



Christopher Gamble

March 5, 1962 - October 10, 2020

Christopher Gamble, 58, passed away Saturday, October 10, 2020, in Mooresville, North Carolina.

He was born on March 5, 1962, in Rugby, England to Terence and Phyllis (Brewer) Gamble, who preceded him in death.

Chris is survived by his family in Mooresville; wife, Tara; children, Charley, Isabel, and Jack. He is also survived by his children, Patrick and Katie (Chris) Hawthorn; brothers, Michael and John (Heather); and grandson, Freddie, all of England. Additionally, Chris is survived by in-laws, Rod and Cynthia Clair; brothers-in-law, John (Jen) and Brian (Courtney); nephews, Cooper, Reid, Lucas, and Henry; and nieces, Annabel and Liv. In addition to family, he had countless friends and colleagues across the globe.

Chris was most recently Senior Vice President and Director of Sales at Mitsubishi UFJ Lease & Finance (USA), Inc. He had over 25 years experience in international leasing and was responsible for the direct origination of lease contracts throughout the US. Before joining MULUSA, he led new business development for Macquarie Equipment Finance (USA) and was the Commercial Director of the Royal Bank of Scotland subsidiary, Lombard Technology Services, in the UK. Chris was a graduate in Applied Physics from the University of Middlesex, London.

Although Chris found considerable professional success, his legacy will always be his family and the relationships he took the time to nurture with the people he knew. He was selfless and lived life with integrity, making the most of every opportunity he was given. Chris had a strong belief in himself and had a gift for bringing out the best in others. He was a loving and compassionate husband and father, loyal friend, superb cook, a master at home improvement projects, and was the type of person who made things happen. Chris loved to tell stories and added a sparkle to the lives of those who knew him. His passions included history, classic American and British tv/film, nostalgic British cars, and all things James Bond. He will be missed immensely and never forgotten by those who knew and loved him.

Friends may visit the family at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home 494 East Plaza Drive, Mooresville, NC 28115 on Saturday, October 24 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. A memorial service will follow at 3:00 p.m.

For those who are unable to attend the service, you may go to the following link for the live stream

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiMbjN_9xXjFUkmp2zB3SMQ

Additionally, a Celebration of Life will be held in England at a future date.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Gamble family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Cemetery Details

Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory

494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Previous Events

Receiving Friends

OCT **24**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home
494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Memorial Service

OCT **24**. 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Chapel
494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Tribute Wall



“ *Christopher Gamble*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Christopher Gamble*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Christopher Gamble*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *Sincerest condolences to Tara and the children having just heard this shocking and devastating news. I will always have fond memories of Chris, his ironic British sense of humour, and it hurts to think that i won't have the opportunity to see and work with him again in the future.*

with every best wish,

Simon Hamilton

simon hamilton - November 03, 2020 at 03:04 PM



“ *Sending so many prayers and all my love to you Tara, Charley, Isabel, and Jack. I know that Chris will live on forever in your memories. I have no doubt he's catching up with Grandma and Grandpa in heaven and will be watching over you always.*

Jill Broeker - October 24, 2020 at 04:13 PM

MM

“ *Mari Maze purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Christopher Gamble.*



Mari Maze - October 23, 2020 at 08:46 PM

FT

“ *Fumiko T. purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Christopher Gamble.*



Fumiko T. - October 23, 2020 at 07:33 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Christopher Gamble.*



October 23, 2020 at 04:09 PM

AP

“*Devastated is a word that doesn't really explain how I and my wife Lynda felt when Tara called to break the terrible news about Chris, we are still struggling to come to terms with it.*



I can't remember the exact year I first met Chris; I think it was as far back as the Lex System Leasing days in South Ruislip. Whenever it was, what I do remember is that I was impressed with his positive attitude, his humour I liked 'the cut of his jib' and we got on fabulously right from the start!

It's difficult to believe that now, nearly 30 years later, I find myself writing this tribute.

