



## Christopher Lee Kocsis

March 15, 1948 - November 13, 2019

Christopher Lee Kocsis

Passed away peacefully on Wednesday, November 13, 2019. Beloved husband of Linda Waller. He will truly be missed by many.

Service will be held at Beth El Hebrew Congregation, 3830 Seminary Rd, Alexandria, VA 22304, on Monday, November 18, 2019, at 11AM. Interment directly following at Home of Peace Cemetery, Alexandria, VA. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Mid Atlantic Antique Radio Club or Beth El Hebrew Congregation.

# Cemetery

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**Home of Peace**  
South Payne St  
Alexandria, VA, 22314

# Events

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**NOV 18 Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Beth El Hebrew Congregation  
3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA, US, 22304

# Comments

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“ Second try. I remember when Chris entered the edible art contest in Washington DC and won with a pair of carrots that played in tune.

**herb** - November 28, 2019 at 02:00 PM

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“ I remember that Kris wants one the edible art contest by submitting a recorder made from a carrot that played into it.

**herb** - November 28, 2019 at 01:56 PM

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“ I'm sorry to learn of Chris's passing. Worked together for many years when he was at FNS and he was always professional, positive and helpful. A Gentleman and a gentle man. God's peace to his loved ones.

garth clark

**garth clark** - November 21, 2019 at 08:33 AM

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“ More than 20 years after our madrigal-singing days, when all of us had scattered to the four winds, Chris heard that Jane Bruce was coming to Arlington, Virginia, and we arranged to meet for tea at the Ritz-Carlton hotel in Pentagon City. Outwardly, of course we looked different, but as far as the pleasure of seeing and talking with each other, nothing had changed! I feel very lucky to have shared a part of Chris's life.

Jill Kern



**Jill Kern** - November 18, 2019 at 04:38 PM

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“ Along with all of Chris' USDA/FNS friends, I wanted to share that, while I only had a few opportunities to work with Chris, they were memorable because of his team-friendly spirit. Chris had the instinct and kindness to help me in my role to assist him!

May you be comforted. --- Kathy K.

**Kathy K.** - November 18, 2019 at 01:45 PM

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“ Kathy K. lit a candle in memory of Christopher Lee Kocsis



**Kathy K.** - November 18, 2019 at 01:25 PM

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“ Prayers and thoughts to all of you. Chris was a very kind, helpful person when I first started working with him. He will be missed. Big Hugs

Betty Harvey

**Betty Harvey** - November 18, 2019 at 01:19 PM

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“ Chris was already a "go to" person when I arrived at FNS in 2007. His vast knowledge of not only FNS, but just of life made everybody gravitate to Chris if you had a question. But what set Chris apart was his demeanor and kindness. He was a true gentleman who absolutely genuinely believed in helping people.

RIP Chris

Scott Carter

**Scott Carter** - November 18, 2019 at 12:41 PM

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“ Dear Linda: We were so sorry to hear of Chris' death. Please accept our sincere sympathy. You are in our thoughts an prayers. Ginny & Rob Peters

**Ginny Peters** - November 18, 2019 at 08:12 AM

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“ Chris was a kind and sweet soul. We had some great conversations whenever we served as subs at his Beth El wine tasting group where everyone was eager to hear Chris' insights and commentary on the wines. At his home, he delighted in sharing his collections with friends.  
At Beth El's annual book sale, Chris played a crucial role determining whether a particular book donation had great value to dealers and collectors. We will miss his smile & friendship . May his memory be for a blessing.

Judy & John Jankowski

Judy and John Jankowski - November 18, 2019 at 08:09 AM

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“ So sad to hear this news. I knew a Chris from FNS and he was always so kind and helpful.

Kim Decker Dameron - November 17, 2019 at 11:00 PM

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“ I knew Chris for many years while working at FNS. He was always willing to help and share his incredible knowledge as an editor. We had many non-work conversations as well. Chris had so many interesting stories about his life to share. He was a good guy and will be missed by many. With sincere sympathy.

Jean Altman - November 17, 2019 at 07:12 PM

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“ I worked around Chris for years at FNS, he was a kind person, he was a dedicated public servant and part of the FNS family, he will be missed. Condolences to his family and friends. May you RIP Chris.



Juanita Makuta - November 17, 2019 at 05:58 PM

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“ My condolences to Chris's family and friends, of whom I am one. I admired his intelligence, his quirky sense of humor and his commitment to doing things right. He was a good guy, I've missed him since I left FNS, and I miss him more now knowing he's gone. Smooth sailing, my friend.

**Philip Shanholtzer** - November 17, 2019 at 05:56 PM

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“ I have very fond memories of Chris as an FNS employee. Prayers for peace for his family. Eternal rest Chris.

**Nancy Baca-Stepan** - November 17, 2019 at 01:03 PM

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“ I worked just down the hall from Chris for the last eight years of my career with the federal government. He was always very kind and helpful. I was so very sorry to learn just now of his passing. May he rest in peace. Condolences to his family.

**Sheri Ackerman** - November 17, 2019 at 12:02 PM

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“ Many of Chris' friends at the Food and Nutrition Service, USDA, his workplace of many years, are very sad to hear the news of his passing. Chris was a kind and true gentleman, well respected for his many talents and abilities. A very fine editor and writer. I have fond memories of our work days together and will miss Chris very much. Barbara Hallman

**Barbara Hallman** - November 16, 2019 at 09:52 PM

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“ In the 1970's Chris sang with a small a capella group called Rejouissance, first five, then four, then three singers. His beautiful and seemingly effortless baritone grounded the group, and his language skills, solid musicianship, innate musicality, and meticulous approach to the period were exceptional, as were his technical skills in recording the group and making tapes. We rehearsed once a week, went hiking, backpacking, and camping together, sang and played recorders, laughed a lot, and had fun together. We performed at Renaissance Faires, in the Kennedy Center Lobby at Christmas time, and other small venues. Sometimes we even got paid! The tape (now converted to a CD) of a rehearsal where we all broke into hysterical laughter was preserved by Chris on our Christmas recording and is one of my special treasures.

He was a lovely human being as well as a fine musician and dear friend. I am filled with gratitude for the time we had together in our youth. Digging around for all these

pictures has brought back a golden time in my life!  
Jane Bruce

Jane Bruce - November 16, 2019 at 08:30 PM

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“ 5 files added to the album Chris performing with Rejouissance in the 1970's



Jane Bruce - November 16, 2019 at 08:10 PM

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“ As president of the Mid-Atlantic Antique Radio Club, I can say that Chris will be sorely missed by all of us. He was one of the men that we all looked forward to seeing at our monthly meetings. He was always cheerful, insightful, and eager to help other radio fans.

This year we gave Chris the Club's Lifetime Award for his service to the Club, including many years on the MAARC Board of Directors, capacitor salesperson at monthly Club meetings, and many years of support for our annual "RadioActivity" event, especially as lead of the registration team.

Chris was one of those people who always glowed with enthusiasm, whatever he was discussing. It's no wonder that he collected antique light bulbs, too, because he lit up every room he entered.



John Begg - November 16, 2019 at 06:50 PM

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“ I always enjoyed seeing and talking with Chris at the MAARC meets. We will all miss him. My condolences to the family.

Rod Matzko

Rod Matzko - November 16, 2019 at 06:32 PM