



Christine A. Bird

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Christine A. Bird passed away peacefully on Friday, March 13th, 2020 in Liverpool, NY. She was preceded in death by her late mother, Josephine Emma-Bird, grandparents, Clement and Leah Bird, Salvatore and Amelia Emma. As a family they spent a rich, quiet, and fulfilling life together. Christine was the only child born to Josephine and Bernard. Christine thought fondly of her late uncles Charles “Tom” Bird, and Glenn “Joe” Bird.

Christine is a former student at Westmoreland High School, Westmoreland, NY. She is survived by her grieving and loving father, Bernard P. Bird; her step-mother, Blessed Sikhosana-Bird; step-brother, Andy Chikwehwa and wife Elise; her close nieces and nephew, Khaya, Zola, Siphon Chikwehwa; close friends, Tom and Mary Ann Koscielniak as well as many other Bird, Fiore, Emma relatives and friends.

Christine will be fondly remembered and missed as a daughter, granddaughter, and niece to Aunt Pauline Bird-Kotary, uncles Ron and Dennis Bird, Kevin Fallis, Grandma Joyce Mabhena, best friends, Paula Munn (Rome, NY) and Denise Brown (New Zealand).

During her life, Christine was loved and adored by many family and friends from all around the world. Christine was loved, prayed for, and supported by members of the Liverpool First United Methodist Church and Kirkville First United Methodist Church in Syracuse, NY.

In honoring Christine’s wishes, a private funeral service will be held at THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME. To attend the services remotely at 12 pm on Saturday, May 30, 2020, please use the link on Christine’s tribute page at www.tjpfuneralhome.com in order to watch the live webcast. Immediate family wishing to attend graveside services in St. John the Baptist Cemetery in Rome may meet at the cemetery gates at 2:15 pm on Saturday May 30, 2020. Facial coverings will be required and social distancing measures will be enforced.



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In lieu of flowers, contributions in Christine's memory may be made to Christine A. Bird, 105 Sudbury Drive Liverpool, NY 13088. In the memo line please write Girls' Education Scholarship Fund.



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Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home shared a **Tribute Video**.



April 13 at 5:45 AM



Joan Stalnaker lit a candle in honor of Christine.

Our deepest sympathy to Bernie and family. My children grew up playing with Chrissy at many ball games and get togethers we shared. We hope the fond memories we hold will help us all get through this very difficult time. Our love and prayers go out to Bernie. Paul and Joan Stalnaker



June 1 at 11:40 AM



Henry Zucker posted:

I was very sorry to hear about Chrissy's death.Sincerely, Henry Zucker

May 30 at 4:48 PM



Rose Gumedede-Dougill posted:

Good night Chrissy xxx

May 30 at 9:32 AM



Rose Gumedede-Dougill lit a candle in honor of Christine.



May 30 at 7:55 AM



William (Bill) Young posted:

Bernie ; So very sorry for your loss as a friend and coworker I cannot help you will the pain you must feel. but know that I am here if you need someone to talk to. I am a firm believer that we will all meet again someday, and believing that helps heal the heart. Keep the memories close to you and share them often. I will keep you in my prayers. Bill

May 30 at 7:23 AM



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Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Bird family.



May 30 at 4:09 AM



Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home shared 9 photos to the **LifeTributes** album.



April 12 at 4:20 PM



Rose Gumedede-Dougill sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Bird family.



May 29 at 4:35 AM



Ginger And Dale Bird posted:

Chris, You were such a sweet girl and heaven got a new angel. You will be missed but I know you are where you want to be, in the arms of your Momma. Bernie and Unami I feel your pain losing her. It is so hard to lose someone you love but harder to watch them go. I loved how you took over helping your Mom and keeping up the house when she was sick and after she passed you still took care of your Dad. I loved how you would laugh if your Dad said something funny and you'd say "Oh Geez". RIP now, Chris the suffering is no more.

April 14 at 8:02 PM



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Bernard P. Bird lit a candle in honor of Christine.



