



Christine Marie Betts

January 1, 1953 - March 19, 2020

Christine Marie Betts, of Stamford, Connecticut, passed away suddenly on March 19th, 2020 at the age of 67 in her home with her loving husband, Richard Betts, by her side. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend to all she met. Christine never met a stranger or a challenge she couldn't overcome. She will be forever missed by the many relatives, friends, students, and families she supported throughout her life.

Christine was born on January 1st, 1953 in New Haven, Connecticut to her loving parents William and Marjorie O'Kane of Hamden, Connecticut. Christine moved with her parents and eight brothers and sisters to Stamford when she was a child and attended the public schools. Christine graduated from Stamford High School in 1970 and went on to earn bachelors and master's degrees in the field of education. Christine taught high school special education for over 38 years in the community at both Westhill High School and AITE.

Christine was predeceased by her parents William O'Kane and Marjorie Plessas O'Kane, and her brother William O'Kane, Jr. She is survived by her husband Richard Betts, children Ryan Betts and wife Kara Betts, Megan Mulhern and husband Brian Mulhern, and Emily Fee and husband Myles Fee, brothers and sisters Dennis O'Kane, Kathleen Waters, Sheila O'Kane, Kevin O'Kane and wife Susan O'Kane, Eileen O'Kane Kornreich, and John O'Kane.

Christine is also survived by her seven grandchildren, Alice and Sofie Betts; Aurora, Sheila, and Evelyn Mulhern; and Collette and Wesley Fee. Christine is also survived by her five nephews and nieces Clark Curran, Matthew O'Kane, Adam Betts, Katie Betts, and John Betts.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in her memory to National Multiple Sclerosis Society <https://www.nationalmssociety.org/Donate> or the Multiple Sclerosis Association of America <https://mymsaa.org/> .

Due to current CDC Federal guidelines in keeping with public safety standards, the family is holding a Private Visitation with a Prayer Service on Thursday, March 26th. A webcast of her Prayer Service will be celebrated by Father Peter Smolik which will be live streamed at 11am, for family, relatives and friends to be able to take part in her service. To attend, please select "webcast video" on Christine's obituary on our website at www.bosakfuneralhome.com . Her burial will be private.

The family has entrusted the funeral arrangements to Bosak Funeral Home, 453 Shippan Avenue, in Stamford, CT. If you would like to leave a condolence message for the family you may visit the guestbook on our website or on Facebook at facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome.

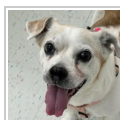
Tribute Wall



“ *Bosak Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Christine Marie Betts*



Bosak Funeral Home - March 23, 2020 at 07:20 PM



I was shocked and saddened to hear of Christine's passing. I got to know her back in 1969 through Dennis Missy and Sheila. The world is a little bit dimmer without Chris's smile. My heart goes out to the Betts Family, Rick, Ryan, Megan, Emily and to all the O'Kanes, Missy, Dennis, Sheila, Kevin, Susan and John. Much love now and always.
Alan Paul (Cal) Callahan

Alan Cal Callahan - March 24, 2020 at 01:00 PM

JF

Thank you for this opportunity to 'be with' the family, especially Kevin and Susan. I worked at Christine's home and she was always smiling and very pleasant, joking around even though she had MS. Sincerely,
Jim and Elsie Ferrara

Jim and Elsie Ferrara - March 26, 2020 at 11:21 AM

JS

What a beautiful service and thank you for having this so I was able to be apart of the celebration of Christine's legacy. My love and prayers to Rick, Ryan, Megan, Emily, Kevin, Dennis, Sheila, Missy, John and all your spouses.

In light and love,
Jory

Jory Savino - March 26, 2020 at 11:25 AM

KC

Beautiful ceremony 🙏 sorry I couldn't be there , glad I could watch it❤️

kathleen connell - March 26, 2020 at 11:28 AM

DT

Thank you for sharing Christine's service with us from far away. She deserves to be celebrated, and I am sorry you can't be surrounded by her many family and friends during this time. She showed me complete kindness from the time I became part of the O'Kane family and even after I moved away from it. I would come back into town and she would show me hospitality at her home or meet me at her moms. My favorite memory of her is her constant laugh. Any time I picture her, she is laughing. I think most the time she may have been laughing at her own smart aleck comments! Ha! I also only picture Billy laughing. Ironically she now joins him to fill the heavens with laughter. What a beautiful sound. :)

I am so sad she will miss out on watching you three kids raise your own now. Can't even imagine how much she loved being around those grandkids! And they will miss their Grandma. And Rick I am so sorry you have lost your love.... I'm sure you don't know how to live without her after all these years. She's a part of you at this point. And part of you went with her I know.

