



# Kristopher Kenyon McCandless

January 21, 1964 - March 14, 2026

Kristopher Kenyon McCandless, age 62, of Nokesville, VA, passed away unexpectedly on March 14, 2026.

He was born on January 21, 1964, in St. Louis, MO, attended Herndon High School, and graduated from George Mason University in 1988 with a degree in Geology. He also obtained his Certified Professional Geologist designation. He was employed by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality.

Kris was preceded in death by parents, Peter & Nancy McCandless.

He is survived by his loving wife, Joanna, parents-in-law Jim & Joann Sitton, sister-in-law Amanda Khochareun (Cy), niece and nephew, Jada & Ty, two special uncles, Rich & Phillip, and many aunts, uncles and cousins with whom he was recently reconnected.

He was a Longtime member of the Piedmont Corvette Club and Northern Virginia Corvette Club, where he served as president and other positions of service.

Memorials may be made to Just One More Dachshund Rescue, @JOMDR / <https://jomdr.org> or charity of choice.

Family and friends will gather for a Visitation on Saturday, March 21, 2026, from 3:00-4:00 PM at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center St., Manassas, VA 20110. A Memorial Service will immediately follow at 4:00 PM.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 21. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home  
9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 257-6028  
pfh@piercefh.com  
<https://www.piercefh.com>

## Memorial Service

MAR 21. 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Pierce Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Kristopher Kenyon McCandless*



Pierce Funeral Home - March 20 at 08:50 AM

AS

*Cousin Kris you will be missed!*

Abby McCandless Sparkman - March 21 at 03:57 PM

CH

“ *4 files added to the album tribute wall*



Connie Harriman - March 21 at 08:22 AM

MG

“ *Mary and Doug Goodin purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kristopher Kenyon McCandless.*



Mary and Doug Goodin - March 20 at 08:07 PM

TT

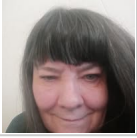
“ *Joanna. Our connections with you and Kris were the brief conversations at church when you were visiting your parents. However it was enough to know the blessing and integral part he was to you and your family. Words can't express how deeply sorrowed we are at your loss but know that as Christ hurts with us in our afflictions so we too feel your loss and the honor of having known him regardless of how brief. May the God of peace be with you and comfort you. Tim and Lynn Thompson*

Tim Thompson - March 20 at 11:25 AM

AK

“ My condolences to Ms. Joanna and rest of McCandless family. I was shocked to hear the news of his passing. He was a good friend at DEQ who brightened work and brought joy to all things work and play. A very kind and generous friend who cared about others and gave of himself. He will be truly missed and fondly remembered. He left us too soon. May he rest in peace.

Ali Khalilzadeh - March 20 at 10:47 AM



“ Sending my condolences.



Rebecca Sturgill - March 19 at 07:27 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kristopher Kenyon McCandless.



March 19 at 05:43 PM

TM

“ Joanna, I am so sorry about Kris's passing. I know you're heartbroken. Babette and I are sending much love, ((hugs)), comfort and prayer to you during this very sad time.



Tracy Moskowitz - March 19 at 05:21 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Kristopher Kenyon McCandless.



March 19 at 03:01 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kristopher Kenyon McCandless.*



March 19 at 11:46 AM

BH

“ *Joanna, Bob and I are so sorry about Kris and the great loss for you, family and friends. We love your parents and ask God to provide for their daughter in mighty ways. May He comfort, strengthen & guide you always. Dena Hamblen*

**Bob & Dena Hamblen** - March 19 at 11:04 AM

AW

“ *Kris was one of the first people to welcome me to the geology community of Virginia when I came here 22 years. Since then we worked together in multiple roles. I admired his willingness to learn and his passion for teaching others about geology and for working out the story of a petroleum contaminated site. When Kris walked into a room, you knew he was there and that always made me smile. His pumpkin bread was one of the best things about winter - during covid he drove all the way to Alexandria to meet me to deliver a prized loaf. He is gone too soon and I will miss him. Alex Wardle*

**Alex Wardle** - March 19 at 10:31 AM

TW

“ *The Parettes and Wests purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Kristopher Kenyon McCandless.*



**The Parettes and Wests** - March 18 at 09:47 PM

AJ

“ *Angela, Justin, Jackson, Debbie, John purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kristopher Kenyon McCandless.*



**Angela, Justin, Jackson, Debbie, John** - March 18 at 05:22 PM

JG

“ *Jess, Eric, Albie and Gertie purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Kristopher Kenyon McCandless.*



**Jess, Eric, Albie and Gertie** - March 18 at 01:58 PM

PF

“ *Patty and Kelly Foster purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Kristopher Kenyon McCandless.*



