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It is with broken hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved Christopher Thomas, age nine, who tragically died in a car accident on November 10, 2025, in West Virginia while returning home from a family vacation.

Christopher is the cherished son of Chris and Carly (née Frayne) and the proud big brother of Owen and Emma. Adored grandson of Chris and Diane Franklin and Michelle Terry, as well as great-grandson to Elaine McIlmoyle, Jimmy and Barb Terry, and Lloyd and Cindy Booth. He will be deeply missed by his many aunts, uncles, cousins, extended family, friends, teachers, and teammates. Now reunited with his grandparents, Dale and Gertrude Franklin, Wayne McIlmoyle, and Aunt Leanne Terry.

A vibrant and energetic boy, Christopher loved taking trips with his family and was always excited for the next adventure. Some of his favourite places to visit were amusement and water parks—especially Wonderland—where so many memories were made on the rides with his dad.

He loved sports and took great pride in playing basketball for The Blitz and baseball for the Mahoney Bears. He was always full of life—eager to laugh,

explore, and make memories with those he loved. Some of his happiest moments were spent swimming in Papa and Mimi's pool and playing with his cousins, where his bright smile and playful spirit brought joy to everyone around him.

The family wishes to extend their deepest gratitude to the medical team at J. W. Ruby Memorial Hospital in West Virginia, who did everything they could to keep Christopher with us. We are also profoundly moved by the overwhelming support from the community during this heartbreaking time—including our church communities in Canada and in Morgantown, WV, whose prayers, love, and kindness have lifted us more than words can express.

His joyful spirit filled every room he entered, and his laughter was a light to all who knew and loved him. Christopher's time with us was far too short, but the love he shared and the happiness he brought will be forever carried in our hearts.

Family will receive guests at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 383 Main Street East (at Emerald), Hamilton, on Friday, November 21, 2025, for visitation from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. The funeral service will be held at the church the following day, November 22, 2025, at 11a.m. Interment to be held at St. Mark's Cemetery, 3845 Nafziger Road, Wellesley, at 4pm. For those unable to attend in person, Christopher's funeral can be viewed by clicking the link available on his memorial page on the funeral home website. www.futher-ranklinfuneralhome.com

"The only way to take sorrow out of death is to take love out of life." - Russell M. Nelson

Cemetery Details

St. Mark's Lutheran Cemetery

3847 Nafziger Road
Wellesley, ON (CA)

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 21. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
383 Main Street E
(At Emerald Street)
Hamilton, ON (CA)

Visitation

NOV 21. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
383 Main St E (At Emerald Street)
Hamilton, ON L8N 1J7 (CA)
(289) 237-0839

Funeral Service

NOV **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
383 Main Street E
(At Emerald Street)
Hamilton, ON (CA)

Please note that the interment is planned for 4 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Tribute Wall



“ *Futher-Franklin Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Christopher Thomas Franklin*



Futher-Franklin Funeral Home - November 25, 2025 at 03:45 PM

BG

“ *Dear Chris and Family,*

We have no words of comfort . Our hearts break for you tin the loss of your precious grandson. Please accept our deepest sympathy.

Barbara Green & Doug MacDougald

Barbara Green - December 02, 2025 at 10:11 PM

PH

“ *Dear Chris and family, We want to express our condolences to your family for the loss of your son. May God give you strength and healing through this time of sorrow in the sure hope of the resurrection through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

-The Hafemann family

Peter Hafemann - November 25, 2025 at 03:29 PM

CF

“ On behalf of St. Anthony of Padua Church staff and mine, I offer you all my deep condolences for the passing of your son. I was able to attend funeral for I had to do one but I am keeping in my prayers.
Father Francesco Cucchi

Cucchi Francesco - November 22, 2025 at 04:11 PM



“ My deepest condolences for your loss. I remember seeing all of you at church and seeing the boys bearing their testimonies.

Skylar Thomas - November 21, 2025 at 04:46 PM

AF

“ Alicia Kuzmichuk and Family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Christopher Thomas Franklin.



Alicia Kuzmichuk and Family - November 21, 2025 at 01:01 PM

LR

“ Chris, Laura and family,
Sending you much love and prayers at this very difficult time.
Lanette Rush

Lanette Rush - November 21, 2025 at 12:41 PM

RU

“ I have many wonderful memories of Christopher in Primary. He is such a bright, happy boy and added his personal flare each time. David and I send our love to you all: Chris, Carly, Owen, Emma and extended beloved family. Ruth Jarvis

Ruth - November 21, 2025 at 10:30 AM

BS

“ To Diane, Chris and family, sincerely thinking of you Love Sandra and Billy Sleep

Billy Sleep - November 21, 2025 at 10:06 AM

MA

“ Hi I am Maeve he was in my class he loved to talk about sports he was funny and I miss him very much

Maeve - November 21, 2025 at 09:01 AM

GP

“ Our deepest condolences to your family. May God send you strength during this very difficult time. Love Guido and Carla Piccolo and family

Guido Piccolo - November 21, 2025 at 08:24 AM

CA

“ Cameron A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christopher Thomas Franklin.

Cameron A. - November 20, 2025 at 02:57 PM



“ On behalf of the 31st Beaver Colony we would all like to send our deepest condolences to the family, Christopher and his brother Owen were part of our 31st Scouting group for a short while but we remember Christopher as a wonderful young man. We are deeply saddened to hear of this news.
We have planted a tree in his honour.
Cindy

Cindy DePodesta - November 20, 2025 at 12:42 PM



“ Cindy . planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christopher Thomas Franklin.