I worked with Chris in various businesses, LNS, LITVF, GATX and Summit Asset Management over a period of around 10 years. Chris had a great 'mind wide-open' approach to business challenges and over the years, as we had to adapt, he was the great 'ideas' man and made change easier with his continuous support and encouragement. Even through the tough times he never lost his sense of humour or his smile. When we went our separate business ways in 2006, Lynda and I moved to Cyprus, but we remained friends and of course by this time he had met and fallen in love and married Tara, they were perfect together, Chris had found the personal happiness he had been looking for. Tara and Chris would put me up at 'Rose Cottage' whenever I was in the UK on business, they were great hosts!

During Lynda's recent illness Chris and Tara were there in support with phone calls and get-well cards all the way from the USA, a great comfort to Lynda and me, Chris always thought of others.

All the good experiences in my life have involved influential individuals; Chris was certainly one of those, over our working life he was a great colleague a truly great boss, and a close and trusted

friend, difficult to part with and impossible to forget, it's been a pleasure to know you mate.

Now our thoughts, condolences and prayers are with Tara, Charley, Isabel, Jack, Patrick and Katie at this difficult time, we are always here if you need us.

Alan & Lynda Phillips - October 23, 2020 at 10:44 AM

BF

“ *Brian Rosa & Family purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Christopher Gamble.*



Brian Rosa & Family - October 22, 2020 at 12:40 PM

JA

“ *Joe, Phil, Linda, Joel, Nancy, David, Mary Andryc purchased the Fall Fantasia for the family of Christopher Gamble.*



Joe, Phil, Linda, Joel, Nancy, David, Mary Andryc - October 21, 2020 at 06:38 PM

BF

“ From my first meeting with Chris and Tara, I considered them a very cool couple! We met just in front of their home and the red Triumph TR-6 automobile in the driveway immediately became the topic of our conversation. I correctly identified the year model of the car as 1973, which surprised Chris and we cultivated a friendship around a mutual interest in British cars!

Though my primary reasons for making contact with the Gambles was business related, I became appreciative of the positive, loving family environment fostered by Tara and Chris! They were a family that you always loved to see! Chris usually had something humorous and interesting to share regarding the family activities, a welcome change of pace for me from my usual client/salesman relationship. Chris most especially respected my efforts in sharing my wares and we seemed to bond around a mutual understanding of the quality that my company represents. Chris also challenged me to expand my offering. So, each holiday season I would deliver a specialty delicacy that he'd requested that was not a usual item on my menu. Though it took greater effort to present the product, it was always a labor of love for me to meet the task for Chris and Tara! Our friendship extended beyond business to the point where I invited the Gambles to a jazz concert featuring my favorite classical and acoustic guitarist, Earl Klugh! They enjoyed the show and that made the night extra special for me and I will always treasure that outing with the Gambles.

When the Gambles moved out west, I traveled twice to the Los Angeles area and thought about how it would be really cool to surprise them with a visit, but other travel obligations prevented that possibility. So, I was really elated to hear from Chris that they'd returned to North Carolina and had the good fortune to meet with him several weeks ago. Again, Chris extended our greeting beyond business and gave me a big hug! That was Chris!

This loss is a blow to me. Of all of the hundreds of clients that I've worked with over the last couple of decades, the Gambles were the best. I will always remember Chris Gamble and think of the blessing it is to have known him. May God be with Tara and the family in their hour of bereavement.

—*Boris Finch*

Boris Finch - October 20, 2020 at 10:13 PM



“ *With Distinction* was purchased for the family of Christopher Gamble.



October 20, 2020 at 05:35 PM



“ *Rose Tribute* was purchased for the family of Christopher Gamble.



October 20, 2020 at 09:50 AM

SK

“ Chris is an Old Laurentian like myself, and it is that link that enabled our paths to cross in the summer of 1993 as I was just finishing my A-Levels. Chris was on the lookout for someone to join a start-up - VXL Systems - and he went back to his old school and asked his math teacher - Dennis Barnett - if there were any promising pupils and only one name came up.

Since that day in '93 we have worked together a few times, in fact when he was considering joining Mitsubishi UFJ he asked me my thoughts as I had been the Deputy Head of Information Security (Europe) at the bank, I like to think my experiences helped him to make the decision to join them.

Chris's love of James Bond made for some humorous moments. In April this year we were chatting, and he mentioned that he had been trying to get hold of some gold sovereigns. I asked him if he had the briefcase to put them in - "I knew you would be the only person to ask that!" was his reply (for the reference, watch *From Russia with Love*).

