

Pallbearers

Columbia Police Department Honor Guard

Floral Bearers

Family and Friends

Committal, Benediction and Interment

Fort Jackson National Cemetery
4170 Percival Road
Columbia, South Carolina

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Master Police Officer Christopher Santos Carrizales, wish to thank each of you for the many loving and wonderful acts of love and kindness rendered during our period of bereavement. Perhaps you hugged one of us or held our shaking hands. Perhaps you prayed or spoke the kindest most comforting words that anyone could say. Perhaps you sat quietly in a chair or rendered a service unseen. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we truly felt your love. Everything you did added strength and will always be remembered. To all of you who saw us through, we express our heartfelt gratitude. May God continue to bless you for your prayers and support.

Special thanks to the dedicated and kind team of professionals at the PRISMA Neuroscience Intensive Care Unit who provided exceptional care and guidance to Officer Carrizales and his family. Special thanks also to the City of Columbia Police Department, the Office of the Mayor and City Council, Office of the City Manager and City staff.

A special thank you to Pastor Charles B. Jackson, Sr. and the Brookland Baptist Church family for the use of their church facility.

Following Interment at Fort Jackson National Cemetery, repast will be at Rehoboth Baptist Church Community Center, 4645 Hardscrabble Road, Columbia, SC 29223.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF



CHRISTOPHER
SANTOS

"CHRIS"
CARRIZALES

Master Police Officer

01.31.1968 - 02.19.2025

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2025, 11:00 A.M.

BROOKLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
1066 SUNSET BOULEVARD
WEST COLUMBIA, SC 29169

REVEREND DR. CHARLES B. JACKSON, SR. -PASTOR-
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Reflections of the Life of Master Police Officer Christopher “Chris” Santos Carrizales

Master Police Officer Christopher “Chris” Santos Carrizales was born on January 31, 1968, in Gary, Indiana. He was the youngest son of Javier and Celia Carrizales. His older brother, Gilbert, preceded him in death. *Chris* was raised in the Chicago area.

Chris was a graduate of Central High School, in East Chicago. After graduating high school, *Chris* attended Central Texas College, where he studied Criminal Justice. He pursued his passion for law enforcement with diligence.

Chris was a proud United States Army veteran, serving from 1988 to 1992, as a Specialist in Dental Radiology. His deployment to the Persian Gulf during Operation Desert Storm and 16 years of service in Germany reflects his unwavering dedication to his country. During his dedicated service to the United States Army, he was distinguishably awarded the Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Army Commendation Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, and the Bronze Service Star.

Chris began his law enforcement journey with the City of Columbia Police Department on December 6, 2004, taking the Oath of Office on April 18, 2005. His dedication led him to serve in various capacities—North Region Patrol, Master Police Officer, Community Services, Drug Suppression Team, Special Operations Bureau, and Office of Professional Standards—always answering the call of duty with integrity and commitment.

Though *Chris* briefly stepped away for a federal position, he soon realized that his heart would always remain in policing. He returned to the Columbia Police Department in 2010 to continue his mission of protecting and serving. In 2012, Officer Carrizales received the Columbia Police Department Officer of the Year and the Community Achievement Award for his unwavering commitment to public safety.

Most recently known for protecting Columbia’s leadership, *Chris* was entrusted with the security detail for two Columbia mayors, current Mayor Daniel J. Rickenmann and former Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin, ensuring their safety with the same steadfast devotion he brought to every assignment.

Chris leaves to mourn his passing; his wife of 34 years, Gayle Carrizales; a son, Blake Carrizales of Wesley Chapel, Florida; a daughter, Lauren Carrizales of Alpharetta, Georgia; his parents, Javier and Celia Carrizales of Zephyrhills, Florida; his father and mother-in law, Spencer and Gladys Heath of Columbia, South Carolina; his sister-in-law, Brenda (Mike) Beauford of Columbia, South Carolina; his brother-in-law, Daryl (Felicia) Heath of Blythewood; a host of nieces, nephews, many other loving relatives, and caring friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.

Chris was more than a badge—he was a mentor, a protector, a friend, and a hero. He was a loving husband and dad, a proud veteran, and a man whose heart was always in policing, even as a young boy expressing his career aspirations. He loved his Porsche, watches, and playing the piano. His legacy of service and sacrifice will never be forgotten.

We love you, *Chris*, and will miss you dearly. Rest in peace.

I'll Be Missing You

Every step I take
Every move I make
Every single day, every time I pray
I'll be missing you
Thinkin' of the day
When you went away
What a life to take, what a bond to break
I'll be missing you
It's kinda hard with you not around
Know you in Heaven smilin' down
Watchin' us while we pray for you
Every day we pray for you
'Til the day we meet again
In my heart is where I'll keep you, friend
Memories give me the strength I need to proceed
Strength I need to believe
Still can't believe you're gone (can't believe you're gone)
Give anything to hear half your breath (half your breath)
I know you still livin' you're life after death

We love you, Chris. We miss you, Chris.

Songwriters: Faith Evans, Gordon Sumner. Todd Gaither,
Albert Brumley
(excerpt from song) I'll Be Missing You

Memories



Order of Service

Reverend Dr. Ivory T. Thigpen, Presiding

- Prelude
- Processional
- Opening Selection.....Rehoboth Baptist Church Choir
"Every Praise"
- Scripture Reading.....Reverend Dr. Yvonne Frederick, Rehoboth Baptist Church
- Prayer of Comfort.....Reverend Anita McCarthy, Rehoboth Baptist Church
- Musical Selection..... "It Is Well"
- Remarks.....Chief W. H. *Skip* Holbrook,
City of Columbia Police Department
The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann,
Mayor, City of Columbia,
The Honorable Stephen K. Benjamin,
Former Mayor, City of Columbia
LT. C. B. Williams,
City of Columbia Police Department
Deacon Michael Beauford, Jr.,
Family
Mr. Blake T. Carrizales,
Son
- Resolution.....Deaconess Delicia Willis, Rehoboth Baptist Church Administrator
- Musical Selection.....Mr. Richard Conant
"Amazing Grace"
- EulogyReverend Edward H. McDowell, Jr.
- Music Video Presentation
- RecessionalCity of Columbia Police Department Bagpiper
- Postlude



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