Cindy . - November 20, 2025 at 12:27 PM



“ Myrtle Fierling lit a candle in memory of Christopher Thomas Franklin



Myrtle Fierling - November 20, 2025 at 10:53 AM



“ Blitz Basketball Club purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Christopher Thomas Franklin.



Blitz Basketball Club - November 20, 2025 at 10:43 AM



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



November 20, 2025 at 10:42 AM



“ Alstom Operations Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christopher Thomas Franklin.

Alstom Operations Team - November 20, 2025 at 10:42 AM



“ Darlene M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christopher Thomas Franklin.

Darlene M. - November 20, 2025 at 08:31 AM



“ 15 files added to the album Christopher's Photos



Chris Franklin - November 19, 2025 at 11:32 PM

NS

Your pain & anguish are shared by many. I pray for peace & strength to you all.

Nola Stewart - November 20, 2025 at 08:19 AM

MC

“ We offer our love and prayers, hoping His unending love will give you peace.

Michael & Marhee Clifton - November 19, 2025 at 11:21 PM

LF

“ With sincere condolences we extend our heartfelt love and prayers for your entire family.



Lipop Family - November 19, 2025 at 10:24 PM

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Lipop Family - November 19, 2025 at 10:19 PM

KS

“ When Christopher Thomas was born I was serving as Bishop of the Hamilton Ward in the Hamilton Ontario Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. His father, also Chris, was an assistant ward clerk with responsibility for finances. We worked very closely together. I believe it was the newborn's grandfather who shared a photograph of his grandson with me. It blew my mind -- he looked so much like my grandson, Hunter, son of my son, Paul, who lived in Parksville, B.C. I brought a photo of him in and we were all amazed how much the babies looked alike.

And so began what would become, a very special relationship with Chris. Later when Owen was born, and Carly was working most Sundays, Chris would bring the boys to church. While Chris and I did financial business, the boys would play at our feet or nearby outside the office. There came into my heart a special love for these brothers.

When grandpa Chris telephoned me to tell me of the death of his grandson, I became a physical and emotional wreck. I felt like I had lost a member of my family.

I will remember him as he was the last Sunday in our ward. All the baby fat gone. Now a handsome, tall (especially for 9) slim, young man who looked so mature that he might have been mistaken for a Deacon ready to pass the Sacrament. His picture in his obituary portrays him so exactly!

To all who mourn his loss -- Chris and Carly, sister Emma, and brother Owen if his future allows him to do so, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, teachers, and teammates, I express my sincere condolences, and offer this verse of comfort penned by Edward L. Sloan, with a minor revision by me: Dry up the unavailing tear

Repress the selfish sigh;

Know that our Christopher Thomas

Yet lives, and ne'er shall die. Ken Shoesmith

Ken Shoesmith - November 19, 2025 at 08:38 PM

HB

“ *Heather Blair lit a candle in memory of Christopher Thomas Franklin*



Heather Blair - November 19, 2025 at 08:02 PM

MA

“ *Mary lit a candle in memory of Christopher Thomas Franklin*



Mary - November 19, 2025 at 07:31 PM

GD

“ *Guaranteed Funeral Deposits purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Christopher Thomas Franklin.*



Guaranteed Funeral Deposits - November 19, 2025 at 04:54 PM

TH

“ *From the Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Hamilton - We extend our deepest sympathies on the loss of your beloved Christopher. Our prayers and thoughts are with your family at this very difficult time.*

The Catholic Cemeteries of Hamilton - November 19, 2025 at 03:03 PM

FW

“ From the staff at Prince of Wales purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Christopher Thomas Franklin.



From the staff at Prince of Wales - November 19, 2025 at 01:57 PM

FW

“ From the staff at Prince of Wales planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christopher Thomas Franklin.

From the staff at Prince of Wales - November 19, 2025 at 01:57 PM

TM

“ Trish M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christopher Thomas Franklin.

Trish M. - November 19, 2025 at 01:53 PM

TJ

“ The J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christopher Thomas Franklin.

The J. - November 19, 2025 at 12:38 PM

TF

“ The Schulz family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Christopher Thomas Franklin.



The Schulz family - November 19, 2025 at 12:26 PM

TF

“ The Schulz family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christopher Thomas Franklin.

The Schulz family - November 19, 2025 at 12:26 PM

TF

“ The Monahan/Brown/Palermo Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Christopher Thomas Franklin.



The Monahan/Brown/Palermo Family - November 19, 2025 at 12:19 PM

TF

“ The Monahan/Brown/Palermo Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christopher Thomas Franklin.

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



November 19, 2025 at 11:46 AM



“ Rinaldi E planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christopher Thomas Franklin.

Rinaldi E - November 19, 2025 at 11:46 AM



“ Chris Syty - Your family at Stratford Kia are lifting you up in our Prayers. Please accept our deepest condolences for a young life lost too soon. Your nephew at only 9 years old left a huge imprint on many hearts. Grief is the price of love; your love was immeasurable. Sending Blessings.



Trish Millson - November 19, 2025 at 10:51 AM



“ Chris Franklin lit a candle in memory of Christopher Thomas Franklin



Chris Franklin - November 19, 2025 at 10:13 AM