



Christine F. "Chris" Fairchild

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Christine F. "Chris" Fairchild, age 74 of Batesville, Indiana, passed away Saturday, February 10, 2024, at Margaret Mary Health in Batesville. Born June 10, 1949, she is the daughter of Stuart and Mary Rose (Nee: Fackler) Hummel. Chris married Kenneth D. Fairchild on July 5, 1969, at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Lawrenceburg, Indiana.

Born in Jeffersonville, Indiana, then spending her childhood years in Lawrenceburg, and finally settling down with her lifelong companion, Ken, in Batesville, she wore many hats in life. She started her working career at the IRS as a tax investigator, before becoming a stay-at-home mom, bringing up her two beloved children Dana and Ryan, then later, her granddaughter Brie. As her children became of school age, an opportunity was presented to her to become the owner of a local bookstore, which became her lifelong passion. Not only did Chris make a living from The Bookshelf, but she also established a pillar within the local community, bringing together people from all over who shared the same passion. Chris was in fact a true bookworm, who could regularly be found either reading a book, or reading about a book!

In conjunction with her running the bookstore, Chris was actively involved in various related initiatives, demonstrating a commitment to community development and education. She has held several esteemed positions on multiple boards, including the Batesville Memorial Public Library and the Batesville Area Chamber of Commerce. Furthermore, her collaboration with the Batesville Community School Corporation highlights her dedication to enhancing educational standards, where she has provided mentorship to school librarians. Additionally, Chris served on the city of Batesville Planning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals illustrated her extensive involvement in civic and community planning. Beyond her participatory roles, Chris has been the recipient of several awards, recognizing her contributions and leadership. Notably, she nominated Batesville for "Community of the Year" award, a prestigious accolade that the city secured in 1997, further testament to her impactful engagement and vision for the community.



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Outside of her work Chris loved to travel, having visited many countries across the world, including Australia, New Zealand, the UK, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Greece, and a trip through the Panama Canal, just to name a few. Travel for Chris was not just about experiencing new places, but more importantly for her, was about the people with whom she traveled, and throughout her travels, she got to undertake these experiences with many of her cherished circles which included her family, friends, and sorority sisters. In fact, she was omnipresent at the Phi Beta Psi national and state conventions, which she attended every year in many different locations across the United States, and where she will be sorely missed.

Chris' family and friends were the center of her universe, and her aim in life was to always make sure that everyone was happy, something that will live on in children and grandchildren. Chris loved nothing more than having her family and friends around her, and always put the needs of others before herself. Growing up, Chris lived in a very bustling household, which consisted of her 5 siblings David, Bill, Jim, Patty and Tim, and parents Stuart and Mary Rose. Over the years, Chris remained the cornerstone in ensuring that the siblings remained connected. On top of raising a family, Chris also found the time during this period to coach youth softball and volunteer at the former Margaret Mary Community Hospital Guild where she helped support its many projects.

Outside of her blood family, Chris was a lifelong member of another family - the Phi Beta Psi sorority - Xi Chapter. Chris spent the past 52 years devoting her time and knowledge towards its goal of financially supporting countless physicians, scientists, and medical research facilities across the country, attempting to help put an end to cancer. During this time, she personally gave back countless hours to assist with fundraising efforts and broader community awareness. Concurrently, Chris held nearly every office in its local chapter multiple times, and then in 2018 she ran for the elected office of National Editor, where she won the candidacy and was elected to a 2-year term, which was further extended by a year due to the pandemic. Most fittingly, Chris was presented with the highest Phi Beta Psi honor in 2020, by being awarded a lifetime membership to the sorority, along with her 50-year membership insignia.

Chris was truly the perfect example of a good citizen, and consequently her family, friends, sisters, and the City of Batesville have been truly blessed. Chris will be wholeheartedly missed by all of those who had the fortune to have known her.



