



Christine N. Matesich

October 18, 1945 - July 25, 2020

Christine N. Matesich died July 25, 2020 at her home. Born to Arthur and Gertrude (Trudy) Meissner in Toledo, Ohio October 18, 1945, Mrs. Matesich is survived by her husband John whom she married September 9, 1969, their daughters Jennifer (David) Gran, Katherine, and her very special grandson, Benjamin Reid Gran. She is also survived by her aunt Laurie Happ and cousins in Texas, Florida, New York and Toledo, Ohio. She was preceded in death by her parents, and by her sister Linda.

Chris was an inspiring and dedicated mother and grandmother, and a special friend to her daughters, husband and grandson. While she always avoided the spotlight in her endeavors, she was an outgoing and beautiful person, whose personality radiated interest in those she met. A graduate of The University of Toledo in Education, she was a genuine and effective educator, whose love of teaching whether young children or adults, always involved more than just the subject. She truly loved the students to whom she was entrusted, and helped them to succeed and overcome whatever hurdles they imagined or incurred in their life while under her care.

She was also a community volunteer in organizations, giving her time and talent to a wide variety of interests, usually the underserved, vulnerable, or avoided. Her commitment to an organization and service was full and complete, not just interested in lending her name to a cause. She worked diligently and passionately and while exhibiting a gentle personality, was able to deal with tough and difficult board issues honestly, effectively and directly.

She possessed a keen sense of the beauty in the visual world, and her observations were typical of a deeper artistic sense. While having little business education other than her work in her early years in retail while in high school and college, her intuition about the small business she helped establish was usually 'spot on'. She fostered team work before it was a buzz word and her practical sense of right and wrong, served her successfully in her interactions with her customers.

Her daughters thought of her as a trailblazer, who worked summers on the East Coast, paid her way through college, flew for American Airlines while living in Chicago, and started a business while in her sixties. These were just a few of the markers of her creative mindset and positive attitude that helped her achieve beyond what was expected.

She will be missed by her friends and family because of her kindness, humor, and genuine care for them as persons. Loyal and steadfast, her word was her bond, and character unquestioned. She will be sadly missed by those who knew her well, and others she merely touched by her acquaintance. Her extended family was as important to her as her children, and she treasured the life long memories of them by how she lived her own life from their lessons.

According to her wishes, Chris will be cremated and her ashes spread over the land and sea she loved. A private family service and memorial Service will be held this week. To send an online condolence please visit www.hilliscombsnestor.com.

Memorial contributions may be made to the local charity of one's choice or to the Muskingum County Animal Shelter in her name.

Tribute Wall



“ *Christine N. Matesich*

October 06, 2023 at 04:22 AM



“ *John:*
So sorry to hear of your wife's passing. You and your family are in our thoughts.
Tim and Carla Broderick

Tim Broderick - August 03, 2020 at 08:40 AM



“ *John:*
Sorry for your loss.
Ben Rader
Granville

Ben Rader - August 02, 2020 at 06:26 PM



“ *Deepest sympathy and condolences to John and Chris" family. I will always remember Chris as the bubbly, fun loving girl that I was instrumental in introducing to John. The world is a little less bright now. (We have made a contribution to the animal shelter in Chris' name)*

Tom and Andrea Michael

Tom and Andrea Michael - August 01, 2020 at 11:24 AM

FF

“ I remember Chris bringing her two girls to Trinity Lutheran Church. They were always happy to be there, you could see it in their smiles.

Fraya Frampton - August 01, 2020 at 05:22 AM

KD

“ Johnny, Jen and Katie
There are no words to express my sympathy, but know that the three of you and the rest of your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I will always remember Chris for her kindness and genuine care. Such a gentle and loving person, we should all take time and learn her life lessons.
Love and Hugs to all of you! Kelly Dyar

Kelly Dyar - July 30, 2020 at 08:38 PM

BA

“ I was saddened to learn that Chris died and wanted to send my sincere sympathy to the family. I have wonderful memories of working with Chris as we launched the developmental reading courses at what was then Muskingum Area Technical College. She and the other initial adjuncts contributed so much to the development and success of the developmental education program. She was an excellent instructor and the students responded so well to her genuine warmth and caring personality. After Chris stopped teaching, I so enjoyed occasional reunion lunches with her and other former department adjuncts to stay in touch. We looked forward to her energy and humor in those conversations and hearing about her latest endeavors. I am blessed to have had Chris in my life, if only for a short time. I pray the family will be comforted by the memories and love from those who knew her.
Becky Ament

Becky Ament - July 30, 2020 at 06:01 PM

GT

“ Greg, Vail(s) & the entire Heidelberg team purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Christine N. Matesich.