**Patty and Kelly Foster** - March 18 at 11:13 AM

ST

“ *1 file added to the album tribute wall*



**Susan Tiffany** - March 18 at 10:53 AM

BW

“ *We have lost a wonderful co-worker and friend. I will always remember our field visits at DEQ together and the last car project we worked on at his house. Those moments meant a great deal to me and are memories I will cherish forever.*

**Billy Willard** - March 18 at 08:36 AM

JC

*Sorry to here the news  
Kris was a good guy.*

**John Cook** - March 18 at 01:27 PM

JD

“ Kris and I shared many mornings talking about all kinds of topics during our time together here at DEQ. He was one of the “car guys” in the office and loved chatting about cars of all kinds, not just Corvettes. Even though he worked in a different division, he would have fit right in with our group, because that’s the kind of person he was.

*We will truly miss his camaraderie and his jovial laugh in the office.*

*The Mobile Sources Division at DEQ offers its deepest condolences. Kris is gone far too soon and will be deeply missed by all who knew him.*

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**Jim Jones / DEQ Mobile Source Division** - March 18 at 07:05 AM

YF

“ Your ITRC Family & Friends purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kristopher Kenyon McCandless.



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**Your ITRC Family & Friends** - March 17 at 11:32 PM

GM

“ George, Barb, Arby and Dexter Miller purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Kristopher Kenyon McCandless.



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**George, Barb, Arby and Dexter Miller** - March 17 at 09:06 PM

DK

“ Deepest Condolences John & Karen purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Kristopher Kenyon McCandless.



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**Deepest Condolences John & Karen** - March 17 at 09:02 PM

JP

“ Jeanette Power purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Kristopher Kenyon McCandless.



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**Jeanette Power** - March 17 at 08:32 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Kristopher Kenyon McCandless.*



March 17 at 07:41 PM

JP

“ *Joanna, I saw this and it's heartbreaking. Jud doesn't have Facebook but sends his condolences.*

**Jan Plyler** - March 17 at 07:37 PM

BB

“ *I met Kris because he was Case Manager of one of my DEQ sites, but we also shared a mutual interest in all types of geology, and, of course, Corvettes! He was taken way too soon and will be missed! Bob Baird*

**Bob Baird** - March 17 at 07:37 PM

D(

“ *Donna & Mark (Coleman-Horr) purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kristopher Kenyon McCandless.*



**Donna & Mark (Coleman-Horr)** - March 17 at 06:56 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kristopher Kenyon McCandless.*



March 17 at 06:30 PM

RM

“ *Joanna and all of Kris's loved ones - I cannot begin to say how sorry I am about his tragic loss. He was such a lovely soul and made me feel like I had known him for years. Prayers for all who are hurting. Ruth McDaniel*

**Ruth McDaniel** - March 17 at 06:19 PM

LB

*Joanna, I am so sorry to hear about Kris. I know how long you waited for just the right man. And now he is gone. My heart really goes out to you. Just know I love you.*  
*Linda Bradley*

**Linda Bradley** - March 17 at 07:43 PM

TS

“ *I met Kris when Joanna offered to take of our dachshunds when we had to travel. Both of them loved and took care of our dogs as if they were their own. This lead to a friendship, and many more visits. Kris was such a nice guy. We talked about so much, his cars, home projects, and of course dachshunds. It was always a pleasure. He is missed very much.* Tom Scott

**Tom Scott** - March 17 at 06:03 PM

MC

“ *Kris and worked together at DEQ. Kris had a heart of gold. Kris and I would talk about different things from cars, my fire department, we talked about ladies. From his last girlfriend and he would ask for pointers with dates. We knew about his wife Joanna, he asked me for advice about how to ask her out for a date? I told him to ask her to dinner and if she turned him down he would knew where he stood with him. But she obviously told him yes, the rest is history. You could ask him for anything and he would have given it to you. Kris was a great person and friend, taken away too soon.*

*Your friend*  
*Mike*

**Mike Clark** - March 17 at 05:56 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kristopher Kenyon McCandless.*



March 17 at 05:54 PM

NJ

“ *Kris and Joanna took care of my dachshunds when I needed to travel. My little girl Splash was a bit afraid of the big jovial guy who could play Santa Claus. Kris was so happy when she finally relaxed and would cuddle and give him kisses.*

**Nancy Julia** - March 17 at 05:38 PM

JK

“ Kris was such a delight to be around and always made you feel special. I felt like I had known him my whole life. Thanks for taking such good care of my friend Joanna and loving her! It was a blessing to know you! Rest in peace my friend.  
Love,  
Julie Kinney

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Julie Kinney - March 17 at 05:15 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kristopher Kenyon McCandless.



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March 17 at 05:08 PM