



Christopher "Chris" Jay Wheeler

October 27, 1961 - November 28, 2025

Christopher Jay Wheeler, age 64, of Eolia, MO, passed away November 28, 2025, at St. Louis University Hospital, in St. Louis, MO.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00am on Thursday, December 4, 2025, at the Bibb-Veach Funeral Home & Crematory, in Bowling Green, MO, with Bro. Sammy Lorton officiating. Burial will be held in the Eolia Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 4:00pm until 7:00pm on Wednesday, at the Bibb-Veach Funeral Home & Crematory in Bowling Green.

Chris was born October 27, 1961, in Louisiana, MO, the son of Paul Lewis and Evelyn Louise (Holman) Wheeler. He grew up in Eolia and Louisiana, attending Louisiana School and graduating from LHS in 1980, where he was active in band and FFA. Following high school, Chris attended Linn Tech School where he earned an associate's degree in Auto Mechanics in 1982. Upon graduating, Chris worked as an appliance repair man for the Eolia Hardware Store, along with opening his own appliance repair shop before going to work for Marvin Darnell at his garage. Following the closure of Marvin's Garage, Chris operated Wheeler's Starter, Generator, and Alternator "SGA" shop in Bowling Green from 2008, until he retired in 2023. Chris attended Holiness Churches and served on the Eolia Cemetery Board for many years.

Among his interests, Chris enjoyed hunting, antique cars and was known for his "dad jokes". Chris was an avid bluegrass picker, who could play just about any instrument he picked up. He played on the Rooster Creek Radio Show in Fulton on KFAL, McGee Greek Connection, as well as Junction 22 and the Wheeler family's Shady Nook Bluegrass Band. His children recall often loading up in the family suburban, singing and harmonizing from the back seats as they would go with their dad to different bluegrass festivals.

Above all, Chris was a family man who loved his wife, children, grandchildren and many others.

Survivors include his wife Crystal Sue (Darnell) Wheeler, whom he married at the

Louisiana Assembly of God Church on February 4, 1983, and together they celebrated 42 years of marriage. Also surviving are his parents Paul and Evelyn Wheeler of Louisiana, MO ; children Jennifer (James) McCann of Warrenton, MO, Julie Wheeler of Nambe, NM, and Caleb Wheeler of Santa Fe, NM; grandchildren Michael Wheeler, Samantha, Cody, and Rylee McCann; sister Lyn (Dave) Walter of Steeleville, MO; nieces, nephews and a large extended family.

Chris was preceded in death by brother Paul Lewis, Jr.

Serving as pallbearers will be Don Perkins, James McCann, Everett Rael, Troy Perkins, Allan Betts, and Joe Cloninger. Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Caleb Wheeler, Cody McCann, and Michael Wheeler.

Memorials may be made to Eolia Cemetery Board, Whiteside Holiness Camp, or your local church of choice.

Cemetery Details

Eolia Cemetery

Eolia, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 3. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bibb-Veach Funeral Home's & Crematory LLC - Bowling Green
606 West Main Street
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Funeral Service

DEC 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Burial

DEC 4 (CT)

Eolia Cemetery
Eolia, MO

Tribute Wall

CH

“ *chris taught me how to drive*

christy - December 31, 2025 at 04:09 PM

TD

“ *Tom & Jean Dempsey lit a candle in memory of Christopher "Chris" Jay Wheeler*



Tom & Jean Dempsey - December 16, 2025 at 12:26 PM

LM

“ *Leon Mannahan lit a candle in memory of Christopher "Chris" Jay Wheeler*



Leon Mannahan - December 10, 2025 at 03:59 AM

LM

“ *Leon Mannahan lit a candle in memory of Christopher "Chris" Jay Wheeler*



Leon Mannahan - December 08, 2025 at 01:49 PM



“ *128 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Bibb-Veach Funeral Home's, LLC. - December 03, 2025 at 10:00 AM

E(

“ Elenora (Traynor)Lobb lit a candle in memory of Christopher "Chris" Jay Wheeler



Elenora (Traynor)Lobb - December 02, 2025 at 10:43 PM

DH

“ Dave & Jennifer Holman purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Christopher "Chris" Jay Wheeler.



Dave & Jennifer Holman - December 02, 2025 at 09:08 PM

JE

“ Chris was always someone to look up to, and was always a genuine kind soul. I have nothing but good memories of him and will always cherish them.. until we sing again Chris.....



Jeanie - December 02, 2025 at 01:29 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Christopher "Chris" Jay Wheeler.



December 02, 2025 at 07:46 AM

LD

“ Lyn Wheeler Walter and Dave planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christopher "Chris" Jay Wheeler.

Lyn Wheeler Walter and Dave - December 02, 2025 at 07:46 AM

SS

“ Prayers and sympathy to Paul, Evelyn, Lynn, Crystal and the rest of the family many memories of Chris and Robby in our youth

SONJA Welch Scherff - December 01, 2025 at 07:53 PM

AM

Our prayers for all Chis 's family! RIP BROTHER CHRIS ! It was always a joy to play music with you and your wife ! Arlie Mackey your blue grass friend ! 🙏🙏🙏

Arlie Mackey - December 01, 2025 at 08:19 PM



“ "Cardinals" Black 36" Cylinder Sonnet was purchased for the family of Christopher "Chris" Jay Wheeler.



December 01, 2025 at 07:33 PM

RH

“ Rick and Wanda Holman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christopher "Chris" Jay Wheeler.

Rick and Wanda Holman - December 01, 2025 at 07:33 PM

CO

“ Cynthia Poyser Osborne lit a candle in memory of Christopher "Chris" Jay Wheeler



Cynthia Poyser Osborne - December 01, 2025 at 06:51 PM

CW

“ Another classmate gone to soon! 😞 My heart is breaking for Crystal, his children, grandchildren, mom, dad & sister! Chris was a good friend! He will definitely be missed! 💔💔💔 My thoughts and prayers are with the family & other friends!



Chrystal Walker - December 01, 2025 at 06:46 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Christopher "Chris" Jay Wheeler.



December 01, 2025 at 06:41 PM

JF

“ Judy Shade and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christopher "Chris" Jay Wheeler.

Judy Shade and Family - December 01, 2025 at 06:41 PM

TC

“ Tom, Donita, Michael, Stephen and Cheriee purchased the Enc hanted Cottage for the family of Christopher "Chris" Jay Wheeler.



Tom, Donita, Michael, Stephen and Cheriee - December 01, 2025 at 04:41 PM

WH

“ WANDA HUNTER lit a candle in memory of Christopher "Chris" Jay Wheeler



WANDA HUNTER - December 01, 2025 at 04:39 PM

DW

“ Donna C Wiss lit a candle in memory of Christopher "Chris" Jay Wheeler



Donna C Wiss - December 01, 2025 at 04:26 PM

AC

“ *Ann Cannon lit a candle in memory of Christopher "Chris" Jay Wheeler*



Ann Cannon - December 01, 2025 at 04:17 PM

AC

So sorry for your loss Christy!

Ann Cannon - December 01, 2025 at 04:18 PM

LW

Paul & Evelyn I am so sorry for your loss Prayers for your family. Lona Wallace

Lona Wallace - December 01, 2025 at 05:48 PM

SM

Sorry to hear about Chris quite a shock prayers for your family

Sammy meyers - December 01, 2025 at 07:04 PM