Greg, Vail(s) & the entire Heidelberg team - July 30, 2020 at 08:34 AM



“ Sweet Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Christine N. Matesich.



July 29, 2020 at 07:37 PM

MM

“ John, Jennifer and Katie. Sorry to hear of Christine passing. I remember her as a wonderful and kind person growing up with your family on Norwood Blvd

Mark Mitchell - July 29, 2020 at 07:19 PM

KM

“ John, Jennifer, Katie, Wishing you peace and comfort during this difficult time. Christine was always so nice to me when she came into the store and you and her always asked about my kids and I asked about Jenn and her kids as well. John, you will be in my prayers. Kimberly Witucky Miller

Kimberly Miller - July 29, 2020 at 06:46 PM

JP

“ John, You have my deepest sympathy, I was so sorry to hear of Chris's passing. You are in my prayers. Jim Petho

James Petho - July 29, 2020 at 05:17 PM

MS

“ Uncle John, Chris was always so sweet and amazing to talk to during family gatherings. I will miss her bright smile, but I know you, Cousin Jen, and Kate will carry that brightness within you for always. Missing of you and wishing all the light in a dark time - Maggie Stock

Maggie Stock - July 29, 2020 at 04:53 PM

MM

“ John, Jenny and Katie, Barney and I send our love and condolences to you for Chris and her passing. She has always been so much fun, an awesome role model and a peach of a sweetheart!

Marsha Mason - July 29, 2020 at 02:35 PM

KL

“ John and family, I am so very sorry to hear of Christine's passing. Please know your family and Christine are in my prayers. I always enjoyed seeing Christine (and you) in the store-Convenient Food Mart and watching your family grow. She was a great light and spread joy wherever she went. You have an angel watching over you. Karen Lyon and the Lyon Family.

Karen Lyon - July 29, 2020 at 09:24 AM

RS

“ John - I was sorry to hear about Christine’s passing. Mary and I send our sincerest sympathy to you and your family at this sad time. Bob Sidman (a neighbor at Arlington Crossing).

Robert Sidman - July 29, 2020 at 06:51 AM

RF

“ John,
I was so sorry to see that your wife has passed away. I am so sorry for the loss of what sounded like a truly special woman. May you and your family find peace in the days ahead and feel the comforting presence of God during this time.

Rhonda Forrestal

rhonda forrestal - July 28, 2020 at 06:33 PM

JB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with John and the family. May your years of great memories act as a strengthening force reflecting her spirit and love.

Jack and Holly Brady

Jack Brady - July 28, 2020 at 06:18 PM

NB

“ I was saddened to hear that Chris passed away. My thoughts are with you and your family. Nadine Block, a neighbor at Arlington Crossing Condominiums.

nadine block - July 28, 2020 at 05:54 PM

JB

“ John, my family and I send our deepest condolences to you and your daughters on the passing of Christine. My prayers will include you during this difficult time.

Jacquelinr Bowman - July 28, 2020 at 03:24 PM

DS

“ John & family, Paul and I were so sorry to read of Chris' passing. i know you have lost a part of yourself as she was truly your "soulmate & love of your life." Prayers are being sent for her soul, and for you to get through this very difficult time.



Dee & Paul Smith

Dee Smith - July 28, 2020 at 12:38 PM

HS

“ To the Matesich family, I was so sorry to hear about Chris' passing. While I didn't know her, I am grateful to her (and to John) for raising such a wonderful daughter. I attended BG as a DG with Kate, and we went on to spend a memorable summer in Europe taking classes and traveling together. From the sounds of it, my sweet friend inherited so many of her lovely mother's amazing attributes. Chris sounded like an incredible person, who created a beautiful family. I am thinking of you all during this extremely sad and difficult time. I am including an Emily Dickinson quote I find comforting, and I hope it helps.

*"And if I go, while you're still here...
Know that I live on,
Vibrating to a different measure,
Behind a thin veil you cannot see through.
You will not see me,
So you must have faith.
I wait for the time when we can soar together again.
Both aware of each other.
Until then, live your life to the fullest,
And when you need me,
Just whisper my name in your heart...
I will be there."*

Hilary Tarkington Stowers - July 28, 2020 at 12:22 PM



“ Heavenly and Harmony was purchased for the family of Christine N. Matesich.



