



# Christopher Michael Zappulla

Christopher Michael Zappulla, 48, of Hesperia, passed away on July 4, 2018.

He was born June 14, 1970, in New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Christopher spent many months this last year in Kaiser Permanente hospitals in Ontario and Fontana. He was fighting an unending battle with acute myeloid leukemia (AML). He was scheduled twice for a stem cell transplant at City of Hope. This was his wish so he could live for his two sons, Trenton, 10, and Emery, 7.

The leukemia became aggressive, but Christopher kept on fighting. He had six bouts of chemotherapy, anything to get him ready for a transplant.

Christopher had a cardiac arrest on June 27, 2018, and went to Heaven on July 4th.

Christopher is survived by his two sons, Trenton and Emery.

Also, he is survived by his mother, Patricia Mazur, brother Paul Debnam and nephew Cody Debnam, all of Joshua Tree. He has another nephew, Paul Debnam, of Temecula, his uncles, John and Anthony Zappulla, his aunts and uncles, Christine and Ernest Howren, and Anna and Thomas Hanlon and his cousins, Thomas and Sean Hanlon, Theresa Nelson, Ernest Howren and Kathleen Weber.

He was preceded in death by his father, Richard Zappulla, and sister, Laura Zappulla, as well as maternal grandparents Walter and Anna Mazur and paternal grandparents Anthony and Anna Zappulla.

Christopher graduated from Moreno Valley High School in 1988 where he was active in the National Honor Society, school marching band and ROTC. He graduated Riverside Community College and DeVry University in Pomona. He graduated with honors with a BA degree in information technology.

Christopher had several jobs, but he enjoyed his first and the last the most. At the age of 16, he bagged groceries for March Air Force Base Commissary in Moreno Valley. His last job was with Fontana Unified School District as a local area network analyst. The community of Fontana knew Christopher for his precise way of fixing computers and his love for his job and his fellow employees.

Christopher is our hero for battling leukemia for 10 months and enduring all the pain and suffering.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 28, at Harvest Christian Fellowship in Riverside. Following will be a reception at Kountry Folks Restaurant in Riverside.

Thank you to the doctors and nursing staff at Ontario and Fontana Kaiser Permanente hospitals. Also, many thanks to the support and love from Christopher's friends and co-workers and brother Paul and nephew Cody. They all supported him, made him laugh, read Biblical readings and gave him the love and hope that he needed to go on fighting.

Rest in peace my son. Love Mom.