



Don Christian Markham

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Don Christian Markham was born in July of 1973. to Don Curtis Markham and Ty-Juan (Lamb) Markham in Evanston, Illinois while his mom and dad were finishing up at Northwestern University Dental School. Two years later, the family settled in Long Beach, California and later Huntington Beach, where Christian and his three siblings attended a private elementary school and graduated from Marina High School. Christian achieved his Eagle Scout award and completed his first year at Brigham Young University prior to serving a 2-year mission in Hong Kong for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

After his mission (in which he became fluent in Cantonese) he attended the University of Utah to major in Asian Studies. A study-abroad semester included learning the Mandarin language and studying Chinese history & culture in Beijing and many other Chinese provinces. Upon his return to Utah he changed his major to Film Studies, where a friend in the program introduced him to a friend from Taiwan--Jenette (Jin Yun) Huang--an Art major at Weber State University who was living in Salt Lake City to attend a special summer course in Computer Graphics. Their stars were aligned and they married the following October of 1996.

They rented until they found a wonderful historic home in the city, and later moved into a new house in Layton, where their first child was born. Christian's job in computer technology relocated the family to Orlando for 8 years where their 2nd child was born. While there, they began the process of completing courses and certificates to teach English in Taiwan, where Jenette's family resides. Both had wanted their children to have equal immersion in American and Taiwan culture and language. In 2008, they moved their family there, and thrived for eleven years in the beautiful island of Taiwan. After eleven years there, Christian and Jenette felt they'd achieved their goal. Their two amazing children were completely fluent in both languages. They also developed deep relationships with their Taiwan grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins!



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When the family returned in August of 2018, they had to decide where to move and look for work. The whole family agreed on Arizona, and their final choice of Tucson was due to its warm climate, a few special friends in the area, and their son's acceptance to the best charter middle school in the state. Turns out, they all LOVE the area. Unfortunately, Omicron caused a bad case of bronchitis for Christian shortly after he'd started a new job he'd been hoping for. A trip to the ER for relief from the bronchitis landed him on the Covid unit and problems progressed from there. After a week, he was nearly ready for discharge to home, when a nasty case of "hospital-acquired MRSA" took him down fast. He fought hard to overcome the multi-resistant bacterial infection, but finally succumbed.

We are profoundly heartbroken. Life is precious, and it can be fragile. Every day that we live is a day to celebrate the time we have here with those we love.

Christian is survived by his loving wife, Jenette Huang, and children Chloe and Caedric. He is survived by his parents, sister Anne Perkins (Cedar Hills, Utah), and brothers Curtis (Seattle) and William (Torrey, Utah). His deep compassion, discernment, and unquenchable quest for Truth made him introspective and occasionally somber. But his keen awareness of divine beauty always inspired and preserved his life-long joy of living.

Our brother, son, husband and father, Don Christian Markham, will forever be missed by all who loved him!

In lieu of flowers, the Don Christian Markham family requests any donations be sent to the children's education fund.

Through PayPal to: @MarkhamDonations




Events

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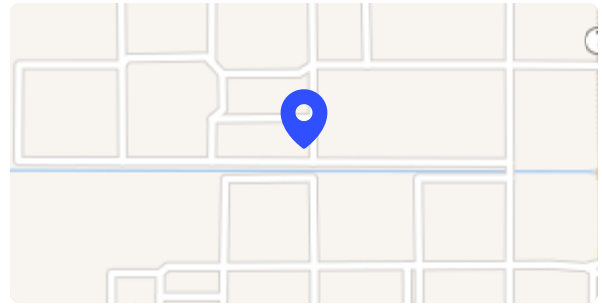
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Memorial service

 **Thursday**, March 3, 2022

 6:00 PM MT

 **Evergreen Mortuary and Crematory**
3015 North Oracle Road, Tucson AZ 85705





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Ty Markham shared 2 photos to the **Memories Album** album.



March 10 at 1:45 PM

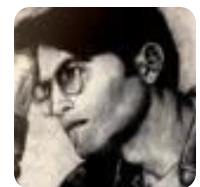


Michael Hamori December 14 at 5:19 AM

Hello Ty, this is Michael Hamori. I'm so sorry it has taken me so long to send my condolences. I was in the hospital for 6 months and spent a week in a coma. After that I could hardly move or remember who I was. It's hard for me to talk about him. I have been mourning your son's death. It has been very hard on me. I know Christian and I haven't been in contact in almost thirty years, but to me he remained my best friend. I wish I could go back and mend the mistakes of my youth that I believe made him distance himself from me. I thank god for the friendship and guidance, your son gave to me back then. I don't know what I would have become if I hadn't met him when I had. I tried so many times to find him online, and never was successful. I'm here in California visiting my daughters who live here and was hoping to visit his place of rest. I looked this up and found that he was laid to rest in Arizona, so that will have to wait. I wanted to thank you, for being such a great mother to him. Your family set a huge impression on me, you have no idea. I had never seen people give each other a hug, or say "I love you" before. To me, that was only things you see on TV. If it weren't for your family, I might have raised my children the way I was raised. and that would have been a disaster. When my parents weren't going to provide me with financial support to go to school, I joined the Army. When I returned, I decided to teach my parents about family. I would hug them when I would come over, told them I loved them, had my mother open her home to family for the holidays. Both my parents blossomed from the love your family taught me was possible. Thank You for all of the smiles and happiness that our family has since enjoyed. If Christian's father is still alive would you forward him a copy of this message. I learned a lot about how to show a child love from the few times I saw him. At the time I can admit your family's love for each other filled me with jealousy to the point I would get sick. It took me several years to work through those feeling and learn to put what I had seen into practice. God bless you, and all of your family.



