



Christopher Lee Eddy

March 8, 1971 - April 23, 2020

Chris passed away peacefully at home on April 23, 2020. He very much enjoyed life and living, but colon cancer determined he would get only 49 years, plus one month and fifteen days. He had every intent of accomplishing many more goals with his family and friends.

To meet Chris was to instantly like him. He was a genuinely good person. He grew up in Arvada where he was the victor of many rubber band wars throughout elementary school, although rarely beat his cousins at Monopoly (just ask they'll tell you). At an early age it was clear that he was an individual who would set high goals and achieve them. It was while in junior high that he decided he would become an optometrist, partially motivated by the family's optometrist, Dr. Fukai.

He moved to Fort Collins to attend CSU (Go Rams!). He met his love, Steph, and they both graduated in 1993. They married in 1994 while Chris attended Southern California College of Optometry. Then after he graduated with distinction in 1997, they returned to Fort Collins. He was a dedicated Ram fan through and through.

Chris joined Eyecare Associates in 1998. He was a great eye doctor and partner. He won Colorado's Young Optometrist of the Year, Optometrist of the Year, and was given a national award for his work with an infant eye care

program. He took immense pride in his profession, serving terms as president of the Northern Colorado Optometric Society and president of the Colorado Optometric Association. He enjoyed seeing patients from infants through adults, finding ways to incorporate a magic trick during many visits.

Chris was passionate about martial arts. He had received black belts in Tae Kwon Do, and Jujitsu and had been working toward a black belt in Karate with his friends at Total Ryu Martial Arts. He enjoyed planning ahead - the fun stuff (like camping) and the practical stuff (like buying a camper, fixing the camper, winterizing the camper, storing the camper, fixing the camper again, and selling the camper).

Chris was always cheerful and optimistic. He was funny and enjoyed a good laugh, even at his own expense. He was a modest and humble human being, who led by example. While not a religious man, he treated every individual as he would want to be treated. There was not a person whom he could not sit down with and befriend with a respect toward their values.

Chris was most proud of his two girls. He shared his enthusiasm for just about everything with them. He was a phenomenal dad, prioritizing dance competitions and soccer games over CSU Rams tailgates. He loved being part of their lives. He was so content just hanging around the house together with his family. He set an example as a father for all of us to follow.

Chris is survived by his wife Stephanie, daughters Jillian and Jordyn, as well as his mom Sandy and brother Greg (Joan). His father Lowell preceded him in death. In lieu of flowers, Chris requested donations to a scholarship fund to be formed for pre-optometry undergraduates at CSU. Please make checks payable to CSU Foundation, in the memo line include "Chris Eddy Memorial Scholarship". These can be mailed to P.O. Box 273098, Fort Collins, CO, 80527. A gathering to share memories will be scheduled at a later date.

Tribute Wall



“ *Christopher Lee Eddy*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM

BS

I just learned of Chris's passing and am very sad to hear this. I was Chris's roommate during my freshman year at CSU. Chris was a fantastic human being and I admired him back then. I wish the Eddy family all the best and may his memory being a blessing.

Brian Schaffler - November 06, 2023 at 09:21 AM

JO

Hi Brian. Thank you for your comment. I am Chris' daughter. I would love to hear more about your funny experiences and memories you had with my dad.

jordyn - April 24, 2024 at 12:53 AM

SE

“ *My family spent many enjoyable times with Chris, Gregg, Sandy and Lowell. We were regulars at attending our sons soccer games at Arvada West High School and then toured CSU University before deciding to attend there. Dinners at either our house or theirs was always a fun event and full of laughter and jokes. The Eddy family were well respected and loved by many and both Chris and Lowell will be missed greatly.*

Sandy: If you read this, would you please reach out and get in touch with me as I would love to see you again.

Sharon Edwards sge0904@yahoo.com

sharon edwards - October 11, 2020 at 03:40 PM

JN

“ I just found out today of the passing of Dr. Eddy. I am heartbroken to hear the news. His wife, daughters, and extended family are in my prayers. I met him through work, as I was a sales representative. He always was welcoming and was dedicated to his patients, and associates at his office. He’s an angel in heaven watching over everyone.



Jane Nick - September 15, 2020 at 08:58 PM

KT

“ Dr. Eddy's family. I just received the letter advising of Chris's passing. I am so sorry to hear this. I only saw him twice following an accident as I was referred to him because of a concussion. Chris was so friendly and comforting. I lost my husband to colon cancer 6 years ago. Please know that your family is in my prayers and I know that Chris is looking over you.

