



Kristina Marie (Kristy) Campbell

September 2, 2020

Kristina Marie (Kristy) Campbell, 56, of Knoxville, TN passed away on September 2, 2020 after a heroic battle with the silent disease, Lupus. Born in Knoxville, Tennessee on September 23, 1963, Kristy is a graduate of Farragut High School class of 1981 and the University of Tennessee class of 1985 where she was a member of the Pride of the Southland Band. A high school math teacher for over 25 years, her teaching career spanned over four states. She retired early from Karns High School, Knoxville, in 2010.

Extremely loyal to her husband Jerry, son Michael, and family, Kristy was an Atlanta Braves enthusiast, and was rooting for the Braves to win the 2020 Pennant.

Kristy is survived by her husband Jerry Campbell, Jr., parents Bill and Javonne Hall, son Michael Gibson, step son Gage Campbell and family, grandmother Mary Elizabeth Parker (103), aunt and uncle Janice and Lewis Kennedy, brother William David and wife Ann Hall, sister Lisa Hall and husband Mike McKee, and sister-in-law Helena and husband Ronnie Horton. Kristy will be forever remembered by her loving nieces and nephews Kristen and Drew Fairchild, Micah Reed McKee, Kennedy Horton, William Douglas, Leslie, and their daughter Hadley Ann Hall, and adopted nephew Matthew Banks; cousins Donna Kenndey and Edwin Kennedy.

Kristy's heroic battle with Lupus inspired all who interacted with her. Not letting the disease define her, Kristy was positive, giving, loving and fierce. We celebrate her as she lives on in joy with her heavenly Father and Lord, Jesus Christ.

Receiving of Friends will be held Monday, September 7, 5-7 P.M. at Rose Mortuary, 1421 N. Broadway, Knoxville, TN. Funeral service will be held Tuesday, September 8, 1:30 P.M. at The Cathedral of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, 711 S. Northshore Drive with a Graveside burial following, 3 P.M. at Lynnhurst Cemetery, 2300 West Adair Drive.

In lieu of flowers, Kristy and her family ask you to send contributions to the Lupus Foundation of America at Lupus.org to fight this cruel and silent disease.

Kristy would like to share excerpts from the Spoon Theory by Christine Miserandino:

“Once people understand the spoon theory they seem to understand me better, but I also think they live their life a little differently too...hopefully, they don't take so much for granted. I give a piece of myself, in every sense of the word when I do anything...I have become famous for saying to people jokingly that they should feel special when I spend time with them, because they have one of my 'spoons.’” Online condolences may be extended at <http://www.rosemortuary.com>. .

Events

SEP **Funeral Service** 01:30PM

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Cathedral of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
711 S. Northshore Drive, Knoxville, TN, US, 37919

SEP **Interment to follow** 03:00PM

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Lynnhurst Cemetery
2300 West Adair Drive, Knoxville, TN, US

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Rose Mortuary - September 06, 2020 at 03:19 PM



“ I am hugging you all virtually! And I'm raising a peace sign to my Braves-loving, warrior-of-hope, lover-of-all, Kristy. May your days be full and easy like Sunday morning. Love, Lindsay

Lindsay Jackson - September 07, 2020 at 06:11 PM



“ Kristy was such a bright light in our lives. She loved our kids by tutoring them in math. She was always so giving and encouraging. She was an amazing teacher and friend to us. What a blessing she was to us all!

Gidget Deal - September 08, 2020 at 07:59 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Without Kristy, I wouldn't be able to attend the college I am at now. She challenged me with my academics and pushed me to do well, and to do more than what was required. I'm forever grateful for her influence in my life and the joy she helped me discover in school and life in general.

Lilly Deal - September 08, 2020 at 07:14 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I made a donation in Kristy's name for the lupus foundation. She was such a joy to work with backstage doing lipstick for countless years. What a precious sister and friend.

Michelle Carr - September 08, 2020 at 12:36 PM



“ Bill, Javonne & Family,
We are profoundly sorry for your loss. Please accept our condolences
Pete & Inge.

Pete Studer - September 08, 2020 at 10:42 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. She was one of the best teachers I ever had. Amazing person
and an amazing teacher. The world could use more people like Mrs. Campbell.

Justin Simpson - September 06, 2020 at 09:21 PM



“ Lisa, I am so sorry for your family's loss. Kristy was a beam of sunshine every time I
saw her. You couldn't help but be happy in her presence. I love you.

LeAnn

LeAnn - September 06, 2020 at 04:39 PM



“ 72 files added to the album LifeTributes



Rose Mortuary - September 06, 2020 at 03:13 PM



“ I was both blessed and privileged to work with Kristy at Karns High School. She was
truly a bright light, never letting Lupus get the better of her when it came to teaching,
her friends, or her family. A beautiful woman, a beautiful soul. May Eternal rest be
granted up her. Prayers of comfort and solace to her family.

Jennifer Williams - September 06, 2020 at 01:01 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kristina Marie (Kristy) Campbell.



September 06, 2020 at 10:39 AM



“ I am so sad to hear about Kristi. It was a blessing to have worked with her as she was always upbeat and caring toward other teachers and students. Blessings to all her family.

Vickie Coker - September 06, 2020 at 09:52 AM



“ Kristi was a great friend to me and my girls. She tutored both of them in math of course. They loved working with her. Kristi made everyone feel better about themselves.

Michelle Dawson - September 06, 2020 at 09:02 AM



“ Kristi was a smart and kind person. Her parents thought the world of her. We had a lot of fun playing softball at Farragut High School in 1980 & 1981. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family and parents.

