



Christina Diane Shilling

March 6, 1974 - January 18, 2021

After a hard-fought battle with cancer, Christina Diane Shilling, 46, went peacefully from her family's arms into the arms of Jesus. She was born in Panorama City, CA on March 6, 1974 to Herbert Gale and Julia (Muller) Shilling. In 1992, she graduated from Clare High School in Clare, Michigan. Christina continued her education at Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant, receiving a Bachelor's degree in Special Education with a unique opportunity to student teach in Perth, Western Australia. Australia would be just the beginning of her love of traveling. She began her teaching career with Athens Area Schools, completing her Masters in Arts degree from Nova Southeastern University in 2001. Her passion for teaching and her students continued for 24 years, touching the lives of many students, their families, and her colleagues.

Christina's Christian faith brought her to Woodland Church in Battle Creek where she served as a small group leader and created many lifelong friendships. Combining her love of traveling with the mission field, she helped after Katrina and in Guatemala, Nicaragua, and Mexico. In addition to traveling for education and mission work, Christina loved to travel across the United States and internationally.

Her kindness, sense of humor and smile that "lit up the room" are what friends and family will tell you impacted them the most. She made lifelong friends through the YMCA senior pool group, church activities, and work colleagues over the years.

Christina is survived by her mother Julia Shilling; her sisters: Lori (Todd) Palmer from Clare and Melissa Humbyrd from Rochester Hills; her nieces and nephews: Nathan (Lark) Palmer and Leah Palmer; Anna and Ben Humbyrd; and her great nephew Jeremy Palmer.

She was preceded in death by her father, Herbert Gale; her maternal grandparents Jan and Cathy Muller; and her paternal grandparents Herbert J. and Maxine Shilling.

Visitation and services will be held on Sunday, January 24, 2021 at the Brown Corners United Brethren Church. Visitation will be from 2 P.M. until the time of service at 4 P.M. with Rev. Lee Palmer officiating. Memorial contributions are suggested to the AACF – Christina Shilling Scholarship. Arrangements were handled by the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home. On-line guestbook at www.stephenson-wyman.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 24. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Brown Corners United Brethren Church
5540 S. Clare Avenue
Clare, MI 48617

Service

JAN 24. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ After moving away from Woodland Church I'm shocked to learn that Christina had been ill. She's someone I always looked forward to seeing who was always making a positive difference in the lives of all who knew her. Praying for your comfort and peace. So sorry for your loss.

Lynn Matthews - February 01, 2021 at 05:01 PM



“ Lynn Matthews lit a candle in memory of Christina Diane Shilling



Lynn Matthews - February 01, 2021 at 04:58 PM

KR

“ I met Christina in the small group for singles at Woodland Church. She was always open and loving to everyone. I haven't seen her in awhile but have been praying for her and she will have a special place in my heart and memories. I know she's with Jesus and no more pain or sorrow but she will be missed. Prayers of comfort for her family and friends.

Kathy Ragla - January 27, 2021 at 06:54 AM

GW

“ I met Christina at the Y on swimming class. We had a pretty good, diverse age group of us that showed up at 6am to exercise. We would go to breakfast on Fridays as well. I loved her smile and enjoyed her so much. God bless her family at this time.

Gayle Wright - January 24, 2021 at 04:42 PM

PO

“ *Lieve Julia en familie,
Onze oprechte deelneming met het overlijden
van Christina. Wij wensen dat jullie de kracht
zullen vinden om dit verlies te kunnen dragen.
Wij wensen jullie God,s trouw en steun toe.
Veel liefs en hartelijke groet.
Dineke en Popko Muller*



popkomuller@gmail.com - January 24, 2021 at 04:28 PM

RS

“ *My condolences' to Christina's family. May
you find strength and peace in your time of
loss.*



Rebecca Shear - January 24, 2021 at 12:16 AM

JD

“ *Julia and family, we were sadden to hear of Christina's passing. We
will always remember her beautiful smile and the wonderful times
we had together here in Canada. May God bless you with peace
and strength in the days ahead. Love you, John and Janet Drent*

Janet Drent - January 23, 2021 at 08:15 PM

LW

“ *Love- The Owczareks and Wilamowskis
purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the
family of Christina Diane Shilling.*



