



Christine Lynn Perry

October 16, 1951 - March 19, 2022

Christine Lynn Perry,

70, of Indianapolis, passed away at home March 19, 2022, after a long and courageous battle with heart and kidney disease which originated at birth with a congenital heart defect. Chris was born in 1951, in Fort Worth, Texas, the first child of Bill Arbanas and Rose (Napolitan) Arbanas. She grew up in the Reynolds/Greenville area. She was always a hard worker and an over achiever which enabled her to be successful in all she attempted.

Chris was many things to many people; she was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother. She was a teacher at Reynolds High School and Kennedy Christian High School, an administrator and high school principal at Kennedy. Chris worked several summers as an English instructor at Penn-State Shenango. Most of all, she was a beautiful person whose indomitable spirit and unending enthusiasm was an inspiration to everyone she met. Her legacy will be wide-spread: family, students, parents of students, friends, relatives, professional associates-all better people for having known her. As a teacher, she encouraged her students to think clearly and express their thoughts logically and concisely whether writing or speaking. Her love of seeing them succeed was apparent and heart-felt. As an administrator and principal, she brought parents into their children's education world. She was fair. She was honest. And above all, she cared.

Chris successfully made the transition from educator to grandmother. She loved Lucy and Violet "to the moon and back." Known as Grammy, there was

no one who made better (or more) cookies. She baked cookies for all the girls on Lucy and Violet's softball teams. Each cookie was sealed in its own cellophane bag with a smiling panda, or a frog or butterfly printed on it. There were always a few extra cookies for the coaches. She loved watching the girls' games and attended as many as her health would allow. Grammy could always be seen sitting near the dugout and encouraging the girls.

Chris met her loving husband, Lou, while a student at Slippery Rock. They were married and had 48 years together. She is survived by her husband; her son, Lou and his wife, Molly and two beautiful and energetic granddaughters, Lucy and Violet who were the lights of her life. Also surviving are her sister, Lori Blair (Jim); her brothers, Tom Arbanas (Jackie) and Bill Arbanas (Jody); and six nieces and nephews, Jimmy, Heather, Nikki, Rene, Ally and Andrew along with numerous cousins, aunts and uncles.

Chris will be missed by many, especially those of us who love her. She is no longer suffering. She is at peace, and she will be with us forever. Rather than flowers, memorial donations should be made to Nativity Catholic School PFO, 3310 S. Meadow Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46239.

Visitation will be Friday, March 25, 2022 from 12 noon until the time of service at 2:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Thompson Road Chapel, 3333 E. Thompson Road, Indianapolis.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

435 W. Troy Ave.
Indianapolis, IN 46225
<http://www.catholiccemeteries.cc>

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 25. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Thompson Road Chapel
3333 E. Thompson Road
Indianapolis, IN 46227
(317) 783-3315
info@shirleybrothers.com
<https://www.shirleybrothers.com>

Funeral Service

MAR 25. 2:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Thompson Road Chapel
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Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



Shirley Brothers Mortuaries & Crematory - March 28, 2022 at 03:36 PM

RA

“ I met Chris at Kroger Deli on Southport and Franklin 2017-2018 along with Lou. Since then, I am keeping in touch with them. I miss her very much, particularly her smile and affection she showed to me and my family.

Please accept our heartfelt condolences.

Raj and Kusuma

Raj - March 24, 2022 at 02:44 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Christine Lynn Perry.*



March 24, 2022 at 12:19 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Christine Lynn Perry.*



March 24, 2022 at 09:23 AM



“ *Lou, Louie, Lori, Bill, Tom & families,
Just learned today of Chris's passing. Sending all of you my sincerest condolences for this great loss!
Chris was one of my best friends through high school. I have wonderful memories of time spent @ good old Moss Lane & your wonderful parents (Bill & Rose & Aunt Sallie) We even spent our 1st college year as roommates in Iowa. Chris then returned to Pa. & met you, Lou.
After living states apart with some time lapsing, I am grateful now that a few years ago, I had a wonderful, long visit with Chris (right before her move to Indianapolis). It was such a breath of fresh air to experience again the joy of my dear friend.... that same energetic, entertaining, forthright spirit!!! She soooo loved her family and was thrilled to live close.
While my heart is saddened by this news, I am also grateful that my life was blessed by enjoying times with this vibrant woman... my dear friend! May you feel God's comfort through others during this time of loss.
Love, Deb Reichard*

Debra Reichard - March 23, 2022 at 11:44 PM

MH

“ Dear Lou and family:

A first memory of the Arbanas family was likely early spring 1970, 505 Moss Lane seemed packed with neighborhood kids. Chris in high school, Tom and I were 5 or so. Bill and Rose Arbanas were great parents to Chris, Lori, Bill and Tom; as well as loving, adoring, proud grandparents. Growing up on Moss Lane meant you had multiple sets of parents looking after you, taking you to endless practices, feeding you great pasta and cookies and working hard to keep you in line. When Bill and Rose moved to Venezuela during Tom's jr/sr year you and Chris took the reins along with Jim and Lori.