Kim Robards

Kim Robards - September 05, 2020 at 09:52 PM



“ At Karns High, I admired Kristy so much. Her kind and fun-loving spirit always inspired me and reminded me that our relationships bring us joy. Her eyes twinkled when she spoke of family, and she took care to show her students respect and kindness. I hope that memories and faith sustain her family during this difficult time.

Renata Krumm - September 05, 2020 at 09:44 PM



“ Kristy was a wonderful teacher at Karns High School and always had a beautiful, bright smile on her face. Her students loved her as did many of the faculty and staff. She was strong and brave and an inspiration to many. I am praying for strength and comfort for her family and friends at this sad time.

Terry Runger - September 05, 2020 at 06:57 PM



“ Kristy was such a kind and fun co-worker. I always enjoyed her humor about the tough job of teaching. Her students were lucky to have her. Thinking of her family at this time.

Anne Hudnall - September 05, 2020 at 06:27 PM



“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Kerri Al-Khazraji - September 05, 2020 at 04:20 PM



“ My fiance and I moved in next door to Kristy and Junior in the fall of 2004. On that very first day, as we were carrying items into the house, Junior came trotting across the yard and introduced himself. Within five minutes we pretty much knew the Campbell's life story. We knew Kristy was a math teacher at Karns and that she had Lupus. My mother has Lupus, so I asked a few questions and found out that Kristy's Lupus affected her lungs. We knew that Junior installed flooring and came from somewhere called Stinking Creek, and that Kristy's son, Michael also lived with them and was going to Karns. We knew they used to climb mountains and loved baseball and so on! For the next six years I would see Kristy as she came and went and we would wave to each other, but we never introduced ourselves.

The last time I saw Kristy, in June, I asked her if she remembered how we ever started hanging out, because I could not recall exactly how or when that started up. She smiled and told me that she had just been thinking about that. She explained that in the years before she retired from teaching, the school week was taking a lot out of her, and she was literally spending her weekends trying to recuperate and recharge for the next week. This was why she had never tried to hang out before she retired. So in the fall of 2010 I was planning a big birthday party for my husband, and like I always did when we threw parties, I invited all of my neighbors as well. Kristy had taken early retirement that year and was bored being at home all the time, so she decided to accompany Junior to one of our parties for the first time (Junior had attended a few prior). From that point on we were hanging out several times a week, at some point we started to refer to each other as BFF's, and even after I moved away to Georgia in 2014, we still manage to get together once a month.

In many ways Kristy and I were unlikely friends. She was 12 years older than me and actually closer in age to my mother than she was to me, but that never bothered either of us. We shared fundamental differences that divide a lot of people today, like politics and religion, and while we often got into heated debates on both of these topics, we rarely got mad at each other, and instead truly tried to understand the other person's point of view. Kristy was always quick to get to the heart of any matter and point out our similarities, rather than our differences. If either of us ever did get upset, we never stayed that way for long. Kristy had a love for baseball that I didn't share. I liked going to baseball games, mainly for the food honestly, but Kristy actually made the game fun for me. She understood everything that was going on, and would explain it all. Watching baseball will never be the same without Kristy. Kristy LOVED math and was constantly trying to convince me that math is fun!!! I never let her know this, but she did convince me, and because of her I actually like helping my son with his math homework now.

I've thought a lot over the last few days about all the things I'm going to miss about Kristy. I'm gonna miss drinking mango margaritas with her at Soccer Taco, Smokies baseball games at the park, and Braves games on her couch, our BFF weekends each month, and so much more, but the one thing I'm going to miss the most is her wisdom in parenting. I could go to Kristy with any parenting concern and she always had the most insightful advice for me. She seemed to see every situation from a different angle than I did. I will always remember my years hanging out with Kristy fondly. I will miss her dearly, and I'm so thankful to have had the time with her that I

did.

My thoughts are with Junior and Michael, her parents and siblings. I wish you all peace. And to Michael, please know that your mother will always be with you. She lives inside you. You will see her from time to time, reflected back in your image. She loved you more than anything.

GO BRAVES!!!

Kerri Al-Khazraji - September 05, 2020 at 03:49 PM



“ I always enjoyed spending time with Kristy backstage at the studio shows. From the moment I met her I knew she was a very special woman. My heart goes out to all of her family and loved ones. All my best. Dylan Kendrick

Dylan Kendrick - September 05, 2020 at 04:16 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kristina Marie (Kristy) Campbell.



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“ My sister would want all to celebrate her. While we all will grieve her death we should not grieve her life. She loved life... life did not need to be fancy, frivolous or complicated for her. She loved sitting and watching the Braves, going to watch her niece's and sister's performances, sitting on the front porch by the fireplace and sitting on the couch across from her Dad and Mom talking about everything! She will live on within us. She has shaped me, my family, my daughter and all who knew her, even if it was only for one minute. She would gather her spoons to get through day, meet someone for coffee, tutor her students or just go to the store.

She was cherished and will forever be cherished.

While this was always in the back of my mind, it is still a surprise.

She just ran out of spoons.

I look forward to the day with the Lord takes me home and I can worship our God with my ever so unique and heroic sister.

May we never complain again in her memory.

I love you Kristy. My heart is full with your memory. Thank you God for allowing me to be her sister.

Lisa

Lisa Hall McKee - September 05, 2020 at 03:32 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kristina Marie (Kristy) Campbell.



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