Ty Markham shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.



March 10 at 10:24 AM



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Alex posted:

My deepest condolences to you and your family. I only knew Christian a short time but it didn't take long to know that he was an exceptionally caring, funny, smart person. He will be missed profoundly.

March 1 at 3:42 PM



Ty September 23 at 11:07 AM

He truly was deeply compassionate and in close connection with his Savior and God throughout his entire life. I'm his mother and I know. He lived up to his name throughout his 48 years in mortal life. He was our family's spiritual rock, and we weren't ready to let him go, and he fought hard to stay here longer. But God had other plans for him.



Ty Markham March 10 at 10:27 AM

Alex, thanks for sharing your tribute to our beloved brother, son, husband and father.



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Jin Yun Huang shared an album called **Memories Album**.



February 28 at 1:42 PM



Michael Hamori December 14 at 4:29 AM

I met Christian when we were in middle school. It was his first day of public school, after being home schooled up until that date. He came into my science classroom after class had started and our teacher introduced him as a new student, he looked shy and a bit afraid to pick a seat. I had a feeling that I needed to help, I waived at him, and gestured to the seat next to me. He came and sat down and thanked me, for getting him out of that situation. There was no way I could know at that point, that he would become my greatest friend I've ever had. From that day through the end of high school Christian would go from being that scarred boy in science class to a great man of conscious. He was more than a friend he was a mentor, someone I looked up to and would inspire to emulate. Back then I was full of such darkness and wanted to lash out at the world for dealing me a bad hand It was always Christian, that would listen. when I needed someone to vent too. He was always pulling me back from the edge, If it wasn't for him, there would have been no chance I would have made it out of high school alive. God sent him to me when I needed him, I just wish we hadn't lost touch. It was my fault, Christian tried hard to stay friends with me after high school, but I had gone from a depressed teen to a manic young man, living fast and making bad decisions. I'm sure that's why he decided to distance himself from me. I wish he could have seen that I by 26 years of age I had completely changed, I gave up all my vices and became a hard working member of society. I never made another friend like him, and I've lamented over my behavior back then ever since. For the last 10 years I've been very ill, in and out of hospitals so many surgeries. I had no idea my friend was ill as well. I wish we could have been talking. I wish I could have been there for him, the way he was there for me in high school. Goodby Brother I hope I'll have another chance to be your friend again, I won't screw it up next time.



Anonymous sent a Magnificent Life Spray to the Markham family.



March 1 at 7:05 AM



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Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Markham family.

March 1 at 6:42 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Markham family.

March 1 at 6:35 AM



Anonymous sent a Large Basket Garden to the Markham family.

February 28 at 3:56 PM



Cecil Champenois posted:

I first heard about Christian's books years ago, referring to "There are Save Two Churches Only". I'm not even sure when I first bought them, but quite a while back. I bought his books a couple times and read probably about 90% of them. I met Christian in an online Sunday group of like-minded souls searching for truth. I've had several phone calls with Christian regarding various subjects. He was always gracious, sometimes funny, but very serious about many things, very studious and intelligent with a big heart of love for people. He lived in Taiwan a bunch of years and loved the people there. He taught English lessons there as well. Christian served a 2-year LDS mission in Hong Kong and learned Cantonese. An incredible person. I miss him very much. I, like everyone else, was shocked that someone so young as Christian would be called home so early. God bless him and his surviving family members Cecil T. Champenois Jr. Little Elm, Texas

February 28 at 1:42 PM



Ty Markham March 10 at 10:29 AM

Cecil, thank you so much for sharing your tribute to our beloved brother, son, husband and father!



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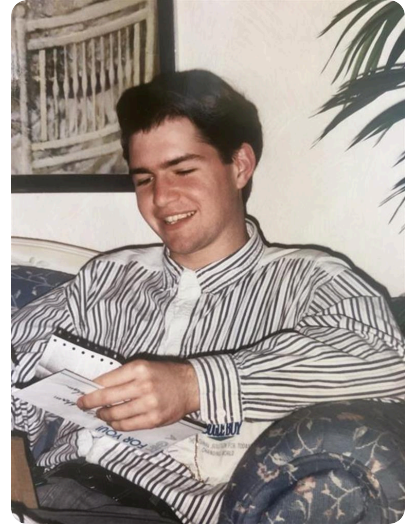


