



# Mr. Crispin Laird Fowler

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**C**rispin Laird Fowler (Cris) was born in New York City, and passed away in Tampa Florida. He is survived by his parents, Tony and Arden Fowler, his sister, Stacey Breheny and two nieces. Cris attended public school in Dobbs Ferry NY and Hackley School in Tarrytown NY, After moving to Florida he graduated from St. Stephens Episcopal School in Bradenton FL. He graduated with a BS in Civil Engineering from the University of Florida. He worked in Civil Engineering for several years and for Hartline in Tampa. He was president of his resident's association at Matthew's Corner in Tampa.

Crispin's passion was music and he had a beautiful baritone voice. He sang Barbershop with the BarberGators in Gainesville, the Heralds of Harmony in Tampa, and was in the choir at First Presbyterian Church in Tampa.

Everyone will remember and cherish Cris' kindness, thoughtfulness and humor as well as his perseverance in the face of great adversity.

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## Tribute Wall

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VD

**Vickie Dubois** posted:

Although I really only met Cris once or twice, I've known him for many years thru his sister Stacey. I know Cris had more than his share of trials and tribulations in his lifetime, but was always surrounded by friends and family that loved him dearly. My thoughts are with you all that knew him and loved him.

December 12 at 10:09 AM

NM

**Nelly Miranda** posted:

I met Crispin @ Epilepsy Services where he would come in every month to attend support group. Over the years (I've been Epilepsy Services for 7yrs) we became friendly and exchanged emails. Crispin would also drop by to say hello, a little conversation and to tell some of his jokes after his appointment w/Dr.Barry. I will definately miss his visits. I will remember him always for he was an unforgetable person and so very intelligent. My deepest sympathy to family and friends.

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TD

**The Dorfman Family -- Bob, Valerie, And David** posted:

Those we hold most dear Never truly leave us...They live onIn the kindness they showed,the comfort they shared,and the love they broughtinto our lives. Isabel Norton

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TO

**Thomas Orth** posted:

I knew Crispin for more than fifteen years. He was part of a support group I held monthly. I will remember Crispin as being one of the most well-read and intelligent persons who came through our organization. He brought keen insights that he was not afraid to share with other persons in the group. He truly cared about any person with epilepsy or another medical condition and would do anything to help them. Crispin also had that "gruff" side. But once someone got past that side, they found him to be a truly warm-hearted person. Crispin is now at peace. He will be missed by me and by many others who came to call him "friend."

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DB

**Dr. Scott Barry** posted:

I was fortunate enough to be Crispin's Chiropractor. He was quite a character and always had a smile on his face. Usually grumbling about something or someone that was driving him crazy, we would talk all during his session about his challenges and people that we both dealt with daily. He was a very sweet man and my staff and myself will miss him. He would always be an hour early for appointments and he would always say, "don't mind me, I'll just sit and wait." He was a great guy and I know myself that I am better for knowing him. May you, his family, rest in the fact of his love for all of you and know that he is in a wonderful place looking down on all of you with that great big smile of his. Be well Crispin.

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PR

**Peter & Rosemarie Lee** posted:

Cris was my cousin, and one of the sweetest and genuinely nicest people I have known. I wish he could have overcome his health problems so he could be with us a little longer.

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DM

**Debbie Mcleod** posted:

I was another one of the roomies at the big two-story rooming house in the early 80's in Gainesville, FL, where I was fortunate enough to meet and get to know Chris, his sister, Stacey, and Jane Page (who has also signed this guestbook for Chris). The most prominent memory I have of Chris is his constant smile and willingness to engage in life and people, despite his struggle with his health. He always had a witty view on issues. The main gathering place in this rooming house was the kitchen. We fellow boarders would be sitting around the big dining table in the kitchen talking about whatever topic came to the fore. Chris would walk in with a big smile on his face, hands in his back pockets, listening to the latest topic being discussed to put his two cents in, which usually ended with us laughing at his clever insight to the topic. Chris never wanted others to treat him different because of his health conditions. He never wanted sympathy for the cards life played him. He just wanted to join in. Chris, I'm sorry you had to leave so soon before us, but we'll see you again on the other side. Rest in Peace, in Eternity!

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JP

**Jane Page** posted:

I met Cris through my friend, and his sister, Stacey. We were roommates in a large house in Gaineville in the early '80's. My fondest memory of Cris, and one that illuminates the sweetness of his nature, was Valentine's Day when everyone in the house received a special card from him. Anyone who transcends their own deep struggles, as Cris did with his health, and shows kindness and utilizes artistic expression (as Cris did with his beautiful singing voice) is a model for us all. Especially those of us who have far fewer struggles. He used his intellect, his heart, and his singing talent to show us how to get out of bed every morning and give living another try on another day. Beethoven shook his fist at God as his silence deepened. Cris showed his own frustrations on more than one occasion. I don't blame him. Sometimes it is just too much and spills over. I am touched by Cris' life and I am moved by his death. I've always felt we must pay particular attention to the lives of those who die young. They are poignant messengers. Godspeed, gentle man.

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SB

**Stacey Breheny** posted:

Im Cris' sister, and the grief and longing I'm feeling is unbelievable. Just as losing him now is hard to accept. I keep hearing his booming deep voice, he's reassuring me somehow. We had a wonderful Thanksgiving laughing while hearing "Alice's Restaurant" on WMNF as we drove to the folk's house on Thanksgiving Day. I was worried about his health as always, but just CLUELESS as to how close to the end he was. He was a gleeful little boy, and despite all the challenges and dissappointments, those of you knew him well, knew that side of him was always still there.

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FN

**Fred Nowicki** posted:

tragic. my first friend in the world, and earliest memories of friendship...often intractable, poet-intelligent, I miss you and regret less time spent together in our later years...

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DW

**Dixie L. White** posted:

Crispin will be remembered at St. Chad's Episcopal Church in Tampa on 12/23/07 at our 9am Eucharist. Dear Crispin I will miss you and promise to sing with my not so lovely voice as often as I can. May Light Perpetual Shine Upon You!

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**Anna Keller** posted:

On behalf of the entire staff of Boza & Roel Funeral Home, please accept our sincere condolences.

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# Memories only last if you share them

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