July 28, 2020 at 11:13 AM

KO

“ *Kathy Ormond lit a candle in memory of Christine N. Matesich*



Kathy Ormond - July 28, 2020 at 11:12 AM

KO

“ *John and family,
My sincere condolences on the loss of your shining light, Chris. She is remembered by all who knew her as a talented, kind and beautiful lady inside and out. My prayers to you all.
Kathy Ormond*

Kathy Ormond - July 28, 2020 at 11:12 AM

MB

“ *John and family,
I was deeply saddened to learn of Christine's passing. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers and may she rest in peace in heaven with our dear Lord.*

Mark and Amy Bivenour

Mark and Amy Bivenour - July 28, 2020 at 10:33 AM

TM

“ *The Ohio Council of Retail Merchants purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Christine N. Matesich.*



The Ohio Council of Retail Merchants - July 28, 2020 at 10:31 AM

KF

“ *John and family,
I am so sorry to hear the news of Chris! I enjoyed working with her
and the friendship we shared! She was always the sweetest and
kindness person. My thoughts and prayers to the family!*

Kathy Firman - July 28, 2020 at 09:53 AM

SB

“ *I met Christine when I worked for Dr. Zimmerer. Christine always
had a smile on her face. We used to laugh and talk about her girls
and the "love of her life, John". Christine was the sweetest and
kindest person and I always felt uplifted after talking with her. To
John and the girls my deepest sympathy. We have all lost a
wonderful, caring woman.*

Susan Benson

Susan Benson - July 28, 2020 at 09:02 AM

BG

“ *Johnny and family ,
I was deeply saddened to read of Chris's passing .please know
you're in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

Bobbie Grigsby - July 27, 2020 at 10:07 PM

GC

“ To the Matesich family, we send our heartfelt condolences on your loss of Chris. Her caring soul, gracious demeanor, and generous heart made our world a better and more tolerable place. Those of us who were blessed to have known her were enriched by her warmth and sparkle. May you find comfort in your wonderful memories during this time of sorrow.

Gail and Nick Calcasola
New Albany, Ohio

Gail and Nick Calcasola - July 27, 2020 at 08:42 PM

BC

“ Chris was one of the sweetest people I have ever met in my life. John and family you have my prayers. Chris and I would talk about our families and hug each time we said goodbye. God has gained an angel.

All my love, Beth Cannon

Beth Cannon - July 27, 2020 at 08:35 PM

SA

“ It is with the deepest sadness that we lose a person who was the light for the soul of others. A laughter that was infectious and a smile that could light up a room. Her humble demeanor affected the lives of others in magnificent way. This world has lost a wonderful person but heaven has delivered an angel among us. It is with heartfelt sadness that you lose your partner and the love of your life John. Prayers to you and your children.

Doc and Dave

Suzette Almeida-Hamilton - July 27, 2020 at 08:26 PM

FV

“ So sorry to here of the loss of your beautiful Chris. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Frank and Judy Vavroch

Frank Vavroch - July 27, 2020 at 08:25 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Christine N. Matesich.



July 27, 2020 at 08:06 PM

JM

“ Chris was a lovely and talented person who will be missed by all who knew her. My sincere condolences to John and other family members as well as her many friends. Judge Ray Miller

Judge Ray Miller - July 27, 2020 at 03:52 PM

VN

“ Matesich Family:

I was so saddened when Jen contacted me with the news of the passing of this wonderful woman! My heart breaks for all of you. Please know my thoughts, prayers and hugs are stretching from Maryland to Ohio for all!

God Bless you!

Vicki Newman

Vicki Newman - July 27, 2020 at 03:25 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Christine N. Matesich.*



July 27, 2020 at 03:12 PM



“ *A truly beautiful lady in all ways possible. God Bless*

Evelyn King - July 27, 2020 at 03:01 PM



“ *John and Family,*

The picture of Christine shows her beautiful personality. What a beautiful tribute to her and an amazing legacy she has. So many memories that you have to cherish will be with you always. Celebrate her life and time she was here and the life that she now spends in Heaven.

Peg Cooper

Peg Cooper - July 27, 2020 at 01:15 PM



“ *Linda Josh Keri Dodge Doc Jim Nicole Jane Hughes purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Christine N. Matesich.*



Linda Josh Keri Dodge Doc Jim Nicole Jane Hughes - July 27, 2020 at 07:52 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Christine N. Matesich.*



July 26, 2020 at 12:31 PM