Chris as our English literature teacher at Reynolds H.S. was kind, caring, challenged us to read more, held us accountable to do our best. Very nervous writing this by the way, no where near grammatically correct.

Close to 50 years later, at a summer gathering at Tom and Jackie's (graduation or birthday party, not sure), visiting with Chris for a short time and I immediately received her same beautiful/warm smile, genuine interest, care and concern for others. Just as always and forever will be. Chris's spirit will live forever. Wishing all of your family God's peace.

From all the Horstman family. Mark Horstman

Mark Horstman - March 23, 2022 at 03:03 PM

DS

“ *Lou, Lori, Tom, Bill and Family, I have many fond memories of the Arbanas family and Christine as a fellow teacher at RHS. We started our educational careers together in 1973. I remember her as an outstanding teacher but a better person. May God bless you and your loved ones. Dan Schneider*

Dan Schneider - March 23, 2022 at 02:50 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Christine Lynn Perry.*



March 23, 2022 at 01:51 PM



“ *My husband and I both graduated with Chris from Reynolds High School. She indeed always had a smile. We had lost touch since those days but have fond memories of your dear wife, mother and grandmother. May God give you comfort in the days ahead and bless you with precious memories. In sympathy and prayer, Jerry and Janet (Fisher) Harpst*

Jan - March 23, 2022 at 09:26 AM



“ *Lou and family,
I have been blessed and have such fond and fun memories growing up with my cousin, Chris. From family picnics, summertime fun to Christmas gatherings, I will always remember her and the fun times together. My heart and prayers are with all of you. Chris will be greatly missed.
Love,
Susan Kaldy and family*

Susan Kaldy - March 22, 2022 at 11:07 AM

PS

“ Our deepest sympathy to the entire family. We fondly remember so many happy moments with the Perry's and Blairs. When Lori and Chris participated in our old Linger Longer Golf League, there was never a dull moment. Chris and Lou and Lori and Jim always added wonderful moments to our Tee ForeTwo couples golf outings.

Sincerely,

Paul and Pauline Saternow

pvsaternow807@gmail.com



Pauline Saternow - March 22, 2022 at 09:46 AM

CR

Dear Lou and family, I am so sorry for your deep loss. I admired your mother very much. She was the epitome of a professional woman in so many ways... teacher, principal, guidance counselor, mentor and life coach. And on top of all that, she was a genuine caring person. A rare blend of someone who encouraged you to do your absolute best but also had compassion if you missed the mark. I am thankful that my sons had her as a remarkable role model. I was blessed to have known her and I am inspired by her example and the way she lived out her Christian faith.

Carolyn Rubenstein

Carolyn Rubenstein - March 23, 2022 at 10:04 AM

VB

“ *Lou, Molly, Lucy and Violet,
My condolences. Your mom sounded like such a wonderful, woman,
mother and grandmother. May you hold deep in your hearts many
warm and cherished memories of your time with Grammy. Know of
my prayers for all of you for peace and consolation!*

Val Bendel

Val Bendel - March 22, 2022 at 08:30 AM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of
Christine Lynn Perry.*



March 21, 2022 at 10:56 PM

PR

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Mrs. Perry was one of my all time
favorite teachers. She worked us hard and challenged us to stretch
not only our thinking, but also our efforts. I loved when she'd begin
class by reading *The Power of Positive Thinking*. Mrs. Perry will
always be remembered with love, respect, and so much fondness. I
am grateful for having had the opportunity to learn from the best.*

*With sympathy,
Patti Rodenbaugh*

Patti Rodenbaugh - March 21, 2022 at 10:39 PM

MS

“ *Lou, Molly and girls,
I was so sorry to hear this. I just lost my mom a month ago and
appreciate the loss you are feeling.
Prayers for your family,
Mary Pat Sharpe*

Mary Pat Sharpe - March 21, 2022 at 09:31 PM

JB

“ *To Lou and your family,
My wife and our family want to send our condolences and let you
know we were sorry to hear about Chris. I will always remember her
smile and kindness when we would see her at various family
parties. She always made time to engage in conversations with me
and was someone who made time to talk to you and who genuinely
cared about how you were doing. Sincerely- Jeff and Suzanne Blair
and family*

Jeff Blair - March 21, 2022 at 07:06 PM