Love- The Owczareks and Wilamowskis - January 23, 2021 at
06:43 PM

TB

“ *The Purdy Family (Renee, Holly, Wayne & Becky) purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Christina Diane Shilling.*



The Purdy Family (Renee, Holly, Wayne & Becky) - January 23, 2021 at 12:57 PM

RT

“ *So many fun memories with Christina from back in our school days. She was the kind of person we should all aspire to be. Friendly, warm, and a laugh that just made people smile. She will be missed by all who knew her.*

Rebecca Terpening - January 23, 2021 at 02:51 AM

DH

“ *In 2003 I was hired as a para-pro for Athens MS and High School. I had the privilege of being assigned to help Miss Shilling's class for one of my classes. By watching her with the students I observed a very smart, caring and loving teacher. She showed me, by example, how to best help the students. Her job was more of a ministry. She had a strong faith, warm smile, cute giggle, and when she hugged you{when we could do that} you knew you had been hugged. I will miss her, as I know many people will. She talked about her family a lot and I could see she cherished each one of them.*

Diane Hobbs

Diane Hobbs - January 22, 2021 at 09:33 PM

LG

Julia my heart is sadden, and aches for you and your family. Christina was a sweet lady. Love you Julia and family.

Lila Goodenow - January 24, 2021 at 01:09 PM

JH

“ To all the family; My heartfelt condolences to all of you. My prayers for God’s peace . She left behind a great piece of her in the children she taught. And many memories. Judy Hales

Judy Hales - January 22, 2021 at 01:04 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Christina Diane Shilling.



January 22, 2021 at 12:15 PM

SP

“ I am very sorry about the loss of Christina. I met her through the Battle Creek YMCA Swim group. She was so young and full of energy. I will never forget her beautiful smile. RIP Christina.



Sue Pope - January 21, 2021 at 02:42 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Christina Diane Shilling.



January 21, 2021 at 02:30 PM

Bianca
Arends

“ Bianca Arends lit a candle in memory of
Christina Diane Shilling



Bianca Arends - January 21, 2021 at 12:29 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of
Christina Diane Shilling.



January 21, 2021 at 12:16 PM

AN

“ I am so very sorry for your loss, I wasn't close with Christina in
school, but I remember her being very kind with a beautiful smile.
You are all in my thoughts and prayers, may your bright memories
of Christina bring you peace during the hard times.
Angie (Sargent) Spaeth

Angie - January 21, 2021 at 08:32 AM

SG

“ Oh the memories at church, singles group.. her leaving for
Guatemala on a mission trip while I was waiting to bring my son
home from there, and the team offering to smuggle him home with
them LOL 💕😭 She was part of such a great supportive group of
friends and sisters in Christ! Her smile lit up a room! 💕

Sara G - January 20, 2021 at 07:25 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Christina Diane Shilling.*



January 20, 2021 at 12:40 PM



“ *Cheeseboard Complete was purchased for the family of Christina Diane Shilling.*



January 20, 2021 at 10:07 AM



“ *Beverley Mapes lit a candle in memory of Christina Diane Shilling*



Beverley Mapes - January 20, 2021 at 09:57 AM

MI

“ If only every person in this world had a friend, like Christina. She would enter a room with a bounce of joy in each step. When she greeted you, you felt like the only person in the room. She was up for anything. With her giggle, I knew whatever adventure we faced, she would make it memorable with a stories to share for a lifetime. She always made you feel loved. She would have the wittiest and most delightful banter at just the time you needed it. But it was never mean-spirited or meant to belittle you. Her humor only made you love her more. And that smile. That smile that could light a Christmas Tree. Oh what good things were brought to my life having a friend like Christina. I'll miss her. I already do. Every time I watch Princess Bride, Never Been Kissed or a musical, I'll remember the enjoyment it brought her. Her love of a good conversation, weekend getaways and love of concerts and music. Us teaching Kindergarten Sunday School together and giggling our way through it. Yes, so many good things Christina added to my life. From a childhood treasure trove of memories, up to last month caroling together even though every earthy fiber in her body resisted, Christina once again, showed me how to live with courage through crisis, joy through the journey , perseverance through pain and love people through life's process. Thank you for being a faithful friend. Looking forward to an eternity spent celebrating our Savior together.

Mindy - January 19, 2021 at 09:57 PM