With sympathy.

Kathy Ticha

Loveland, OO

Kathy Ticha - June 22, 2020 at 11:54 PM

PM

“ I was so sad to hear of Dr. Eddy's passing. I have been a patient since 2001 or so. He was the husband of our HR person at OCR. I started with him as my eye doctor and he was always pleasant and caring. I will miss him. My most heartfelt condolences to his family.

Patricia Mellas.

Patricia Mellas - June 22, 2020 at 10:39 AM

KL

“ My condolences go out to the family of Dr. Eddy. I first heard about him as he was the "go to optometrist" for many of the patients on our rehab unit who had neurological related vision issues. He even took time out of his day to give all the Occupational therapists an in-service and consult with us many times as we created our vision screen. He was always so humble, very generous with his knowledge and complimentary of OT's. He will greatly be missed by so many OT's and patients! He made a big difference in lives of many!

Krista Liley - May 12, 2020 at 10:00 PM

MM

Yes, just like the Center for Neurological Services <3

Melissa (Kritzberg) Meissner - May 18, 2020 at 04:37 PM

ER

Dr. Eddy was a great doctor, we were sorry to hear of his passing. We saw him yearly and he was always great with my special need son. He know us and treated us kindly. He will be missed. Prayers for his wife and daughters.

Edrea Sue Roybal - May 20, 2020 at 03:55 PM

MW

“ Dr Eddy was my Eye Doctor at Eye Care Associates since I was about 25 yrs old. That is over 20 yrs of trusted care. He was such a kind man. He will be missed by the entire community. I can speak to his compassion to the less fortunate. I was blessed with the gift of affordable care every year by Dr Eddy & his associates. Thank you all for the gift of sight. My gratitude, thoughts & prayers are with his loved ones & all who were blessed to know him.

Melissa W - May 03, 2020 at 10:03 AM



“ We miss him a lot at Eyecare Associates...I really looked up to Dr. Eddy and respected him and will never forget everything he taught me. He made me a huge part of the ECA family over these past 16 years. I will miss passing him in the office saying "Was up C-dub"...I will miss us joking about cracking a cold bud light after work... I will miss talking about the Ram's football and saying "Go Ram's" randomly in the office...I will miss talking about our kids and all their accomplishments. Everyone who knew him is suffering a great loss right now. My condolences to his wife and girls.

Corinna Farrar - May 01, 2020 at 08:44 PM



“ Chris was the best Husband, Father, Doctor and Family man you would ever know.
We are greatly saddened by his death and wish we could be with Stephanie and the girls to personally share their grief.

John and Bruni Ewbank



John Ewbank - May 01, 2020 at 10:09 AM

DH

“ My daughter Thayer and I knew the whole Kimbrell family, when Hank and Pat were owners of the Beaver Lake Lodge. That was back in 1989, when the population of Marble, Colorado did not exceed 60 residents.

We met Chris many times as he would travel often to our "Currier and Ives" little town to visit Stephanie. I got to know the Kimbrell family in and around the time that Stephanie made the brave move to attend college, on the Puget Sound.

Stephanie eventually transferring to CSU was something that was certainly meant to be! Because of course, that is where she met Chris Eddy. And as they say, "The rest is History!"

Some years later, Thayer and I were honored to be invited to attend Stephanie's and Chris's wedding ceremony and reception held at the Redstone Castle. It was like being part of a Magical Fairytale! Chris's mother in law Patricia and father in law Hank and I have remained very good friends. We have continued to stay in touch, even after my move back East and their move to Grand Junction. I recently visited Pat this past Christmas. Like all my visits, their Family Love can be found spread throughout their beautiful home! Whether it be on the walls, or on the mantels. The pictures and albums and shared memories which Celebrate Chris and Stephanie, Jillian and Jordyn fill the house with the type of "Warmth" that cannot be found by turning up a thermostat.

To Pat, Hank, Stephanie, Jillian and Jordyn and all the Kimbrells: My prayers will continue! May God never leave your sides. May God continue to Bless you all by Bonding together your Love and His Strength, during this time when each other's Comfort is more than Precious!