I am incredibly sorry for the loss such a fantastic woman, one I feel very grateful to have known. One who showed continued kindness to me and all mankind.

*Sincerely,
Donna Thomas*

Donna J Thomas - March 26, 2020 at 11:55 AM

RB

“Christine is easy to remember. I can see her clearly as she would walk into my room, sit at a student desk, and look at me with those laughing eyes, and say a student's name as she sat back, and shuffled through her paperwork, and then would ask, "Well, what are we going to try this time?" I admired her for her tenacity and desire to work with students and colleagues. It feels like those times at WHS were yesterday, and those eyes are as clear as day to me. Christine was a generous colleagues who always had time to share ideas. I do miss her. My sincere condolences to her family.

Rodger Burnich - March 27, 2020 at 09:41 AM

FI

“I would always go for a run with Mrs. Betts, as she was my neighbor. We would run up Gaymor, which was a massive hill. She would always tell me "run into the hill". Needless to say, she would fly up while I would want to puke on the side of the road. Loved her like a 2nd mother - #barholm ave
Live on in Heaven, we will miss you!
Fionnuala

Fionnuala - March 26, 2020 at 09:01 PM

DC

“Missy, Dennis and the O’Kane and Betts family I am so sorry to hear this. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. The ceremony was beautiful sorry I couldn’t make it. Christine was my daughter’s teacher in high school she remembers her fondly and sends her condolences. I remember all the times at your house on Renwick. I will be praying for all of you. May she rest in peace in the arms of our Lord. Diane Cavaliero



Diane Cavaliero - March 26, 2020 at 12:39 PM

EK

“ 1 file added to the album *Christine Betts*



Eileen O'Kane Kornreich - March 26, 2020 at 10:59 AM

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“ *Matt Spengler lit a candle in memory of Christine Marie Betts*



Matt Spengler - March 26, 2020 at 10:45 AM

LD

“ *Lisa Dushku lit a candle in memory of Christine Marie Betts*



Lisa Dushku - March 26, 2020 at 10:37 AM

LD

“ I am deeply saddened by Christine's passing and my heartfelt condolences to the family and loved ones. Among the many memories I will always cherish with Christine over our 17 year friendship, I will miss our coffee chats where her humor and kind nature would always shine. May she Rest In Peace.

I will always remember you my dear friend.

Lisa Dushku

Lisa Dushku - March 26, 2020 at 10:37 AM

AK

“ I worked closely with Christine at Ripp and later at AITE. What a caring and gentle person she was and in our memory eternal "is".

What a big heart she had when she took leave of absence to give her place to Joy Colon who needed to move from Westhill. She did this with her usual smile.

Will miss her but her smile and kindness will stay in my memory eternally

My heartfelt condolences to the family. May her soul rest in peace!!!!

From: Anna Koltypin, Latin & Russian teacher at AITE.

Anna Koltypin - March 26, 2020 at 10:00 AM

SM

“ I had the great fortune to have met Chris and the O'Kane's when we attended Franklin elementary school. She was always the adult in the room from grammar school though high school and beyond. Kind, calm, generous, thoughtful and caring come to mind when thinking about Chris. My thoughts and prayers go out to Rick and family. She will be missed.
Shaun Malloy

Shaun Malloy - March 26, 2020 at 09:45 AM

AH

“ I went to high school with Christine and with Rick, worked at Bloomies when Missy dressed the displays, knew Sheila when she worked with my sister at Datemaker, commuted to New York with Kevin when we were both in school, saw Dennis outside at Pellicci's. My condolences to everyone.

I will remember you.

