



Christopher P. Mitchell

Christopher P. Mitchell, 38, formerly of Lititz, passed away on Saturday, July 19, in St. Petersburg, Russia, where he had been residing.

Born in Lancaster, he was the son of Cindy L. and James L. Anderson, and Phillip E. and Joni A. Mitchell, all of Lititz.

Chris was a self-starter and entrepreneur. He was most recently the Co-founder and Director of the First Federation, which consisted of four offices that distributed beer and water throughout Russia. The company originally specialized in Heineken Beer distribution and later became exclusive Coors Beer distributor.

He was also Owner and Director of Baltika Resources, an importing business, and started a pretzel factory in his early years in Russia called Cindy M. Prior to that, Chris also worked for First Republic rising through the ranks to become Assistant Director. His first work in Russia was as an English Teacher.

Chris graduated from Warwick High School in 1988 where he was Class President. He loved sports and played soccer and wrestled. He graduated from Bucknell University in 1992 with a Bachelor's degree in International Relations and Russian Language. Chris also graduated from the prestigious St. Petersburg State University of Law in 2004, where all of his oral and written exams were in Russian.

Chris was the proud and adoring father of Elizabeth Christine and husband of Daria Victornva Mitchell. His world revolved around his daughter and his greatest enjoyment came from spending time with his family. Chris also enjoyed traveling the world, learning about other cultures and studying the history of all the areas that he visited. He witnessed the fall of Communism while living in Moscow, Russia. Chris was truly a man who took the path less traveled and was greater for it. While in Russia, he attended the Lutheran Church. Chris also enjoyed coming home to the United States to rest, eat, and tell his family stories of where he had been and the unbelievable things that he had done and accomplished. Those moments were loved and cherished and will forever be missed.

In addition to his parents, wife and daughter, Chris is also survived by brothers, Scott, husband of Sarah (Giuliano) Mitchell, Zachary Mitchell, Lucas Mitchell, and a sister Hannah Mitchell, all of Lititz; nephews, Jack and Nolan Mitchell; maternal grandparents, John and Ella Messner, and paternal grandmother, Lucille Mitchell; and many loving aunts and uncles. He was preceded in death by paternal grandparents, George P. Mitchell Sr. and James and Johanne Shank.

Friends will be received on Sunday from 1:30PM-3PM at the Charles F. Snyder Jr. Funeral Home and Chapel, 3110 Lititz Pike, Lititz, PA with the funeral service to follow at 3PM. Interment will be private and at the convenience of his family. In lieu of flowers, Chris' family requests that contributions be made to the Christopher P. Mitchell Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 726, Lititz, PA 17543, that will be established to benefit Warwick High School graduates.

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