Chris, To you my loving daughter Chris, I miss you so much now, and always will miss you. When your mom passed away, I knew you missed her, and you always wanted to be with her someday. Now I know that you are with your mom. Chris, you were the love of my life and always you will be. No one will replace the way you always enjoyed doing house chores with me, you were the most caring, most thoughtful and wonderful daughter. I miss you sending me your daily loving text messages. I miss all the times when we sat together, planned together, traveled together to many of our family vacations. How I miss those times. You were my genius daughter, I used to get a kick out of you telling me how to do things well before I could figure it out. I miss my genius girl. I remember the day when we went to watch your Def Leopard band, I can't believe you went wild and started dancing at the Def Leopard concert, I knew you were having fun, real fun. But you know what I miss the most Chris, is your genuine loving hugs, I knew you loved me as your dad. I miss the times when we would both go either to the silent movie festival, or the capital theater, it was fun hanging around with you. Oh! How about the Twilight Zone marathons we watched on television? I miss you Chris, I do. You were so affectionate and loving to your step mom; my wife Blessed Sikhosana-Bird. You both loved each other so much, you texted endlessly. That made me happy. It was a delight to watch how you both loved and respected each other. I was attracted to the way you both spent time together cooking, shopping, dining together. Unami misses you so dearly., so does your favorite brother and friend, Andy Siphos Chikwehwa. You smiled every time Andy spontaneously dropped in from Canada to see you. You and Andy loved each other as siblings, we watched you grow together, Unami and I enjoyed your relationship. You were loved by my family in the Rome, NY and Unami's friends and family all around the world, meaning in the USA, Zimbabwe, UK, South Africa, New Zealand, Australia. But I am happy that you are at last at peace and enjoying your reunion with your mom, Josie. I am hopeful Chris, that one day, God willing, we will meet again.

April 12 at 4:20 PM



Charlotte Sikhosana May 30 at 6:15 AM

Rest in eternal peace Chrissy. Unfortunately I did not meet you in person to create a bond as Sister and lil Sis however the heavens are happy to receive a new angel. Fortunately you had Papa Bird and Mama Bird and shared lovely memories. Once more rest in peace .Love Charlotte B Sikhosana



Kevin Ncube May 29 at 2:06 PM

Chrissy ... I'm still full of grief - Im hoping time will help me heal . There was just something about you little sister . We met and bonded instantly . You were such a delight to chat to . I'm so glad I had the chance to catch up with you before going home. I will miss you - wholeheartedly.



Rosemary Gumede-Dougill April 15 at 2:09 PM

My darling girl Chrissy. What can I say. I miss our little chats we had from time to time. How our friendship grew and we could talk and chuckle together. I remember when you became unwell and you told me when you had got a new wig. You sent me a photo. You looked so beautiful in



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your wig and I would have never known it was a wig at it looked so natural. You are missed Chrissy. We used to pray together over the phone and laugh as well. There will never be another you my dear Chrissy. We will always love and carry you in our hearts. You were just such a special soul, so beautiful inside and out. Rest now my beloved Chrissy. Good night darling Chrissy. Rose & Chris Dougill 🍷🍷🍷



Ashley Bird April 14 at 9:20 PM

Rest in paradise Chrissy ❤️



Thambo Madonko April 14 at 6:04 PM

May your soul rest in Peace Chris.



Blessed U Sikhosana lit a candle in honor of Christine.

My dear Chrissy, you were always a wonderful stepdaughter, always polite, loving and very giving of yourself to others. I miss you Miss Bird, I think of the times we would cook together, go shopping together, go walking together, travel together, raise money for Girls education causes in Africa, Oh! I miss you so dearly Miss Bird.

I thank God that you received His loving hand a few days before your home-going. Right now, God has you Miss Bird, He has you in His right hand where you will never feel no pain again. Please rest in peace next to your mom-Jose, and may the love of God cover you both, till we meet again, hopefully some day soon..You will forever be in my heart and thoughts,Unami----(Mama-Bird)...

