



Christina Marie Tarantelli

May 16, 1954 - June 24, 2015

Christina M. Tarantelli, most recently of Montverde, FL., passed from this life on June 24, 2015. Chris was a loving daughter, sister, cousin, niece, aunt and life-long friend – generous in so many ways.

Chris was born May 16, 1954 in Schenectady, NY to (Mary) Lois and (Orlando) Peter Tarantelli. She received her B.A. in Business Management from the State University at Albany and embarked on a career in Retail Management with Thom McAn Shoes that lasted 15 years. Seeking a change, Chris turned to the law profession and began work as a paralegal. She furthered her education and received her Juris Doctorate at Widener University. Chris last worked for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a judge in the Workers' Compensation Division. Affectionately known as “the hammer” to her family, she ran a fair and balanced courtroom.

Chris resided in Harrisburg, PA for many years. She traveled extensively throughout Europe and the United States. Chris was very spiritual and participated on mission trips to Africa and Central America.

Chris is predeceased by her parents, Lois and Pete Tarantelli. She is survived by her siblings: Thomas (Thelma) Tarantelli of Rotterdam, NY; Karen (Steve) Ungaro of Winter Park, FL; Nicholas (Suzanne Zeien) Tarantelli of Milford, NY; Joseph (Cathleen) Tarantelli of Scotia, NY; Peter Tarantelli of Troy, NY; and

Valerie Tarantelli of Amsterdam, NY. Many nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles and life-long friends.

In lieu of flowers, Chris requests donations be made to the Alzheimer's & Dementia Resource Center (<http://adrccares.org/donate/monetary-gifts-and-bequests/>) or the Penn Memory Center (<http://pennadc.org/gifts/>).

Tribute Wall

PT

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Peter Tarantelli - November 04, 2015 at 07:11 AM

JB

“ *It was so sad to see this news. Christina was a great classmate at St. Paul's. She was funny and smart. Deepest sympathy to her whole family*
Janet Burrows

Janet Burrows - October 20, 2015 at 03:51 PM

RF

“ *I just received my Philadelphia Lawyer magazine and saw Chris's name in the Memoriam section. I had no idea she had passed away. I am so sorry for your loss. I went to law school with Chris and have fond memories of her. While we did not keep in touch, I had a matter in her courtroom years later and it was as though the time had never passed. She was a lovely person, inside and out and was so easy to talk to. Her light will shine on in all those she touched.*

Regina Foley

Regina Foley - October 08, 2015 at 10:32 AM

SL

“ Love and hugs to the family that closely surrounded Chris. I met Chris in one of the women's writing workshops I conducted. Chris shared some of her deepest, most tightly-woven and -wrapped thoughts with me; I shared some of mine with her. Our friendship and trust grew from that point and we were breaking bread with each other over lunch and dinner; she was inviting me and my daughters to join her for outings and events and holiday celebrations; and she joined me to share in the most precious times with my daughter, such as dance recitals. I beamed as a mother; she beamed with me in honesty and always had a bag of gifts for my daughters, although Chris was always THE gift. For as "large" of a title as she wore, she walked with quiet and humility. I miss our talks on spirituality, human kindness, and the plan we vowed to keep. In spite of my knowing her health was deteriorating (and she knew, too), we still planned to walk on a plane together to do a mission trip to Africa, her (what?) 13th, my many-years-of-want first. Chris was a wonderful friend. And it all began with the trust in sharing written thoughts and words. Fly free, Angel.

~Sherrie (and Mackenzie and Abby)

Sherrie LeuVay - July 17, 2015 at 07:13 AM

CF

“ I'm shocked and saddened to hear of Chris's passing. I met Chris when I first moved to Harrisburg in 1996 and was quickly welcomed into her wonderful group of friends. Chris was kind, funny, generous and a quick-witted. She was always up for doing something fun and I always enjoyed her company. I remember her dressing up as Princess Diana for our Halloween Party and being the life of the party! I loved our happy hours at Stock's on 2nd and enjoyed seeing her riding her bike around City Island. She was a genuinely good person and while I haven't seen her in many years as I moved away in 2005, I always remember her contagious laugh and wonderful sense of style! My thoughts and prayers to all of her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

Colleen

Colleen Foulke - July 16, 2015 at 10:00 AM

KA

“ Thanks everyone for your thoughts and prayers for Chris and our family. Your shared memories really mean a lot to us. We appreciate the calls, letters, cards and the donations to Chris' favored charities.

Karen - July 09, 2015 at 08:09 PM

KE

“ My heartfelt sympathy is extended to Christina's family. She was one of my favorite classmates at St. Paul's. I remember her as funny and smart and lively and have thought of her many times in the years since those formative school days. She was nice to me, and I remember that most of all. May her family find comfort in knowing some stranger (to them) has memories of her kindness and humor. And may she rest in peace.

Kathleen (Blum) Engel

Kathleen Engel - July 04, 2015 at 12:16 PM

PB

“ Our sincere sympathy is extended to the Tarantelli family. Chris has been a part of our lives since high school. She was a member of our bridal party and we lived close enough to be part of each others lives for the past 40 years. Our children called her "Aunt Chris" and were very saddened with the news of her passing. She will be missed. Our prayer for Christina is that God will embrace her and say 'Welcome home my good and faithful servant.' A mass is being said for her at The Church of St. Andrew. Godspeed Chris.

Peggy and Bill Bradbury

Peggy Bradbury - July 03, 2015 at 07:44 AM

AM

“ In loving memory of a wonderful friend. We will love you and miss you always.

