



Christine Marie Sobczak

November 10, 1967 - October 1, 2018

Christine Sobczak (Diaz) died surrounded by loved ones at Lee County Memorial on October 1, 2018 in Fort Myers, Florida at the age of 50 after a yearlong battle with cancer. Those who knew her, often described her as a strong and caring woman always willing to lend a hand. She was a true inspiration of light and hope.

Christine is survived by her husband Thomas Sobczak; children, R Thomas (wife Kathryn, daughter Amelia) Sobczak, Brittney (husband Travis, daughter June) Boechler, and Daniel Sobczak; her mother Belia Diaz, sister Lisa Diaz, brother Richard Diaz; nieces, nephews and other dear family members. She was preceded in death by her father Reynaldo Diaz.

Christine was born on November 10, 1967 in Peoria, Illinois. She grew up in South Milwaukee, Wisconsin and raised her family in New Berlin, Wisconsin, before moving with her family to Naples, Florida. Christine attended St. Mary's Academy and South Milwaukee High School. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Education Degree from Alverno College and a Master of Education Degree from Concordia University.

Christine was a kindergarten and first-grade teacher, shaping the minds of hundreds of children throughout her nineteen-year teaching career. Christine had the great fortune of working at Children's Workshop, St. Bernadette

Grade School and St. Gregory the Great Grade School in Milwaukee and Laurel Oak Elementary in Naples. She was passionate about education and dedicated to inspiring her students to achieve their very best. The Education Foundation – Champions for Learning honored Christine as a Golden Apple Teacher of Distinction.

Funeral services will be private and at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in her honor to American Cancer Society. Condolences may be shared at www.gendronfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Christine Marie Sobczak*

October 09, 2023 at 02:01 AM



“ *Christine Marie Sobczak*

January 28, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ *Almost ten years now! You were so loved! Such beautiful tributes! The only memory I have is us getting in touch through Ancestry! I enjoyed talking to you just wished it could have been for a longer time! You are in my prayers always!*

Connie Alvarez - September 02, 2022 at 10:55 AM

TS

“ Many times during my life I have been asked, “How was your day?” I’d often reply, “Nothing special, just the same old, same old.” What an unbelievably stupid answer that really was. Chris my wife of nearly thirty-three years passed away on October 1st. I would give anything for just one more of those same old, same old days. Don’t get me wrong, throughout our marriage there many really special days, the births of our three children and two grandchildren were the five very best days. While I always talked about our travels, trips and cruises, visiting little shops here and there, or a day at the beach, I never gave enough credit to the everyday things that I shared with Chris.

When I wasn’t traveling for business, I’d wake up next to the most wonderful person I have ever known. Holding her hand gave me security, while her strength and confidence would put me at ease in nearly every situation. Even as she fought cancer, she’d remind me how really blessed our life together had been. I didn’t always believe her, but I know I was truly blessed to have spent my life with her.

Tom Sobczak - October 14, 2018 at 02:52 PM

DM

“ Chris and I were friends since junior high school. She was always positive, caring, trusting and just a genuine person. I remember going to her house and before we could go hang out, she had to put away the dishes. I never saw anyone put away dishes so fast even if they were still wet!. We enjoyed going to school dances, Halloween parties (she made her own costume) and just walking around South Milwaukee. She chose me to be her maid of honor as she married the love of her life. It was a beautiful wedding. We then went our separate ways but always kept in touch even if it was once or twice a year. You know you have a true friend when you can pick up where you left off. I cried like a baby when I found out she had cancer. I prayed for her everyday and finally decided I needed to see her. I planned my family trip to FL this past year. I needed to see her and just give her a hug, tell her how much I loved her and asked if there was anything I could do. Of course she said no sweetie but thank you. Her husband was taking good care of her and she had a good team of doctors. Once again she remained very positive. She was so excited to be a grandmother! Not once but twice!! Nothing was going to stop her from holding those two babies. I remember her telling me that her son and daughter were having a race to see who would have the 1st grandchild! I prayed she would hold those grandbabies and watch them grow up. Thank God she did hold both of them. She also was very excited to go on a cruise with Tom and just forget about cancer. She said she had a wonderful time and once again said her husband took such good care of her. That stupid cancer took over her body but still was a fighter until the end of her life. This is very hard for me as it is for her whole family. My heart breaks for all of you, especially Tom. Chris would want me to remain positive even though she has left this earth. I thank God everyday for our friendship, her moral support, her sense of humor and showing me what life is really about. Her spirit will be with me forever. I love and miss you my sweet friend.
Denise

Denise Morgan - October 07, 2018 at 12:12 PM

PP

“Christine was more than a friend — she was my sister. She had this amazing spirit and was beautiful inside and out. We grew apart, but found each other later in life. God brought you back into my life, and I am so thankful that he did. I will always be there for your family, no matter what they need. Lisa and I will tell those beautiful grand babies all about you and they will know how much you love them. I love you, my beautiful friend. — Patti

Patti Piraino - October 07, 2018 at 11:03 AM

PO

“Chris was a force to be reckoned with when it came to protecting family, in-laws included. She did not hesitate to jump in with fierce support and the happiness she brought to my brother for 33 yrs is beyond words. I'm grateful God allowed her to meet her 2 precious grand daughters and if there's a heaven, Chris will be on a never-ending cruise!!

Patty Olson - October 04, 2018 at 07:28 PM

GM

“Dear Christine, you beautiful eyes, now a gift to others. You keep on giving. The awesome memories from college, Lisa's little Sister. You were by far so much more mature than us. A beautiful soul and now an Angel. R.I.P
Love,
Gabby



Gabriela Moreno - October 04, 2018 at 10:47 AM

GD

“ I met my sister-in-law Chris at my wedding to her brother Richard. She was kind, beautiful and 8 months pregnant with their eldest son. I thought, oh no what if she steals the show and goes into labor! 😭. Wedding happened, no baby till the next month when I got to be an Aunt for the first time. Chris was always loving and kind to me. She was an awesome Aunt to our two kids, making Halloween costumes, Christening gowns, a First Communion dress and headpiece which she made based on measurements I sent from Doha, Qatar and shipped to us for that special day. Her love and support to Richard and our family never waivered. We've been through tough times and enjoyed many happy times. I'm so heartbroken for her loss. I feel bad for hurting so much when I know her own husband, children, and mom and siblings grieve. Let's celebrate the life of a beautiful soul who loved her family fiercely and fought this battle bravely. I miss you Chris 💕💕.

Gwen

Gwen Diaz - October 03, 2018 at 08:30 PM

BA

“ What Can I Say About You My Little Angel I Was There Since You We're Born And You Are With Me Now In My Heart And There You Will Always Be Love You And Miss You.Your Aunt Bea

Beatriz Andrade - October 03, 2018 at 08:07 PM

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lisa - October 03, 2018 at 06:31 PM



So beautiful,so sorry we never met!

Connie Alvarez - September 02, 2022 at 02:46 PM