



## Christian Ernst Veatch

November 5, 1969 - May 5, 2018

Christian Ernst Veatch, born 11-5-1969, passed away in the late evening on May 5th, 2018. He is survived by his parents, Don and Rosie Veatch, his wife Mollie Hogan, and his two Weimaraners Grace and Gus. Chris graduated from Mountain View High in 1987, received his Undergraduate degree from The University of Oregon, and his MBA from Boise State University. Chris was a Bend Local to the core, and he was very prideful of this. He was an avid skier, and participated in building the Pine Mountain Lodge decades ago. He was an outdoor enthusiast, and a music aficionado who loved to attend festivals and see music with his large group of friends he considered to be his extended family. Every person who knew Chris admired him for his tenacious work effort and his artistry. He "lived to create beautiful environments" and took great pride in what he referred to as "Imagineering" so to create and build unique and gorgeous homes and spaces. Chris was stoic and quiet and thoughtful. His greatest quality was his sincere care for those he loved. He was always the first to carry the heavy load so that others could have it easier. He was always the first to offer to help in any situation. Chris was selfless, generous and authentic, and cared deeply for others. Unfortunately, in his teens he had many concussions from skiing and biking accidents. Then in his early 20s, Chris suffered a massive blow to his head sending him in critical condition to the hospital for a very long time. During the past two years he had been seeking medical treatment for what he self-diagnosed as CTE, a disease of the brain that happens frequently to Football players because of repeated

head trauma. Although he would rarely let anyone see him suffer, those that knew him intimately knew he was. Brain injuries can lead to depression and disorientation, in this case for Chris it surely did. He did not want to suffer any longer, and selfless to the end, he no longer wanted to be a burden to anyone. He will be missed greatly. We are all so very sad for his loss. If you wish to offer any sort of support, all he would likely say is this: Be the best person you know how to be. Be kind, generous and supportive. Check-in with those you love. Offer help. Make time. Listen to really good music with a wiggle in your step. "Fare Thee Well" sweet friend. We love you. At Chris's request there will be no formal memorial service

Funeral Home:

Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home

105 NW Irving Ave

Bend, OR

US 97701

# Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Obituary Wall*



**Niswonger Reynolds Funeral Home & Greenwood Cemetery** - May 18, 2023 at 02:33 PM

FO

“ *Christian Ernst Veatch*

**Funeral Home Owner** - August 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Vitality, defined as the state of being strong and active; energy. I have a picture that shows Chris under a double rainbow. His back is to me and his arms are raised in the air as if he has ordered this rainbow to be created. This photo demonstrates his essence. Chris was so vital and enjoyed life to its fullest. I am so incredibly sorry for your loss Don, Rosie and Mollie. We spent almost a decade together and then I chose a different path in life. But I couldn't/can't imagine the world without Chris in it. I cared about him, wished the very best for him and wanted him to be happy. I understand the painful decision he made, but it is still hard to reconcile with almost a year later. I guess that is why I am writing this. One of his favorite authors was Ernest Hemingway. I leave this quote in tribute to Chris: Best of all he loved the fall The leaves yellow on cottonwoods Leaves floating on trout streams and above the hills The high blue windless skies.... Now he will be a part of them forever.*

**Jenny Borenstein (nee Shoemaker)** - March 30, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AE

“ Dear Rosie, Don, and Mollie....and to all those who cared about Chris Veatch, I spent so many good times with Chris. Band, ski team, music concerts, and the University of Oregon. My life wouldn't be the same without Chris's friendship. He will be missed. I am so sorry for your loss. Sincerely with love, Ashley

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**Ashley Evensen** - May 21, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ I work with Chris for 3years I am a Elctrion was with Garthwaite electrical was a very nice guy some times hard to make happy but we always got the job done very nice man sorry my thauts with you

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**Shannon Russell** - May 17, 2018 at 12:00 AM

NW

“ Sleep sweet, Chris. Dream soft. To Chris's family -- my condolences for your loss.

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**Noni Webster** - May 15, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Don and Rosie, I never thought I would be writing this, I am so sorry. Chris was my best friend growing up in Bend, we had a lot of great times and even though I have not seen him in years I will miss him dearly. My most sincerest condolences to all of his friends and family!

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**Michael Morris** - May 14, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Our hearts ache. Holding you in our prayers Molly.

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**Marlene Alexander** - May 14, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Dear Mr. and Mrs. Veatch and Mollie, Words cannot express how sorry I am for the loss of your son, who was my son's ( Eric Johnson) dearest friend. Eric has told me what a very special person he was and how very sad and deeply impacted he is by his passing. Today is Mother's Day and I am moved to tears for you both. I am hopeful that someday I will meet both of you and Mollie. Please know that the three of you are in my thoughts and prayers, and that Chris will always be with Eric in spirit because their friendship was that special. With Much Love.

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**Joan (Johnson) Vernoy (Mt. Pleasant, SC)** - May 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ We are shocked and saddened by your loss. Please accept our sincerest condolences.

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**Ann & Jerry Kerr** - May 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Dear Don & Rosie- We were deeply saddened to read of the death of your son. We did not know Chris, but he sounded like a perfect son. We are sending our prayers to you and Chris.

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**Burr & Cathy Richards** - May 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Darling Molly, We would love to just grab you and hold you and hug you. Our hearts ache for you and if there is anything that we can do to help you at this very sad time please call us. Your Goldfish Jude and Georgia

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**Jude Hord and Georgia Moe** - May 09, 2018 at 12:00 AM