What can I say, he gave me my first job on leaving school, and knowing that he isn't there to bounce ideas off, or have a chat about the many and varied esoteric subjects we covered, it leaves a hole in my world, and the world in general.

He will me missed, and our thoughts are with Tara, Charley, Isobel, Jack, Katie and Patrick, and their families.

Si Kellow - October 20, 2020 at 06:57 AM

KF

“ *Koichi Kusunoki - Mitsubishi UFJ Lease & Finance purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Christopher Gamble.*



Koichi Kusunoki - Mitsubishi UFJ Lease & Finance - October 19, 2020 at 10:09 AM

CB

“ *One of life’s true gentlemen, the world is a much poorer place without Chris and his considerable wit and humour. Over 30 years have passed since we met, when working for Harris Corporation, and there are many memories that bring a smile to my face...being taken for a high speed spin in his British Racing Green Lotus Esprit, down the middle of the Fosse Way, being just one of them. Our prowess with a snooker cue never really developed, despite the time we spent trying to hone those skills over a lunchtime beer, or three, with Barry Cooknell and Simon Kellow, during our start-up journey with VXL. My condolences to Tara, Charley, Isabel, Jack, Katie and Patrick for their loss. Should any of you ever travel down under to the “colonies”, we will still be here to host / entertain you. Chris, may the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields and, until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand. Goodbye my friend. Rest In Peace.*

Colin Bradley - October 19, 2020 at 03:19 AM

CT

“ *i was saddened to hear the news about Chris. I have known Chris from our days at Lombard. He always came up with innovative financial solutions to test you.*

We always kept in touch and we spoke to each other only a few weeks ago. As always our conversations were more than just about business and a always moved onto the familly and life in general.

Chris wil be sadly missed by all who knew him. My thoughts are with Tara and family at this sad time.

Colin Taylor

colin taylor - October 18, 2020 at 03:26 PM

JJ

“ I first met Chris about 25 years ago in South Ruislip when I was with Lombard; he was a bright eyed, charming, cheerful, fun loving, optimistic, engaging, caring and motivating young guy.

Over the years, he always made time to stay in touch and tell me about his beloved family, his best friend Tara and the children, both big and small.

I last spoke with him just over 3 weeks ago.

I remember Tara coming over to the UK from Tampa for a short term assignment within Lombard Network Services and after her first meeting, how struck she was with Chris and he with her.

I remember much later when Mr and Mrs Gamble came from the US with Macquarie to live in West London for 9 months with their young family and when I hosted Chris and Tara at Henley Royal Regatta - they were a perfect match, two very bright and enchanting young people who were clearly in love.

As an Arsenal fan he never let my support for Chelsea come between us.

Chris was a good man, so cruelly and unfairly snatched from his beloved family. Rest in peace at your new address Chris.

My deepest condolences to Tara, her and Chris's children and greater family.

Jeff Johnson

Jeffrey Johnson - October 18, 2020 at 04:47 AM

JE

“ I knew Chris for 3 years. He helped me fight for a spot on the Mitsubishi UFJ Lease & Finance team and then helped me succeed there (even though my industry segment was new to them). What made Chris special is that he really cared about PEOPLE. He knew his people were his greatest asset as a Manager and he helped all of us to elevate our game without micro-managing. To me, that is the sign of a good leader. He set expectations and you just work hard b/c you do not want to let someone down! Chris and Tara were very supportive when we lost our son Hunter and we got to know them better and to meet their beautiful family while at a conference together. As a father, I was able to talk to Chris about "How to be the best Dad I can be". He often asked my advice on things to do with his own children that would result in those meaningful moments we all cherish as parents. Chris, your spirit is still with me and you left an indelible mark that I will always fondly remember. Be at peace warrior and we will see you once day!

Jeff - October 15, 2020 at 06:35 PM

SL

“ I met Chris back in 2009. He was witty and funny as well as an expert in his field. I was proud to call him a friend. My condolences to Tara and his family. Rest In Peace my friend

Steve Licardi - October 15, 2020 at 10:42 AM

MT

“ Masaki Mizutani from Tokyo purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Christopher Gamble.



