jeannie and family, You are in my thoughts and prayers. Please let me know if there is anything that I can do to help.##imported-begin##Sheila Oye##imported-end##

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February 05, 2009 at 05:11 PM



“ Jeannie and family, I am so sorry for your loss and time of hardship. If there is anything that I can do for you please let me know. I know that Chris will be greatly missed by so many people, especially the kids of Valley City. He was such a good man and loved by everyone. Take care and God Bless you and the girls.##imported-begin##Cherie Russell##imported-end##

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February 05, 2009 at 04:36 PM



“ *I wish I had wonderful comforting words, or words of wisdom, or could some how erase your pain. I am so sorry for all that you and your family is experiencing, and for the hole that is left in your heart. I am praying that God give you peace and comfort through this extremely difficult time. Jeanie take good care of yourself, your going to need everything you have to get through this incredibly difficult time of grief...*

*God Bless*

*Donna###imported-begin##Loren and Donna Lemer##imported-end##*

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February 05, 2009 at 03:54 PM



“ *Dear Watkins Family,  
So sorry to hear about your loss. I know you from the library. I hope you can find comfort in the days ahead. We are praying for you and your family.*

*Sincerely,*

*Mike, Holly, Jacob, Chelsey and Braeden Olauson###imported-begin##Holly Olauson##imported-end##*

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February 05, 2009 at 02:38 PM



“ Chris will be greatly missed by myself and my family. Cris did a great deal for God, his family and this community. We will seek to do all we can to help the Watkins family in the days and months to come. I would encourage all those that love him and his family to do the same. I will remember Chris as a family man, and a servant of the Lord that grew weary in battle and is now in heaven. May God pour out his grace and love on the family at this time. Pastor Paulson##imported-begin##Pastor Michael Paulson##imported-end##

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February 05, 2009 at 01:05 PM



“ Jeanie, We are so saddened by the news of your loss. From your friends at the Children's Library Linda and Mary Annku6z##imported-begin##linda olauson##imported-end##

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February 05, 2009 at 11:15 AM



“ So sorry for your loss - he was such a great man! I feel lucky to have known him!##imported-begin##Darcy Holm##imported-end##

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February 05, 2009 at 11:02 AM