



Christopher C. Soto

May 28, 1952 - October 16, 2024

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Christopher C. Soto Obituary

A week after a ruptured aneurysm and a subsequent car crash, Christopher C. Soto, a warrior veteran of the United States Air Force, slipped his final bond of earth, danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings for the last time, and climbed the high sanctity of space, where he met the Savior he chose to trust in his last days.

The son of Arthur and Barbara Soto, Chris grew up in Tucson Arizona. He was the oldest of four brothers, including David, Scott, and Nick. Born May 28, 1952, Chris attended Rincon High School where he graduated in 1970. He received an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy “Best

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Alive” class of 1975. Chris earned a Bachelor of Science degree, majoring in history, and was commissioned a second lieutenant upon graduation.

Chris distinguished himself in various assignments during his 25-year career, during which he received the Cheney Award and Airman’s Medal for Heroism from the Secretary of the Air Force. Chris retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in 2000 and then from defense contracting in 2020.

His hobbies included challenging the local pros in racquetball, reading Clancy-style techno-thriller novels, engaging robo-callers, taking family vacations, improving their rural Virginia land, and sunbathing on Mexico beaches. Watching their children develop and grow, Chris and Jan recognized the importance of helping all children who needed a forever home and acted upon that belief by fostering and adopting many. He stood up for those kids, gave them opportunities to heal, encouraged their dreams, and taught them to honor family. His boys remember him saying, “We’re the thorns and Mom’s the rose. We protect the rose.”

Chris is survived by Jan, his wife of 44 years; their children Adam T. Soto (Becky), Chrisjan C. Soto, Mica E. Soto, Crissy D. Lowe, Delzar A. Soto, Denesha T. Saul (Brian), Darrell C. Soto, Genesis B. Soto, DeWayne N. Soto, Malaysia R. Soto, Renato H. Soto (Nora); and 21 grandchildren.

Services will be held on Monday, November 04, 2024 from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. at First Baptist Church of Woodbridge, located at 13600 Minnieville Road, Woodbridge, VA 22193. Flowers may be sent to the First Baptist Church of Woodbridge or in lieu of flowers, memorial donations will be welcomed at the charity of your choice.

To plant a beautiful memorial tree in memory of Christopher, please visit our [Tree Store](#).

Events

Service

Monday, November 4,
2024
10:00 am - 1:00 pm

First Baptist Church of
Woodbridge
13600 Minnville Road
Woodbridge, VA 22193

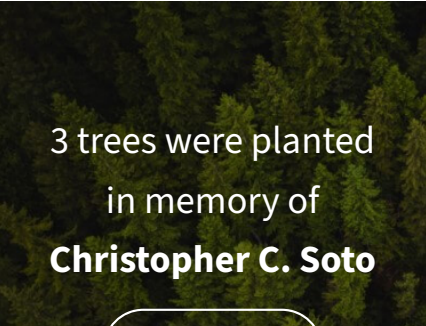
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Welcome to Christopher C. Soto's memorial page. Share your heartfelt memories, condolences and stories here.



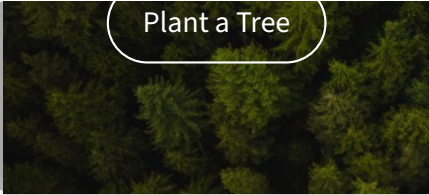
**ATAMMC
Anesthe...**
October 31,
2024

We are thinking of you
during this difficult time



**Beth
Barrasso**
November
12, 2024

I'm so very sorry to hear this news. Chris was a wonderful man whom I got to hang out with in our younger years. I have the fondest memories, that I cherish to this day. Every Friday night was "Taco night" at the Soto's!

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I Loved his family Dearly.
He...

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W

Winter's Family

November
4, 2024

Our deep and sincere
condolences are extended
to this family. May Mr.
Soto's spirit be rejoicing
with the Lord. Goodbye is
temporary. God bless.

A memorial tree
was planted in
memory of
Christopher C.
Soto.

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T

The Pendergasts

November 2,
2024

The world lost a great
man and an even better
human. We will miss you
Chris!

America the
Beautiful was
purchased for
the family of
Christopher C.
Soto.

A tree was also
planted in
memory of
Christopher C.
Soto.

E

Eugene A. Vajna an...

November
2, 2024

Our thoughts and prayers
are with you.

Beautiful in
Blue was
purchased for
the family of
Christopher C.
Soto.



**The
ATAMMC...**

October 31,
2024

Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss... Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Florist's Choice
Bouquet was
purchased for
the family of
Christopher C.
Soto.

A tree was also
planted in
memory of
Christopher C.
Soto.



**Maria,
Annum,...**

November
1, 2024

Your loss is deeply felt by all of us; may your father rest in peace. Love, Your Pain Team

America the
Beautiful was
purchased for
the family of
Christopher C.
Soto.

A tree was also
planted in
memory of
Christopher C.
Soto.

B

Bud CristOctober 31,
2024

I am so sorry for your loss.
We shared a lot of good
times back in the day.
Chris had a very special
kind of energy. I'm glad to
hear of the
legacy he left behind. God
bless and protect you.

Bud Crist '75

B

**Bud Crist
75**October 31,
2024

My deepest condolences.
God bless and protect you

Beautiful in
Blue was
purchased for
the family of
Christopher C.
Soto.

A tree was also
planted in
memory of
Christopher C.
Soto.

A

AnonymousOctober 30,
2024

Blue Caribbean
was purchased
for the family of
Christopher C.
Soto.



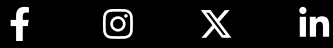
**Judy
Pendergast**

October 31,
2024

My heart breaks for anyone who had the privilege of knowing Chris. His love and generosity and passion for life will resonate with anyone who came in contact with him. May God's grace and peace surround all those healing from this loss. I will foreve...

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