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March 10 at 1:45 PM



Christian and his sister in 1995



Age sixteen at home



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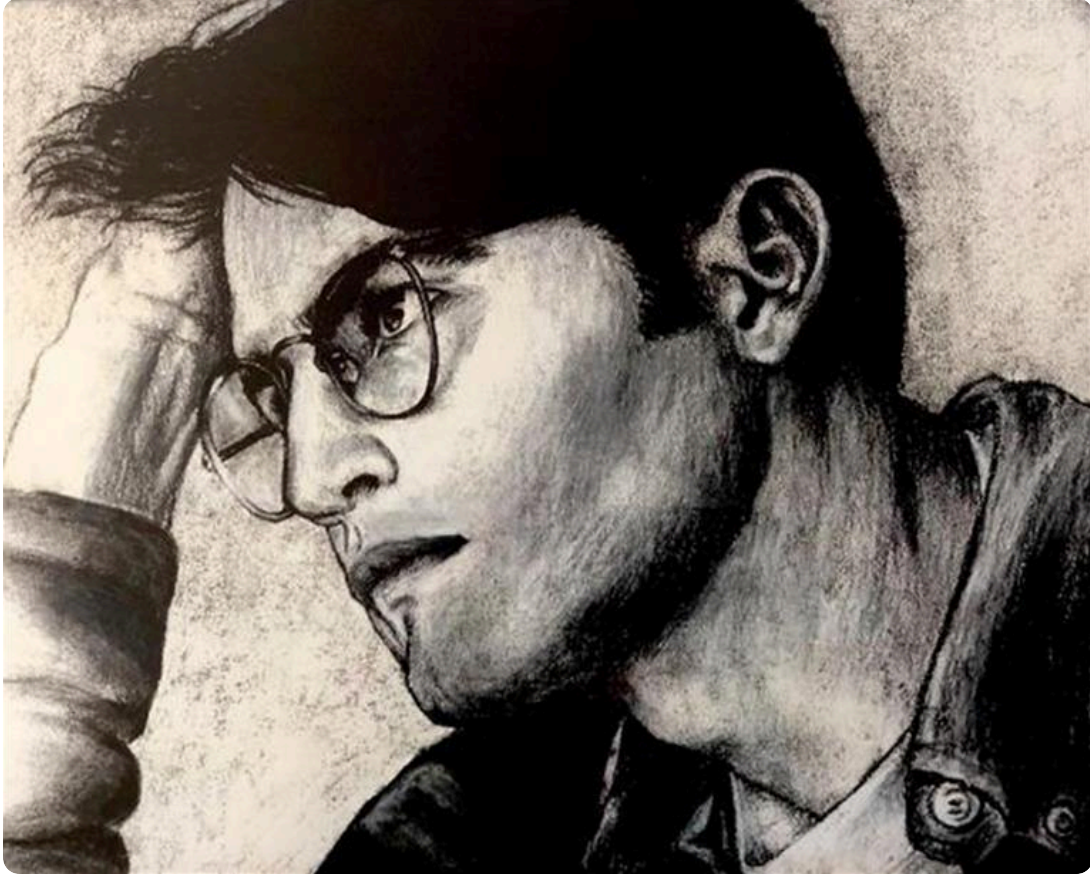
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March 10 at 10:24 AM



Portrait drawn (by his brother Curtis for a high school art class) from a photo at BYU in 1992.



Jin Yun Huang shared 12 photos to the **Memories Album** album.

March 1 at 8:30 AM



Ty March 17 at 8:56 AM

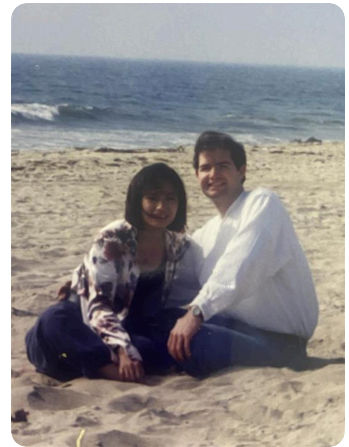
1st Christmas together at mom's house

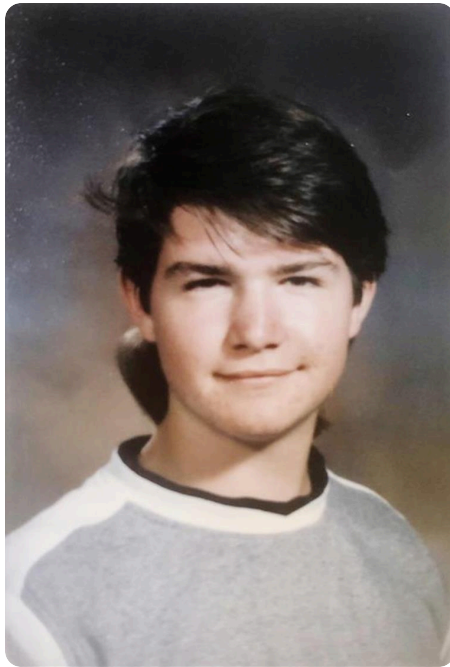


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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Don by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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