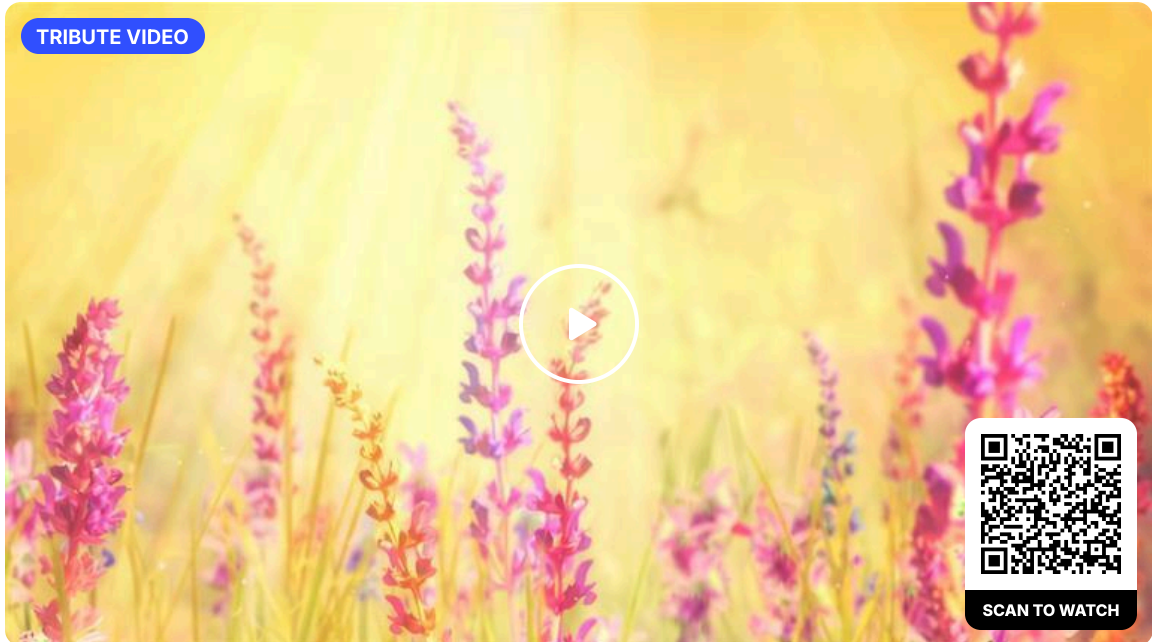


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RS **Ronda Sullivan** May 30 at 2:07 PM
 Chrissy, rest easy now for you are with the "ones" you have missed for so long. You always have been brave and excepted everything that was. We all loved you and will miss. Give Aunt Jo a big hug for me! Rest In Peace Cousin.

AN **Andiswa Ndlovu** May 30 at 7:37 AM
 "Papa and Mama Bird; We are very sorry for the loss of our sister Chrissy; we will continue to pray for comfort and healing during these trying times, the wound will take time to heal, her memories will always comfort us, they will bring a smile in our hearts, they will define the meaning of love, her absence is a piece of the puzzle that will never be replaced and we put everything in God's hand, we will miss our sister Chrissy, May her Soul Rest in peace."
 Andiswa and Michelle Ndlovu

RU **Rev. Blessed Unami** May 29 at 6:08 AM
 Rest In Peace My Lovely Princess.....You Will Forever Be Missed Chrissy..Love You,Dad and Unami

RD **Rose Gumede-Dougill** May 28 at 12:41 AM
 Our darling Chrissy. Rest in power sweetheart. We carry you in our hearts forever. Chris & Rose Dougill (UK)



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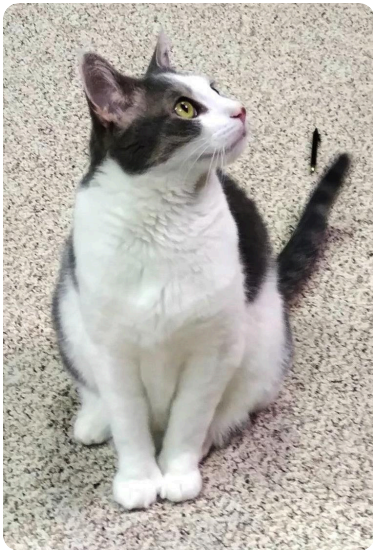
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