



Christopher S. Forward

September 11, 2020

Christopher S. Forward-DeRoche affectionately known as Chris was born on November 3, 1984. Chris grew up in the Roosevelt, Long Island area where he attended elementary through high school. He was passionate about advancing academically and went on to pursue higher education as well. Chris obtained his Bachelor's degree from St. John's University in Criminology and received not one but two Master's degrees; one, an MBA from Dowling College and the other from Marymount University in Human Resources when he moved to Washington, DC in 2014.

Chris was passionate about people and worked various managerial jobs within the Long Island and Washington, DC areas. He landed his dream position in Human Resources in January of 2020 at the Department of Education in the Federal Student Aid division. While there he held the title Employee of the Month twice. In 2015, while living in Washington, DC, Chris met James Brown and in 2017 they became engaged. Together they traveled to various countries around the world.

Chris enjoyed spending time with family & friends and having fun girl talk with his nieces. He had a love for fashion and loved everything Gucci. He loved to laugh, entertain, and loved being the "life of the party".

Chris is survived by his loving mother Valerie DeRoche, his precious

grandmother Gloria Forte, his devoted partner of 5 years James Brown; his brothers Sean Forward, Remy Mallory & Gary Forward; sisters Samantha DeRoche & Ranel Mallory; his Uncle Lawrence & Aunt Lisa DeRoche; sister-in-law Tiona Forward, nieces Sara and Savana Forward and nephew Gavin Forward, as well as a host of cousins and friends.

Chris left us way too soon but his impact will be forever felt by his family and friends.

A memorial service is intended for a Date TBD. Details will be forthcoming.

Tribute Wall

JB

“ James Brown uploaded photo(s) Thank you for loving me for me. We had an amazing time together and I'm grateful for the love we shared. We were the true definition of teammates and soulmates. I miss you daily my ❤️. I know you are at peace. You visit me in different ways to remind me that what we had was true love in its rarest form. ❤️

James Brown - January 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ Ronda lit a candle Our deepest condolences to the family. May God continue to bless you all. Chris was always so kind and we enjoyed conversations with him. He was definitely the life of the party and his light will continue to shine! Love, Ronda & Scott Humphrey

Ronda - September 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM

FE

“ Ferrisha posted a condolence Rip Chris, Family we have you in our hearts and prayers.

Ferrisha - September 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM

VO

“ voka posted a condolence Chris will be missed, I work with Chris at FSA and he was truly my breath of fresh air. He was that guy you can call anytime or text. When you call him he was always simply cheerful and just smart. Oh how I will miss him. I am praying for his family. Voka Norwood

voka - September 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ Darlene Gillard Jones lit a candle We did not know Chris but know and love the DeRoche family. Our thoughts are with you all. May you find happiness in all that he accomplished in his short, beautiful life. God bless. Xo Bobby and Darlene Jones

Darlene Gillard Jones - September 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ Kaitlyn, Lauren, Caroline and Nicole (from Remine) purchased flowers

Kaitlyn, Lauren, Caroline and Nicole (from Remine) - September 15, 2020 at 12:00 AM

LI

“ Lisa uploaded photo(s) Chris, we love you dearly...you are a light that will continue to stay lit forever with your family.

Lisa - September 15, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ Lisa uploaded photo(s) Thank you for living your life to the fullest...

Lisa - September 15, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ The family of Christopher S. Forward uploaded a photo

September 14, 2020 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ Lance uploaded photo(s) I'm so lost for words one of my great friends 5 years plus.

Chris Aka Gabe

PRAYERS UP FOR THE FAMILY May God Guide you Thru this Moment

Lance - September 14, 2020 at 12:00 AM

EA

“ Elder Marc E. Applewhite-Robinson posted a condolence Lost for words! But I Trust God! Love ya My Brother

Elder Marc E. Applewhite-Robinson - September 14, 2020 at 12:00 AM