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In recent years, he served as a Senior User Experience Program Manager at Google, with a special interest in font development. Chris initiated and guided the creation of Google Sans Code, a new brand font designed specifically for reading and writing code, and he program-managed the design and development of other Google font families that were recognized with both internal and international design awards. Throughout his time at Google, Chris led a broad network of vendors and partnered with teams across the company to integrate these fonts to major Google platforms.



Above all, Chris would say his greatest joy was being a husband and a father to his three children—Bryn (19), Dylan (18), and Jackson (14). He loved to watch them play sports, take them to concerts and always enjoyed a Starbucks-run with them.

Chris is survived by his wife Beth of 28 years; his three children; his parents Janet and James Simpkins; and his sisters Gretchen (Beau) Kostedt and Lexi (Klent) Matz.

Chris will be remembered by many for his numerous sports, academic and career achievements, but his greatest accomplishment was how much he loved his family. We couldn't have asked for a better husband, parent, son, and sibling, and we will miss Chris every day. Chris' memory will live on in the hearts of all those who love him.

No public service will be held at this time.

Those wishing to do so may make memorial donations to a charity of their choice or to one of the following organizations that were important to Chris. Even more appreciated by the family are messages of support or shared memories of Chris. An online guestbook is available at: <https://www.rand-wilson.com/>

Doctors Without Borders  
<https://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/>

United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS)  
<https://unos.org/give/#GiveForm>

Unicode Consortium  
<https://home.unicode.org/donation-page/>

# Christopher's Guestbook



**sam wrote on August 12, 2025**

*My condolences! I've really enjoyed his Hack font, for many years now.*



**Valerie K. Lenke wrote on August 2, 2025**

*My sincere condolences to the family ly of Christopher Simpkins. It saddens me to hear of the untimely passing of such a young and accomplished young man. My prays will go to all of those who will dearly miss his presence, especially*



Jonathan Lee wrote on July 22, 2025

I worked with Chris at Google and I am so sad to learn of his passing. He was a delightful person to work along side, calm and capable, and especially always helpful. My condolences to the Simpkins family.



Eli Heuer wrote on July 18, 2025

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Wendy Oliver wrote on July 17, 2025

I was one of his Transplant patients. He worked with Dr. Axelrod at Dartmouth to preform my pancreas transplant. He was a very kind doctor and always asked how I was doing whenever I saw him. My prayers go out to his wife and children. To young and too soon to lose a wonderful person.



MICHAEL DUGGAN wrote on July 16, 2025

I was so shocked and saddened to hear about Chris passing. I worked with Chris on a project for Google. Chris was always so patient and kind and helpful, just a wonderful wonderful guy! My heart goes out to his family, may he Rest in Peace.



Evan Adams wrote on July 15, 2025

I worked with Chris at Google. He was given a very hard job of coordinating the work of type designers (creative people) with the work of software engineers (analytical people). Chris also ensured the fonts were high-quality and achieved our goals.

his wife and children. I can not begin to understand the pain that goes with the loss of a child as Bill and Janet must feel. It's a parent's worst fear. Janet and Bill, I will keep you all in my prayers and ask God to wrap his arms around you to ease the pain. God bless you all and give you peace.



WILLIAM J MILLARD wrote on July 19, 2025

To Beth Bryn, Dylan, and Jackson, and Jim, Janet Gretchen and Lexi: I apologize for the delay in my message to you all as this is something that I never thought I would ever have to do. I was so saddened to hear of Chris' passing and so blessed to have known this remarkable man basically all his life... from his birth in Ohio and his infant/toddler years in Michigan. I and my family followed closely Chris' growing up in Gainesville. Through his Rambo years, the various times at the beach and his exploits in youth football and then all phases of his baseball career from little league, high school, post 16 American Legion and Gator baseball, there was no more dedicated hardworking individual. He was selfless, considerate, and kind. He was the best big brother to both of my boys. I trust that you all will cherish the wonderful memories of Chris I know I will. We have all lost a great husband, father, son, brother and friend all way too soon... rest in peace.