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She is survived by her husband Ken of Batesville, son Ryan Fairchild of Batesville; daughter Dana (Matthew Stanesby) Fairchild of Chicago, Illinois; grandchildren Brie and Lilly; brothers William "Bill" (Rita) Hummel of Guilford, Indiana, James "Jim" (Judy) Hummel of West Carrollton, Ohio, and Timmothy "Tim" Hummel of Charleston, South Carolina; sister Patty Jarboe of Huntsville, Alabama. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother David Hummel.

Visitation will be held Friday, February 16th, from 4 - 7 p.m., at the funeral home, with a Phi Beta Psi Sorority service at 4:30 p.m. In accordance with Chris's wishes, cremation will take place after services. Memorial contributions may be made to the Phi Beta Psi Sorority.



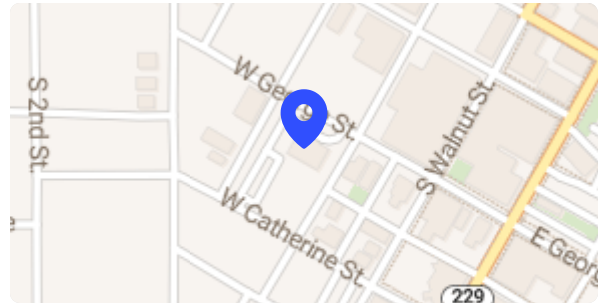
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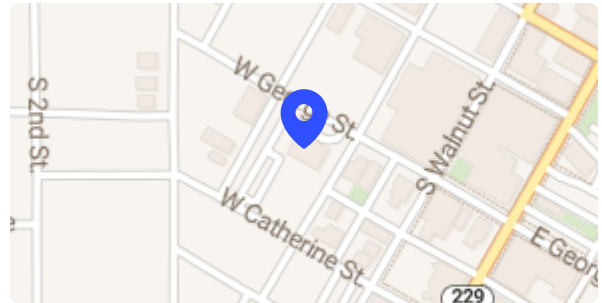
Visitation

- Friday**, February 16, 2024
- 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET
- Weigel Funeral Home**
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Phi Beta Psi Sorority Service

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Patrick Niese posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. Chris was one of my favorite people and the Bookshelf one of my favorite places. She happily put up with my silly requests and was always happy to help me out. I will miss her.

March 26 at 9:28 AM



Tammy Moore posted:

I've know Chris since I was in my teens. I would go into her store and buys books all the time. This built into a friendship with a love of books. I am still an avid book reader. It is my favorite pass time and I know Chris knew this. She was always willing to help me find my next great book to read. She will be greatly missed!

February 23 at 3:49 AM



Tammy Moore lit a candle in honor of Christine F. "Chris".

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February 23 at 3:45 AM



Simon R. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Christine F. "Chris".

February 16 at 3:16 PM



Milton J Stock posted:

If you needed to find a book, any book, Chris would find it for you. Sharon and I extend our sincere condolences to Ken and family. Milt and Sharon Stock

February 16 at 2:35 PM



Cynthia C. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Christine F. "Chris".

February 16 at 10:18 AM





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CL

Cherisse Louderman sent an Arrive in Style to the Fairchild family.

February 16 at 9:49 AM



CL

Cherisse Louderman planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Christine F. "Chris".

February 16 at 9:49 AM



MM

Mary Mattingly posted:

I so enjoyed talking on "air" about books during Book Talk with the Bookshelf Ladies on WRBI for the 10 years I was there. She knew books and beyond, and was always so interesting and gracious. I also enjoyed talking to her off air and we shared many same views. She was compassionate and always sincere and wanting to help those in need. Chris was very on top of Batesville happenings. She was a wonderful community and business leader. She was one of Batesville's treasures. She will be greatly missed. Condolences to her beloved family.

February 16 at 9:35 AM

DF

Dan Lorey And Family sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Fairchild family.

February 16 at 5:44 AM



DF

Dan Lorey And Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Christine F. "Chris".

February 16 at 5:44 AM



TF

The Geri Wetherell Family sent a Crystal Cross Bouquet to the Fairchild family.