Masaki Mizutani from Tokyo - October 15, 2020 at 08:19 AM

MM

“ I am deeply sorry to hear about Chris passing. I first met him about 5 years ago when my company was thinking to get into the U.S. leasing market. He finally decided to join us, the Mitsubishi's leasing co, with his best business partner. Later I, myself came to the U.S. and was working with him for 2 years quite closely. He is not only the professional in the industry but my best friend... for good. Thank you, Chris. Mizutani

Masaki Mizutani - October 15, 2020 at 08:08 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Christopher Gamble.



October 15, 2020 at 04:02 AM

JH

“ Had the pleasure of working with Chris at LNS and LITVF over many years. Particularly recal him chatting to my wife on the first of our "european tours", on the way to Paris and making her feel very welcome amongst strangers. Love to all his family at this time.

John Hensser - October 14, 2020 at 06:04 PM

 Stacy Williams

“ We were deeply saddened to hear Chris passed away. This is the heaviest of news. We were blessed to call the Gambles' neighbors for several years. We have many wonderful memories of our neighborhood rendezvous. We send warm hugs and our heartfelt condolences to Tara, Charley, Isabel, and Jack. We love you. Scott, Stacy, Maya and Briana McCune

Stacy Williams - October 14, 2020 at 04:08 PM

WM

“ We love you. Scott, Stacy, Maya and Briana McCune purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Christopher Gamble.



We love you. Scott, Stacy, Maya and Briana McCune -
October 14, 2020 at 04:02 PM

DC

“ I met Chris in 2009 when I interviewed him for a job at Macquarie . I was immediately impressed by this sharp witted Brit, and he dazzled me with his knowledge of "smart safes". He joined the team soon after and that started a wonderful business journey together for the next 11 years. Chris and I spoke nearly every working day, and only half of the conversations were about business. He spoke often of his family and how proud he was of his wife and children and all their accomplishments. We would also argue about the merits of football versus rugby, who played the best James Bond, and he gave me crap about the way I pronounced "Adidas". I traveled to the UK numerous times with Chris, and I was always amazed at the number of his deep relationships and the obvious respect and affection they had for Chris....even after so many years. That is a rare trait. Chris set a standard for many of us to live by. He always gave much more than he took. Rest in peace my friend.
David Coons

David Coons - October 14, 2020 at 02:15 PM

MH

“ I am just stunned at this news and my thoughts go to Tara and all of the family at what must be the toughest of times.

Chris was genuinely one of the best and most yes people you could ever meet. Nothing was too much trouble, and I shall sorely miss his creativity and ability to get things done, his humour, his friendship and just all round awesomeness.

I have spent much time still saying yes, but time with Chris was always time where you found yourself saying yes even more energetically than you thought.

I shall very fondly remember the times when crazy ideas became real, and the super fun times together, but my most fond memory will be travelling to San Francisco to spend a weekend with him. I flew in on from the UK on the Friday, back on the Monday morning, and we did everything we humanly could - I loved every single second of that weekend, and the sheer brilliance of it has helped me have more fun trips since.

I am so sad that another awesome and good person has been taken too early, but am comforted that Chris' light shone bright for every single second he was here.

Mark House - October 14, 2020 at 02:07 PM

LC

“ So sorry to hear of the sad loss of Chris. It was actually Chris and Colin Manning who introduced me to Lombard more than 20 years ago, and sadly it was at Colins funeral that I last saw Chris when he had flown in especially just for the funeral having endured a long flight just for a few hours in the UK and then back to the airport, and I realised what a truly kind, compassionate, caring and selfless man Chris could be. My deepest condolences to Tara and to all of Chris's family both in the US and UK. Lynn Capocci

Lynn Capocci - October 14, 2020 at 12:28 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Christopher Gamble.



October 14, 2020 at 12:21 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Christopher Gamble.



October 14, 2020 at 08:41 AM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Christopher Gamble.



October 14, 2020 at 07:43 AM

GB

“ I was shocked and deeply saddened to hear about Chris. I only worked with him for a couple of years at LNS, (20yrs ago now!) but he left a lasting memory. He was a very genuine person; he would offer support and counsel, was kind and compassionate, hard working and had a great sense of humour. I wish that I had got round to organising a reunion that he could have attended. Thinking of all his family and friends at this difficult time.

