



Christine Ann Braun

January 4, 1961 - September 22, 2015

Christine Ann Braun, a native of New Holland, Ohio, former Chief Dietician at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Cheyenne, Wyoming and long time resident of Fort Collins, Colorado, died on September 22, 2015 after a long struggle with cancer.

Chris grew up on her family's farm, raised sheep for 4-H Club and was "Lamb and Wool Queen" at the Ohio State Fair. Chris graduated from Miami Trace High School, received her bachelor's degree from Ohio State University, and her Master's degree from the University of Incarnate Word in San Antonio, Texas. At OSU, Chris was active in her sorority, Alpha Delta Pi.

Chris immensely enjoyed many hobbies, including card stamping, scrapbooking, needlepoint, photography, sewing, embroidery, reading, baking with Katie, gardening, playing euchre, watching the OSU Buckeyes play football and basketball, camping, hiking, downhill skiing, sailing, and traveling. Chris loved to shop and never met a chocolate that she didn't like! Chris was an adventurer, as she photographed leopards in Africa, observed polar bears in the Arctic, walked among penguins in Antarctica and sailed the deep blue Atlantic Ocean.

In May 2015 Chris, Jim, Katie and Cousin John sailed nonstop for 4 days from Fort Lauderdale Florida to Southport, North Carolina on their new sailboat,

“Christine”. Her favorite moments at sea were when dolphins swam alongside the ship, playing in the bow waves.

Chris’ life revolved around practicing her Christian faith and nurturing relationships based on integrity, thoughtfulness and kindness. Chris was an eternal optimist; her constant smile was contagious.

Chris leaves her husband, Jim; their daughter, Katie; parents, Pat and Ed Taylor; brother, Art; nephews and nieces, Clayton, Nathan, Lauren, Edward and Robert and many beloved extended family members.

A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, September 26, 2015 beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the Bohlender Funeral Chapel. Flowers or donations to the Limb Preservation Foundation may be sent to Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive St., Fort Collins, CO 80524.

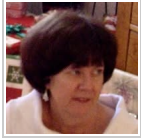
Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP **26.** 1:00 PM (MT)

Bohlender Funeral Chapel
121 W. Olive Street
Fort Collins, CO 80524
(970) 482-4244
<https://www.bohlenderfuneralchapel.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ I worked with Chris at the VA in Albuquerque, and I will always remember her dedication to the veterans and her creativeness in coming up with solutions to serve them better. I always looked forward to her handmade Christmas cards and lovely newsletter. My sympathies to Jim and Katie.

Wanda Umber

Wanda Umber - September 28, 2015 at 01:21 PM

A square box with a light grey background containing the white initials 'JD' in a bold, sans-serif font.

“ Chris, I will remember always your smile, your enthusiasm, and your dedication. The VA was so lucky to have you. My deepest condolences to Jim, Katie, and Christine's entire family. Sincerely, Jan Diller

Jan Diller - September 25, 2015 at 11:20 PM

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“ Chris was a dietetic preceptor for the coordinated dietetic internship I direct at CSU. Although we did not interact a tremendous amount, I was appreciative of her partnership and support of our students. I was saddened to hear about Chris' struggle with cancer and her passing. However, I'm heartened by knowing of her strong Christian faith; she is surely in Heaven with Jesus now. My prayers of peace to the family, Leslie Cunningham-Sabo

Leslie Cunningham-Sabo - September 25, 2015 at 10:56 AM

JO

“ I worked with Chris on several occasions at the Cheyenne VA. She was always full of spirit and always had a smile. Heaven is rejoicing with Chris coming home to our heavenly father. May God hold your family tightly while they mourn your loss. - John L.