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Amy Baumgartner wrote on July 17, 2025

Cousin Chris was soooooo BELOVED by ALL who knew him !!!!!!! Sending all my Love to his immediate Family. Many. Many Tears. Love. Cousin Amy.



Alison Hess Dowell wrote on July 16, 2025

My thoughts and prayers go out to Chris' family. He was such a gentle and kind human. Like a big teddy bear. We all made great memories as friends in high school which I will cherish always. RIP Chris you will be deeply missed



Judy Becker wrote on July 16, 2025

I was Dr. Simpkins patient for the first ground breaking abo incompatible kidney transplant done at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. He was my hero; so down to earth, warm and compassionate. He saved my life, since my chances of getting a donor at my age were dim. I and my family are



He was effectively herding cats on one hand and herding monkeys on the other. It was a bit like skiing where the right ski wants to go in one direction and the left ski in a different direction. Chris kept his skis together, kept his momentum heading downhill, always in control, never falling down, all the while maintaining everyone's admiration. Not easy. His work had a positive impact on millions of users. And this was his second career of helping people. All of us who worked with Chris benefitted from it. He was always focused on what was the right for a given situation. His calm, steady, measured demeanor put everyone at ease. He will be missed.

Terrie and Ed Jensen wrote on July 15, 2025

To all of Chris’ family- When we heard the news we were shocked beyond words. Our hearts are heavy for all of you. There are no words to take away your pain and I am sure he leaves behind a big void. Your family is precious and so loved. Please know we all are here for you during these tough times. Our thoughts and sympathy is with all of You! Ed and Terrie Jensen



Kenneth Thorbahn wrote on July 13, 2025

My condolences to Janet, Bill and all the family



Dean Kent wrote on July 13, 2025

I had the pleasure of playing baseball with Chris at UF and he was such an amazing, smart, hardworking, and calm guy. He was my throwing partner and we were in same outfield groups and I can still recall his deep, booming voice and laugh. I have nothing but great memories of Chris. I can still remember learning that in his freshman year of college he was doing extra lab work focusing on neurology experiments on rats while we were talking in the outfield shagging balls. He humbly tried to play it off, but I knew he was on a tangible path to do something special. My condolences to all.

forever grateful to him, as I am now 11 years out from my transplant and doing well, thanks to his skill. I remember when I was at the hospital for a pre-operative procedure and he was at Storyland with his family on his day off when he called in to check how things were going; typical Dr. Simpkins. I was shocked and saddened to hear of his passing. My sincerest and deepest condolences to his family and friends. He was truly a gifted surgeon and a wonderful man. I am so so sorry for your loss.

Pearl Family wrote on July 15, 2025

We are so saddened by this loss. We knew Chris mostly through watching the kids play sports. We always appreciated his calm and supportive approach to cheering on his kids and their teammates. He was a dedicated father and his kindness will be missed. May your sweet memories provide you comfort. With love, Pearls



Tom Roggero wrote on July 14, 2025

First thought in my mind: "Los buenos mueren" (the good ones pass away.) There's an Argentinian song that mentions that phrase, dedicated to René Favaloro, an extremely important person in the history of cardiac surgeons. Chris had infinite patience to answer all my questions, always, without hesitation, no matter how weird the topic and how out of nowhere they were. Chris was one of the good ones. I am thankful for having knowing and having worked with Chris.



Sue Zachow wrote on July 13, 2025

We are deeply saddened to read of Chris’s passing. Our family enjoyed many years of watching him play baseball and admired his academic achievements also. Prayers and comfort to the Simpkins family and other relatives and close friends.



Meredith Davis Hoyt wrote on July 13, 2025

I remember Chris as Gretchen’s amazing older brother. He was always so sweet to us when we’d have a bunch of middle school girls over playing in their backyard in Florida Park. He was so nice and caring and the kind of person that was wise beyond his years. Im so sorry for your family’s overwhelming loss and I hope you can find peace in knowing what an amazing human he was.

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