February 16 at 3:33 AM





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The Geri Wetherell Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Christine F. "Chris".



February 16 at 3:33 AM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Fairchild family.



February 16 at 3:27 AM



The Fritz Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Christine F. "Chris".



February 16 at 3:27 AM



Dan Lorey posted:

What a dear, sweet soul was Chris. Her inner light shone brightly upon all of her classmates during our years together at St. Lawrence Grade School and Lawrenceburg High School. Many of us even share with her an earthly location of life's beautiful circle, having been born at Margaret Mary Hospital, the place of her soulful passing. My wife Joyce and I extend our sincere condolences to Ken and family. Dan Lorey

February 15 at 7:59 PM



Love, Erin, Ken, Evan, Anna, And Sean sent a Serene Retreat to the Fairchild family.



February 15 at 7:20 PM



Love, Erin, Ken, Evan, Anna, And Sean planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Christine F. "Chris".



February 15 at 7:20 PM



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Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Fairchild family.



February 15 at 7:04 PM



Bob & Mary Rwbank Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Christine F. "Chris".



February 15 at 7:04 PM



Jennie posted:

I always loved coming in the Bookstore and seeing her wonderful smile. She is missed. Jennie

February 15 at 2:35 PM



Donna posted:

A dear friend at SLS..she had a wonderful and impressive life..condolences to her family and many friends

February 15 at 10:26 AM



Mike Schumacher posted:

Ken So sorry for your loss. Unfortunately Janet and I are out of town and will miss the services but we're thinking of you. Mike & Janet Schumacher

February 14 at 12:09 PM



Anonymous sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Fairchild family.



February 14 at 10:38 AM



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FF

Fackler Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Christine F. "Chris".

February 14 at 10:38 AM



TK

Tony Koors lit a candle in honor of Christine F. "Chris".

Ken and family, so sorry for your loss, God Bless.

February 14 at 8:48 AM



MK

Mike & Jetta Kinzer sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Fairchild family.

February 14 at 7:52 AM



JJ

Joanne Janzaruk posted:

So many fond memories of Chris...Joanne Janzaruk

February 14 at 6:26 AM



Anonymous sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Fairchild family.

February 14 at 5:50 AM



JL

Julie Donohue (Laugle) posted:

I'm so sorry to hear of her passing. I used to babysit for the kids. My sympathies to you all. Julie (Laugle) Donohue.

February 14 at 5:09 AM



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MM

Marit Mccausland posted:

Dear Dana. Reading about your mom, gave us a glimps into her amazing life. Thinking of all she gave to her family and her many circles. Sending condolences to you and all your family.

February 14 at 5:00 AM

MH

Marge Hooten & Larry Hooten posted:

Marge and I are so sorry for your loss. Know she will be missed by the whole community but especially by her family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.Larry Hooten.

February 14 at 3:25 AM

GB

Glenda Bise posted:

I'll miss talking to you. Glenda Bise

February 13 at 10:55 PM

LF

Love, Your Mindful Practices Family sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Fairchild family.



February 13 at 4:04 PM

OF

Oren Devore And Family sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Fairchild family.



February 13 at 3:34 PM

OF

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February 13 at 3:34 PM



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CR

Carla Foster (Wilma Rudolph) sent an Arrive in Style to the Fairchild family.



February 13 at 3:25 PM

RM

Ritch And Sheila (Ferry) Merk sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Fairchild family.



February 13 at 3:12 PM

SM

Sheila (Ferry) Merk posted:

Ken and family, We are truly sorry for your terrible loss. We pray that God helps you through your grief and difficult time. Chris has been my very best friend since first grade at St Lawrence School. She and I had many many great times together. I will always keep her in my heart and remember all of the memories we made together. Her friendship was the best ever. Love to you all. Ritch and Sheila (Ferry) Merk

February 13 at 2:46 PM

JC

Jo Ann Cooley posted:

Chris was a classmate she was always very caring of others she will be greatly missed

February 13 at 2:11 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Christine F. "Chris" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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