Gillian Beeby - October 13, 2020 at 07:53 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Christopher Gamble.



October 13, 2020 at 07:19 PM

JA

“ My favourite memory of working with Chris has to be when he called myself and Lee Chandler into his office and challenged us to a game of office dares, which involved such events as having your bin on your desk for the whole day and labelled inbox, and putting work given to you in there, as well as walking sideways like a crab whenever you had to get something from the printer. He was such great fun to work for, and always willing to offer you advice and help with your career. My condolences and love to Tara and the family.
RIP Chris

James Agate - October 13, 2020 at 05:57 PM

Lauren
Cole
Verlander

“ *The Gambles were wonderful neighbors and Chris was actually the very first person who knew we were expecting our first child. A nervous first-time dad spilled the beans and the experienced dad was ready with congratulations. Heartbroken over this news for Tara, the kids, and the rest of the Gamble family. Sending our deepest sympathies.*

Lauren Cole Verlander - October 13, 2020 at 05:44 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Christopher Gamble.*



October 13, 2020 at 04:24 PM



“ *I remember those halcyon days at LNS in 1995 when there were so few of us and I sat opposite Chris in South Ruislip. We had some debates, many challenges but most importantly a lot of laughs, and he was extremely charming and clever. A big loss to our world, Tara and the family. God bless his soul.*

Roger Sinclair - October 13, 2020 at 04:00 PM

JP

“ I have just heard this awful news and in complete shock 😞 you was a mountain of a man and helped so many people at Lombard and I am so grateful for the time you gave me to help me further my career. Sending so much love and strength to your beautiful family. I am thankful that I knew such a wonderful man and you will never be forgotten. Rest easy Chris 😞 🙏



jennifer parker - October 13, 2020 at 02:30 PM

AB

“ I am so shocked and saddened to hear this news, I have worked with Chris many years ago when we were in Lombard. I have found memories with him, he was always kind and caring. Even after many years, he always had time to message me now and again on linked in or Facebook. Sending my condolences to his family and loved ones, this is a terrible shock to hear. Rest in peace Chris 😞
❤️

asli benson - October 13, 2020 at 02:07 PM

SB

“ I'm so saddened to hear this. I worked at Lombard with Chris many moons ago. Just recently he helped me get a job over here in the UK. Sending love and prayers to Chris' family at this very sad time ❤️



Sarah Bowyer - October 13, 2020 at 02:05 PM

RH

“ My family and I are very saddened to hear this news. Chris was an absolutely wonderful guy and we have terrific memories of the times we’ve spent with him and his lovely family, both at home in NC and on the family beach trip we once took (we took Jack shark fishing). I can’t think of a single time spent with Chris where I wasn’t smiling and laughing moments after seeing him. He had a sense of humor unlike anyone I’ve ever met, and he used it to great effect. He and I also shared a love for Arsenal Football Club, back in North London, which is how we met. Our daughters were in Pre-School together, and on the line waiting to pick the kids up, I saw this man wearing an Arsenal shirt. A rarity in NC, I just had to strike up a conversation, coming across someone who was wearing a shirt for my beloved team which was half a world away. And I’m glad I did, as it led to getting to know one of the nicest people I’ve ever met. We’ll miss you, Chris.
- The Heaney Family

Robert Heaney - October 13, 2020 at 01:22 PM

TK

“ I will miss you my friend. There are very few work colleagues that were real friends and you are one. Our work history together are some of my fondest memories. I will miss your humor, genuine good will and support. God speed....Ted

Ted Korpilinski - October 13, 2020 at 12:49 PM

TK

“ Ted K. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Christopher Gamble.



Ted K. - October 13, 2020 at 12:37 PM

SM

“ *Very sad to hear this news, will miss you very much my friend. I remember the day we met when I joined Lombard. Your support and guidance over the years has been invaluable. I am thankful for all of the good times we've had. These are the memories that I shall treasure... Sanjay.*

Sanjay Makwana - October 13, 2020 at 11:47 AM

BS

So shocked and saddened. Worked with Chris in the UK in the early 90s and we had so much fun! Clever, sharp and what a sense of humour! Condolences to Tara and families both in the USA and UK!
Brian S

Brian Saffer - October 16, 2020 at 09:56 AM