Aimee Knoller Harrison

Aimee Knoller Harrison - March 25, 2020 at 04:39 PM

 Lynne
Lane

“ Lynne Lane lit a candle in memory of
Christine Marie Betts



Lynne Lane - March 25, 2020 at 12:41 AM

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Lane

“ So deeply saddened to hear of the passing of a dear friend and colleague, Christine Betts. We worked together for many years both at Westhill and AITE. I will remember her kindness and devotion to all of her students and her willingness to always go the extra mile, .
My sincere condolences to her family.

Lynne Lane

Lynne Lane - March 25, 2020 at 12:39 AM

MT

“ I was truly devastated to hear about Chris. In fact, it's still hard to believe. We met outside the guidance office at Stamford High School so many years ago and fast became friends. We shared many adventures throughout the years, and I have such fond memories of spending weekends at the O'Kane house in Stamford, with Marge (who always seemed to be ironing clothes) and Bill and all the kids. In fact, we loved when Bill and Marge went away for weekends!
This is such a great loss. Chris spoke lovingly of Rick, her children and grandchildren. I think of all of you and my heart is with your as well as my prayers. love to all, Mary Ball Tomolonius

Mary Ball Tomolonius - March 24, 2020 at 09:26 PM

LY

“ Dear Rick and family so sorry to hear about Christine. Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with you all.

The Yanicky and Potolicchio Families

Lynn Yanicky - March 24, 2020 at 06:58 PM

TP

“ I am so sorry to hear about Christine’s passing. I worked with Christine for many years at Westhill High School. She was a dear friend and colleague. Christine was a caring and empathic teacher to her many special education students. She was also fun to work with and I valued her friendship. My deepest sympathy to Rick and the family. May your memories help comfort you at this difficult time.
Teddy Pagano

Teddy Pagano - March 24, 2020 at 02:12 PM

BE

“ Megan, I am so very sorry. Sending love and big hugs your way. Xo

Becket - March 24, 2020 at 01:08 PM

TV

“ I’m so sad to hear of Christine’s passing. I worked with her for many years at Westhill and enjoyed many a laugh with her. She had a wonderful sense of humor and a passion for helping kids. May your memories of her remain with you always.

Sincerely,
Trema Voytek

T. Voytek - March 24, 2020 at 12:00 PM



“ In the spirit of remembrance, here are some options for sharing your sentiments. A message could be as simple as, “Thank you Chris/Mom/Mrs. Betts for always saying hello to me in the hallway. I will remember you.” Or as specific as, “Thank you Chris/Mom/Mrs. Betts for always being there for me when I needed someone to listen. You were so helpful when I lost.... Or suffered.... Etc. I will always remember you.”

The theme here is to end with the statement, “I will remember you.” or “I will always/forever remember you.”

These will only be shared with our family and not posted on any social media websites, etc. However, if you are comfortable with your sentiment being shared publicly via my mom’s facebook page, please say so in your email.

Create a short video (maybe 30 seconds) and share it with the following email address rememberchrisbetts@gmail.com

Write a short message to the same email address rememberchrisbetts@gmail.com

Simply send a picture without any text if that is more comfortable. I want everyone to feel comfortable with their level of sharing.

If you are uncomfortable sharing, that is ok too! We appreciate you being part of our beloved Chris’s life.

If possible, I would love to have these collected before Thursday morning, but if you need more time, that is fine too. We know this can be a challenging time for everyone.

With love and sympathy,

Ryan, Megan, and Emily

Ryan Betts - March 24, 2020 at 11:02 AM

DG

“ I am so sorry to hear about Chris's passing. I worked with Chris for many years at Westhill HS and have so many fond memories of her. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with her entire family. She was a very special person and had an impact on so many in her years of teaching. The world is a better place because she was in it.
My sincerest condolences, Darlene Goodwin

Darlene Goodwin - March 24, 2020 at 09:09 AM

EB

“ My deepest sympathy to Christine's family. She was a life long friend of my sister Mary Tomolonius and was a regular visitor at our parent's home in Stamford during her younger years. Always had a ready laugh and smile. She will be dearly missed by all who were lucky enough to know her.

Elizabeth P. Ball - March 24, 2020 at 09:06 AM

CA

“ My deepest love and prayers to Chrisine's family. She was a kind, loving, friend and neighbor I could always reach out to for MS support and compassion. Love, Camille Andriunas and family (Greg, Rachel, Matthew and Eileen).

Camille Andriunas - March 23, 2020 at 04:22 PM