



CHRISTOPHER NEIL SHORT

January 18, 2026

Christopher Neil Short, 49, passed away peacefully on the morning of January 18, 2026.

Chris lived a life defined by service, dedication, and deep love for his family, friends, and community. He spent his career serving others as a public safety officer at Catawba Hospital and dedicated decades of his life to the Upper Craig's Creek Volunteer Fire Department and the Craig County Volunteer Rescue Squad. His commitment to public safety and helping those in need left a lasting impact on all who had the privilege of working alongside him.

Chris was a devoted father and grandfather. He is survived by his two daughters, Alexis Elizabeth Labiosa (Jordan) and Melissa Ann Short, and his beloved grandchildren, Naomi Marie Labiosa and Silas Ray Short-Ferris. He is also survived by Elizabeth Renay Short, mother of his daughters.

He is also survived by his aunts and uncles: Gary (Sue) Yearout, Kenneth (Kathy) Yearout, Richard (Anna Balog) Yearout, Ronald (Brenda) Yearout, and Carolyn (Roger) Horsley.

Chris was preceded in death by his parents, Dorothy Ann Short and Walter Jerry Short, as well as his sister, Angela Dawn Short.

Chris spent his life serving others and was known for his loyalty, humor, and the many friendships he cultivated throughout his life. He loved his friends dearly, including Trish Paitzel, whom he planned to marry.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made in Chris's honor to the Craig County Volunteer Rescue Squad, an organization that reflects his lifelong commitment to service.

Chris will be remembered for his selflessness, dedication to his community, and the love he gave so freely to those around him. He will be deeply missed.

Funeral Services will be held at 12:00 PM Friday, January 23, 2026, at Paitzel Funeral Home. Interment will follow at the Gibson-Horn Cemetery, New Castle. The family will receive friends 6-8 PM Thursday, January 22, 2026, at Paitzel Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Gibson-Horn Cemetery

Ridge Rd.
New Castle, VA 24127

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 22. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Paitself Funeral Home
286 Main Street
PO Box 326
New Castle, VA 24127
(540) 864-5142
paitselffuneral@aol.com
<https://www.paitselfh.com>

Funeral Service

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Interment

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Tribute Wall

TR

“ Tammy Rock lit a candle in memory of
CHRISTOPHER NEIL SHORT ”



Tammy Rock - January 23 at 10:15 PM

UD

“ Upper Craig Creek Volunteer Fire Dept
purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the
family of *CHRISTOPHER NEIL SHORT*. ”



Upper Craig Creek Volunteer Fire Dept - January 21 at 02:46
PM

TF

“ The Craig County Rescue Squad Family
purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the
family of *CHRISTOPHER NEIL SHORT*. ”



The Craig County Rescue Squad Family - January 21 at 10:46
AM

JB

“ Jordan Ann Berg purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of CHRISTOPHER NEIL SHORT.



Jordan Ann Berg - January 20 at 12:36 PM

CP

“ Catawba Food Services and Purchasing purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of CHRISTOPHER NEIL SHORT.



Catawba Food Services and Purchasing - January 20 at 12:06 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of CHRISTOPHER NEIL SHORT.



January 20 at 10:52 AM

TB

“ The Boone's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of CHRISTOPHER NEIL SHORT.

The Boone's - January 20 at 10:52 AM

MS

“ *Madison Simmons lit a candle in memory of
CHRISTOPHER NEIL SHORT*



Madison Simmons - January 20 at 08:16 AM



“ *Christopher Schwallenberg lit a candle in
memory of CHRISTOPHER NEIL SHORT*



Christopher Schwallenberg - January 20 at 07:35 AM

MJ

“ *Mark Jones lit a candle in memory of
CHRISTOPHER NEIL SHORT*



Mark Jones - January 19 at 09:09 PM