John - September 25, 2015 at 08:27 AM

CH

“ Saddened to hear of the passing of a beautiful, warm-hearted woman. Jim, Katie and Taylor family - we are so sorry for your loss and will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

Bill, Christina, Zaleigh and Elise Parker

Christina - September 25, 2015 at 12:09 AM

GS

“ So sorry to hear about Chris. One of the neatest people I've ever had the pleasure of working with. She almost always had a smile and it was always pleasant to sit down and visit with. She made the Cheyenne VA a brighter place with her presence.

Greg Sneesby

greg Sneesby - September 24, 2015 at 08:51 PM

SB

“ Sending our prayers and love. Chris was a dear, genuine, and true friend. She was always concerned about the welfare of others even when she was so very ill herself. I will treasure my memories of our stamping adventures and her beautiful smile. We were so very blessed by her friendship.

Susie, Larry, TJ and Krista Barttelbort


Susan Barttelbort - September 24, 2015 at 05:13 PM

LT

“ *Lloyd, Jeannine, Kim, Wanda, Terrie, Jo, Tina purchased the Garden of Memories for the family of Christine Ann Braun.*



Lloyd, Jeannine, Kim, Wanda, Terrie, Jo, Tina - September 24, 2015 at 01:20 PM

 Susan Blaney

“ *I had the pleasure of working with Chris at the Cheyenne VA. Always a superstar, she was bright, funny, efficient and dedicated to caring for the Veterans. My condolences to her family.*



Susan Blaney - September 24, 2015 at 01:20 PM

RN

“ *What a wonderful person! I worked with Chris when I was assigned to Ft Collins Clinic. She was always helpful and cheerful, she will be greatly missed. Prayers to family.*

Rita Negrette - September 24, 2015 at 11:23 AM

NA

“ *My deepest sympathy for Chris' family at this difficult time. She was a ray of sunshine here at the Cheyenne VAMC. Her caring attitude for both the veterans and her employees was an inspiration.*



Nelda Atwood

Nelda Atwood - September 24, 2015 at 10:23 AM

WD

“ When Chris walked into a room, her smile would light up the place. She was always interested in what was going on in your life and would share in your joys and concerns. A word that describes her is "otherly." Her life was a shining example of how to be a wife, mother, and friend. She will be missed, but remembered by all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

Wanda Davis - September 24, 2015 at 10:19 AM

TR

“ *Chris always made you feel so good with her caring attitude and welcoming smile. She will be truly missed by the many friends who knew her. My thoughts go out to Jim and Katie and other family members at this time.*”



Terrie Roberts

Terrie Roberts - September 24, 2015 at 10:09 AM

DG

“ *Chris was one of the sweetest most amazing women I had the pleasure of knowing. Chris was a ray of light at the Cheyenne VAMC. My thoughts and prayers are with Chris' husband, daughter, family and friends at this time. May the light she brought to earth forever shine for all who knew her. May God bless all who loved her.*”

Dawn Gay - September 24, 2015 at 09:31 AM

MJ

“ *Mark, Liz, Doug, Matt, Ruthie, Evan and Jackson purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Christine Ann Braun.*



Mark, Liz, Doug, Matt, Ruthie, Evan and Jackson - September 23, 2015 at 08:14 PM

JB

“ *Jim and Katie,
I am so sorry for your loss. As everyone knows, Chris was an amazing women and had so much pride and love for the two of you. Her optimistic outlook on life and her faith were unending. She taught me so much about how to see the beauty and goodness all around her. She will be missed by many.
Jo Ann*

Jo Ann Belk - September 23, 2015 at 05:01 PM



“ *Christine and I started a loving relationship when she was given her cancer diagnosis. I was a pastor at her church when this difficult journey began. I always left a visit with Chris amazed at her deep, deep love for Jim and Katie and her profound faith. It seemed that in the past two years, she received one bad health report after another and yet, her faith gain strength as her body failed. Thanks Chris, for your smile, your example of how to live even when you were dying. You will certainly be missed, but you have also left behind a profound witness of love for all of us to hold.*

Rebecca McFee - September 23, 2015 at 04:43 PM