



## Chris Shotwell

March 11, 1965 - December 15, 2020

Coleman Funeral Home of Olive Branch

Christopher Dale Shotwell of Olive Branch, MS, departed this life way too soon on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at the age of 55. He was born on March 11, 1965 in Dallas, Texas and grew up in Garland, Texas.

Chris met his wife, Kristy while both were students at Garland High School. They married on May 24, 1986 in Garland, TX. Life took them to call Blue Ridge, TX, Heber Springs, AR, Manila, AR, Memphis, TN, and Olive Branch, MS home throughout their marriage and while raising their three children. They made many friends and served their communities together everywhere they lived. Chris and Kristy enjoyed spending their time together traveling and had the opportunity to experience many places in the past few years from the beach to the mountains.

Chris poured his life into his children by giving of himself and his time in so many activities of which they participated. In everything – teaching in youth groups, coaching various sport teams, chaperoning, cooking thousands of burgers for the band program – he used his acts of service to show his great love. He adored welcoming a grandson earlier this year in May and affectionately became Big Pop. His love for playing sports led to many years of officiating youth football, basketball, baseball, and softball. He always loved

being outside whether hunting, fishing, playing golf or working in the yard. Christmas was one of his favorite times of the year, and he was always eager to spend his time outside decorating the house and yard for others to enjoy.

Chris had the opportunity to make many friends through various companies throughout his career. He was a natural leader and encouragement to all of his coworkers. He mentored many of the people he came in contact with during his career and took pride in their accomplishments.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Tom and Dale Shotwell. He leaves behind Kristy, his high school sweetheart and loving wife of 34 years, of Olive Branch, MS; three children Eva Michele Tucker (Nathan) of Olive Branch, MS, Alison Mays (Kevin) of Paragould, AR, John "J.T." Shotwell of Paragould, AR; one grandchild, Elliot Tucker; siblings Tom Shotwell (Malinda) of Corning, CA, and Dawn Hess (Robert) of Alpharetta, GA; and a host of loving family members and friends.

Due to the circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic, the family will have a private memorial with a Celebration of Life to be determined when it is safe for us to join together and honor his great legacy.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations to be made in Chris Shotwell's name to St. Jude Children's Hospital ([www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org)), or The International Mission Board ([www.imb.org](http://www.imb.org)). A GoFundMe account has also been established on behalf of the family if you feel led to contribute in another way. Chris Shotwell Memorial Fund, organized by Brad Hill. [www.gofundme.com](http://www.gofundme.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Derrick Horton sent a virtual gift in memory of Chris Shotwell* ”



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**Derrick Horton** - December 28, 2020 at 10:23 AM

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“ I met Chris for the first time when we both worked at DENSO in Osceola AR back in the early 2000s. I immediately liked him and how he exuded positivity even in when the job got really stressful (which was mostly every day). I could tell he was a seasoned pro.

Later, when I was hired to help start up the new Electrolux oven plant in Memphis, Chris was the first team leader I called to join my team. Together, we built a great crew of over 75 team members and launched the Single Wall Oven line, the first oven line Memphis had ever known. We faced a lot of adversity but Chris always had my back and I always had his.

I talked to Chris the last time a few years ago after he had moved to Olive Branch. I never would have thought it would be the last time.

This year has been amazing in its ability to keep punching you in the gut just when you thought it couldn't get any worse. The news of Chris passing hits hard. I regret not keeping in touch.

To Chris's family: you don't know me but I knew Chris and he was one of the good men in this world. We need more like him. Raise that grandbaby to know that his grandad is someone to emulate.

My deepest condolences.

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Dale Harvey - December 18, 2020 at 11:37 PM