Debora Holcombe

Debora Holcombe - April 30, 2020 at 03:11 PM

 Linda Lorenzen

“ Stephanie and girls: We are so very sorry for your loss and we are praying for peace and comfort during this very difficult time.
Linda and Dick Lorenzen

Linda Lorenzen - April 29, 2020 at 08:32 PM

LT

“ I just found out the news today from a colleague as I had moved back to the UK from Colorado 3 years ago. Chris was the best. He was my Optometrist and a colleague through his work he did with the Vision Scientists, myself included, at CSU. He had a passion for students and supported so many through the years. I have many memories of conversations we had, research we planned, but one sticks in my mind. My family and I had just returned from a long weekend in Steamboat Springs and I had an eye appointment that next week. Whilst we chatted, I was telling him about how we were kept up late into the night by a bunch of rowdy people singing into the night outside Slopeside Bar and Grill. He suddenly went very quiet. Then he said er um that was me. Apparently celebrating one of his many accolades. I send my deepest condolences to his family. He talked often of you and was a marvelous optometrist to my two girls.

Lucy J Troup, Formerly Fort Collins, Now in Scotland UK.

Lucy J Troup - April 29, 2020 at 02:01 PM

VV

“ I met Chris as an undergraduate psychology major. He took my Sensation and Perception class and was one of the top students in the class. He and I spoke about his career plans; he had decided on optometry but then after the Sensation and Perception class was wondering about pursuing a PhD instead. After he returned from Optometry School, he contacted me to let me know he was back in town. I was thrilled to see he had become involved with the Pre-Optometry Club at CSU. I would send students his way that expressed an interest in optometry and he let some of them shadow him with patients. He also periodically gave lectures on eye disease in my class. Of course, he was my optometrist. I loved visiting with him and catching up with him. He was very proud of his daughters, his wife, and of course he was a Rams fan. He will be greatly missed by many of us. Thank you for setting up the CSU scholarship--his legacy will live on.

With sympathy, Vicki Volbrecht

Vicki volbrecht - April 29, 2020 at 01:13 PM

CT

“ I was a patient of Dr. Eddy for many years and always appreciated the excellent care I received. He was kind, funny and patient with my many questions. And smart too! He found an eye problem I wasn't aware of, so I could get it taken care of before I had any damage to my eyes. I am sad that he is gone at such a young age, and I am sure he will be missed by many people, myself included.

Cherrie Thornton - April 29, 2020 at 12:36 PM

 Geeta
Lalwani

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Chris' passing. He was a genuinely wonderful person. My thoughts and prayers to his family.

Geeta Lalwani - April 27, 2020 at 02:07 PM

TM

“ I am so sorry to hear of Dr. Eddy's passing. My sympathy goes out to his family. I worked for Dr Eddy when he first started at Eye Care Associate. He was a great friend and my parents continued to use him as their eye dr for many years. He was a wonderful man, boss and Dr. You will be missed Dr Eddy.

Tary Mauk

Tary Novacek Mauk - April 27, 2020 at 11:53 AM

AL

“ Dr. Eddy had been my vision specialists for the last year. I sufferer from TBI's and MCI which is how Dr. Eddy became my specialists. He never made me feel like I was a “problem” patient with all the visits(2-6wks). He was making sure not only were my contacts a comfortable fit first, then worked on getting my vision the best he felt I should have, so I can see and enjoy my family and surroundings. I felt I was a “learning experience’ that he felt challenged with. Dr. Eddy made me feel like someone who was bettering himself, not impatient or frustrated. He oversaw the difficulties I have, that I feel, are not out of the “text books”. Dr. Eddy gave his heart and soul to give me his undivided self and his total patience.

I was honored that I was the first patient and Dr. Eddy was the first Dr. to use the new eye machine. He was like a kid on his shining new bike.

Thank you for sharing your husband and father, with a very appreciative patient, who's eyes will see him everyday, through my perfect vision. 20/10.

Thank you Dr. Eddy.

Sincerely all my condolences.

Annette Lovejoy

Annette Lovejoy - April 27, 2020 at 09:41 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear this and my deepest sympathy goes out to the Eddy family. I was on the COA Board with Chris and we became friends. I admired his dedication to the profession and he really made board work fun. I will always remember his cheerful smile and always making time for his friends. He will be missed.

