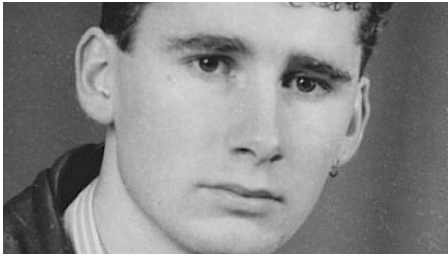




THE BRIEF LIFE OF CHRIS GUEFFROY

by Klaus Salge



SYNOPSIS

Throughout the decades of the Cold War the Berlin Wall symbolised two world-views. In early 1989, Chris Gueffroy, 20, was the last person to die whilst attempting to cross it. His name came to represent those who died at the Wall. What kind of person was Chris? Why did he no longer want to live in the GDR-dictatorship? Filmmaker Klaus Salge asks Karin Gueffroy, mother of the deceased, and his friends about Chris's life and the reasons for his attempted flight. He also asks what the cruel death at the Wall did to his mother and friends, and how they lived with this loss. The result is a sensitive portrait of Chris Gueffroy, his life in the GDR, his dreams and his brief excursions.

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