



Christopher Michael McElyea

September 14, 1972 - December 21, 2023

Christopher Michael McElyea was born in San Antonio on September 14, 1972. He is survived by his mother Yolanda McElyea, his father Patrick McElyea, his sister Samantha and her husband Jeremiah and their son Cruz. He has many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends too numerous to list. He did have two dogs (My Special Buddy – 11 years old and Bette – 4 years old) that he so loved and who will miss him greatly.

Chris was a precocious 1st grader who the teacher told us spent way too much time going up to other student's desks to talk to him and be friends with them. While we were sure he would grow out of this behavior as he got older...we were wrong. He spent his whole life going up to people who he didn't know and wanting to meet them and talk with them. Everyone he met knew immediately that this was a good and gentle person that they needed to get to know.

He lived in San Antonio his entire life. He graduated from Clark High School with honors. He received a Presidential Scholarship that we were all very proud of. He completed two BS degrees (Mathematics and Physics) from UTSA. With some encouragement he went to Culinary School at St. Philips College for two semesters and we were the beneficiaries of his work there. Oh, the dinners he prepared were great but culinary school taught him he never had to do the cleanup. Yikes!

His mother and he got involved with dog agility training and together they spent the last 20 years teaching and participating in dog agility events. For about 7 years they ran a dog agility training school off Braun Rd. They shared many happy moments with their students and their dogs at that facility and at the dog agility trials they attended.

In 2017 Chris and his mother bought a vacant lot in the neighborhood and spent more than two years developing a yard to be used for dog agility training. At the same time they worked on building a brand-new two-story home. Both were completed in 2019 and they have been enjoying the fruit of their work since.

Chris loved movies (last movie was Napoleon). We so appreciated him that he put up with our “old people movies” when we knew he really looked forward to going to a big blockbuster movie with his friend, Kenny. And he did love going to the latest animated children’s movie with his dad and his nephew, Cruz.

He loved reading. He so looked forward to the newest John Grisham novel and the fact that his sister Samantha would be giving it to him as a Christmas present.

He also loved #4 at Whataburger, green enchiladas at any Mexican restaurant, and Sweet and Sour Pork at Ding How. Good choices all!

He will be missed everyday for the rest of our lives. We loved him with a full heart and a clear mind. Chris would want everyone to have the same wonderful life that he lived and he would ask all of us to love each other the way he loved his family and friends. Good night, sweet prince, until we see you again.

Tribute Wall

MJ

“ I only recently learned of Chris’ passing. My heartfelt condolences to Yolanda and her family. I always looked forward to conversations with Chris. He was such a nice young man. He will be missed by his agility family.

Mary Jump - January 27, 2024 at 11:27 AM



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January 05, 2024 at 02:01 PM

NC

“ To my cousin Chris,
Which I heard about through my late father through the years growing up. Sorry to hear about passing while on vacation.
Your Cousin Nick. C

Nicholas Cruz - January 03, 2024 at 10:38 AM

SC

“ So sorry for your loss. Chris was so helpful and kind. I know he loved his family and his dogs fiercely. I hope your family can heal and find peace knowing he touched so many lives in his time here.

Sandy Cumpian - January 01, 2024 at 08:33 PM

MH

“ *My condolences to your family, Yolanda. I always enjoyed seeing Christopher helping out at the agility trials. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Maria Howard - January 01, 2024 at 11:48 AM

JW

“ *Chris was a truly good man and a great friend to both my dog Stella and to me. We both enjoyed his visits and walking and talking with him. We will both miss him terribly. My deepest condolences go out to Yolanda, Patrick, and Samantha. May they find peace and comfort in knowing that they all contributed to the happiness Chris found in life. Rest in peace, Chris. You enriched the lives of all of us who knew you. Judge Marcia Weiner*

Judge Marcia Weiner - January 01, 2024 at 11:40 AM



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December 31, 2023 at 06:34 PM

TG

“ Our dear friend, Chris, was the most wonderful neighbor. We were always so impressed with his honesty, his goodness, his gentleness. We're still in shock and cannot believe that we won't see him again.

I remember when we had a plumber at the house a number of years ago who was telling us we needed a \$15000 job done under the house, Chris just happened to be over here too. On hearing the plumber's diagnosis and cost, he simply said that we just needed to get Rotorooter in. For \$200, they'd fix the problem. The plumber was so angry at him for saying that, but Chris was unflappable. We followed Chris's advice. He was right, of course. What a guy! I was so grateful to him for just being himself and speaking his mind.

Chris also had a great memory. There were things he'd never forget, and he'd always ask about them. He was incredibly generous too, always giving away books that he'd read and had enjoyed.

He was a quiet, constant presence in the neighborhood. We knew he'd keep an eye on things when we were away. In many ways, he was the perfect neighbor. Friendly and unfailingly trustworthy, we're missing him greatly.

The Greenaways - December 30, 2023 at 08:55 PM

ER

“ Our heart felt condolences Yolanda, Patrick & Samantha. We remember Christopher as very caring, polite and intelligent. The last time we saw Christopher, he was a teenager. After moving away from town, we lost touch but always remembered the times we would visit each other when the kids were young. Sending healing prayers and hugs. Victor & Eileen

Eileen G Rodriguez - December 29, 2023 at 09:26 PM

DM

Chris McElyea was an active, helpful, always cheerful member of our dog agility community here in San Antonio, Chris was always there assisting in the ring setting bars and helping his mother get her dog ready to show. Before that he was an active competitor with his dog Buddy and he was looking forward to training a new puppy that he would compete with in the future. My heart goes out the Yolanda, Patrick and Samatha during this time of sorrow.

Debbie Moore - January 01, 2024 at 05:54 PM

LA

Chris was our extended family, he was a very special young man. Yolanda, Patrick and Sam you are in our prayers constantly. We will miss getting to see him for he was truly a very kind soul. Rest in Peace sweet Chris for you were loved by so many and will be missed immensely 🙏🙏

Laura Alvare - January 01, 2024 at 09:09 PM

CM

I met Christopher many years ago while competing in agility. We would often visit and talk about dogs, books, movies and much more. He was such a kind person and I know he will be missed by his family my heart goes out to his family.

Cindy Murray - January 05, 2024 at 09:15 PM