Arlene Mirabile, Albany, N. Y.

arlene mirabile - July 02, 2015 at 02:16 PM

DN

“ I met Chris when employed at the Pantry Pride Grocery Store at the Mohawk Mall in Schenectady starting in about 1972 when working my first official job. It was a fun experience and I have many fond memories of working there as a cart boy/front end cashier with the cast of characters. I had the fortune of meeting Chris; who was a live wire as was her brother Tom; who customarily brusquely invited all of the customers to immediately vacate the premises before locking the doors on them at night, amongst his other habits. I am sorry for the family's loss but I am very pleased to see that Chris found success in her career, in her life, her faith and that she was well loved by so many. RIP Dick Matthews (Former Amalgamated Meat Cutter and Affiliated Workman of North America Union Member)

Dick Matthews, New Hartford, NY - June 30, 2015 at 10:49 AM

VK

“ My deepest sympathy goes out to the Tarantelli family. I haven't seen Chris since our 30th high school reunion. I will always treasure her friendship while we attended St. Paul's and Notre Dame, basically my whole childhood in Woodlawn.
Virginia Kirby
Schenectady

Virginia Kirby - June 30, 2015 at 09:11 AM

AL

“ Our family is so sad to hear of Chris's passing. She was such a loving and wonderful friend of our family. We are having a mass for Chris at St. Paul's Church in Schenectady. The mass will be held on July 31st at 6:45 a.m. Our condolences to the entire family.

Marty, Arlene Kehoe and the entire family.

Amy Kehoe Lis - June 29, 2015 at 06:39 PM

PT

Thank you very much. Through the years the Kehoe and Tarantelli families have always been close...from my parent's arrival in Schenectady in the early 1950s to this day. Special people.

Peter Tarantelli - July 01, 2015 at 08:06 AM

TM

“ I worked with Chris at the UCBR, Dept of L&I. I always enjoyed her company and thought what a witty, wonderful, unique person she was. My condolences to her family.

Terry Mulligan

Terry Mulligan - June 29, 2015 at 01:38 PM

SM

“ I worked with Chris as her court reporter at her York, PA, Workers' Compensation hearings. She was a good Judge, friend, and we had a great time on our lunch time shopping trips. She will be missed. Great Lady! My love to her family.

Sandra Milus, Commonwealth Reporting Company

Sandra Milus - June 29, 2015 at 11:34 AM

CL

“ Years ago, the Dauphin County Bar Association had a mentor program that paired experienced attorneys with new attorneys. When I joined the DCBA, I was lucky enough to get Chris for my mentor. I will always be grateful for her kindness and guidance. I still think fondly of her as I move through the day to day motions of the practice of law. My condolences to her family and friends.

Christopher S. Lucas, Esq.

Christopher Lucas - June 29, 2015 at 11:19 AM

KK

“ Chris and I shared a fun filled childhood with so many adventures I will always treasure. Chris is the reason I passed Chemistry in high school. She was so smart, she made the world a better place with her amazing gifts. Memories of playing guitar and singing at Sunday mass together come to mind today. More recently we celebrated turning 50 yrs. old in Breckenridge, CO where her generous spirit shared a beautiful Time Share with a delightful group of women who all loved and admired this wonderful friend. My thoughts are with the Tarantelli family dealing with this hugh loss.
Love to all, Kassie Doolin Kleinbauer



Kassie Kleinbauer - June 28, 2015 at 05:40 PM

BJ

“ So sorry to hear of Chris's passing. I worked with her at Thom Mcann in the late 70's. I have not seen her in many years but remember many good times at work and at parties. May she rest in peace and may fond memories of good times and knowing that others are thinking of you help you through this difficult time. My sincere condolences . Bob Jones

bob jones - June 28, 2015 at 12:03 PM

MR

“ My condolences to the family. May you find comfort in God's promise to do away with sickness and death (Isaiah 33:24 & 25:8).

Mercy R. - June 28, 2015 at 08:43 AM

MC

Thank you for being my friend. I miss you and I look forward to seeing you in heaven. McFly

Martin Cunningham - June 29, 2015 at 05:38 PM

LM

“ I was so fortunate to have grown up next door to the amazing Tarantelli family. The memories I have will stay in my heart forever. Chrissy and Karen were like my older sisters I never had. May God Bless the entire family during this time. I will keep you in my prayers and always in my loving thoughts and memories. An amazing gift to everyone who had the pleasure to know her. Rest in peace Chris.

Linda Pardi Mina - June 28, 2015 at 07:39 AM

PO

“ Very sorry to hear about the loss of Christine. I taught her at Notre Dame High School and remember that she was witty and also feisty. My prayers go out to her family and friends. Paul O'Brien

Paul O'Brien - June 28, 2015 at 07:08 AM

VW

“ Dan and I are truly blessed to have known Christine! We have traveled on several missions trips with her and spent many fun times filled with laughter. Chris had such a loving and compassionate heart and will be truly missed. We are blessed to have known her!!!



Vicki and Dan Williams - June 27, 2015 at 06:43 PM

KK

“ Chris was such a generous person with anyone she'd meet. She loved God and strived to show others his love. We had such fun times on mission trips, and in the musicals at Christian Life Assembly. I will never forget that infectious laugh! And of course, her singular sense of style. Chris will be missed and remembered as a kind and warm soul, gone too soon.

Kate Kemp - June 27, 2015 at 03:16 PM

KA

“ I know I speak for our family when I say thank you to all who have helped Chris over the past 6 years in her challenges with dealing with the devastating reality of this terrible disease.

Karen - June 27, 2015 at 04:53 AM

CD

“ I worked with Chris at the law firm in Philadelphia and had a lot of admiration for her. I was the union rep for our employees and when I left I put Chris forward as my replacement. She was smart, ambitious and fun. A good person gone too soon.

catherine daniels - June 27, 2015 at 04:35 AM