Brian Wood OD

Brian Wood - April 26, 2020 at 05:18 PM

DF

“ Dr. Eddy was our doctor at Eyecare Associates. I've seen many doctors in my lifetime, yet few stood out as outstanding to me. But Dr. Eddy was. I told him last year that he was the best doctor I've ever had and absolutely meant it. He really cared about people and was diligent in helping me with my struggle with glaucoma. Dr. Eddy's positive attitude and genuine interest in our lives was refreshing to us. To his family: we're so sorry for your loss. He was a kind, selfless man and made the world a better place. Sincerely, Darren and Kim File

Darren and Kim File - April 26, 2020 at 04:18 PM

MO

“ It makes my heart hurt to hear this news. Prayers for his family. Chris was a great optometrist and person and will be missed

Marcia Stauter OD - April 26, 2020 at 10:47 AM



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Scott Kimbrell - April 25, 2020 at 11:07 PM

SB

“ *My heart is breaking for his family and all who knew him. He was one of the most genuine humans I have ever known and I greatly valued the four years I was able to spend working with him. My first encounter with him was during my interview, where he explained to me he had fully believed he was being set up by Dr. Reisler to meet with a fake job candidate, as the name on my resume was the same as his wonderful wife. He had a great sense of humor and was always up for a laugh. He fully encouraged any harmless pranks we could come up with to play on Drs Reisler and Treick and while he provided great levity to our practice, his office door was always open if anyone on his staff needed to talk. May his family find comfort in knowing he made a huge impact on the world while he was here although that time was too short. He will be deeply missed.*

Stephanie Blank - April 25, 2020 at 10:41 PM

GP

“ Steph, Jillian, and Jordyn, we know that nothing we say will ease your grief. But know that our family mourns along with you. Chris was such a fun and funny friend! We have so many good memories with you guys, whether geocaching when all our girls were little to ditching them later on for Happy Hour at Austin’s. Every time we got together, it was guaranteed that 1) we would have a great time, and 2) Linda and Chris would belt out their junior high fight song at least once.

Of course, we always hoped we’d have many more memories ahead of us. But we are also so thankful that we have been able to be a part of your lives. Chris was such a bright light to everyone who met him. Know he will be remembered and missed by many.

Gary and Linda Prewett - April 25, 2020 at 09:45 PM

 Leah Taylor

“ Rock on...



Leah Taylor - April 25, 2020 at 08:16 PM

HC

“ Dr. Eddy went above and beyond to make a special connection with everyone. He would often come to my desk just to see how I was doing and talk with me a few minutes about music, movies, and books. I will dearly miss these little conversations. Rest In Peace 💕

Heather cowley - April 25, 2020 at 08:02 PM

BD

“ *Dr. Eddy was the best mentor to me. He was the advisor for the pre-optometry club at CSU, and he taught me a tremendous amount about optometry and about what truly matters in life. I’m an optometrist today largely due to his help and inspiration. He always had a smile on his face and was one of the most joyful people I have ever known. He will be so dearly missed.*

Bhumi Desai - April 25, 2020 at 07:30 PM



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Goes Funeral Care & Crematory - April 25, 2020 at 01:56 PM

VS

Steph- I am so heartbroken to hear about Chris passing. He was constantly in my prayers and many candles were lit for his healing. We are so blessed that we got to know him and cheer side by side on the sidelines for many years together. I wholeheartedly believe that this is not good bye, but we all be seeing his warm smile again one day in heaven. For now, you and the girls are on our hearts and in our prayers for comfort.

*With all our love,
Schibler Family*

Vanessa Schibler - April 26, 2020 at 10:35 AM

MS

My deepest sympathies for this great loss. Chris was my student at Arvada High School. He was always kind, funny, hard-working, and a wonderful person who always wore a smile. What a very sad loss.

MARILYN STOR - April 27, 2020 at 03:11 PM

MT

My husband, Taft Snowdon, was a patient of Dr. Eddy for more than 10 years. He helped him successfully manage glaucoma and when Taft got ill and couldn't actively participate in testing, Dr. Eddy had unique, creative accommodations that helped to get good data regarding his vision. I was amazed at his patience and commitment to Taft having good vision. I wish comfort and peace for his loved ones.

Missey Toomey - April 27, 2020 at 07:58 PM



Steph, sorry to hear of this loss. He was a great man

Troy Tafoya - April 29, 2020 at 10:02 AM

PF

Shock and sadness. My girls and I must have been among his first patients at Eyecare Associates way back in 1998. We always talked about how our respective "girls" were doing. He watched mine grow up. While I never met his, I know he was very proud. I was just thinking it was time to make an appointment with him to look at my "eyeballs" So very sorry for your loss. A loss for us all.

Patty Forsburg - May 05, 2020 at 12:18 AM