



## Christine M. Navish

October 1, 1964 - March 25, 2023

Dover – Christine M. Navish, 58, of Dover, formerly of Portsmouth, after spending the last several months in the ICU of Brigham and Women’s hospital Christine passed away tragically on Saturday, March 25, 2023 in her Dover home and was immediately followed by her beloved husband, Sean Navish.

She was born in Virginia Beach, VA on October 1, 1964 a daughter of Frank J. Kurland Sr. of Mesa, AZ and Alberta M (Upshaw) Loomis of Rye. Raised in Lake Hauto, Nesquehoning PA. As a child she loved to be outdoors and catch salamanders on the lake shore and in local streams. She loved playing alongside her siblings with many summer days spent in/on the water of Lake Hauto. She played the clarinet and was a lead clarinet in her high school marching band. She was Roman Catholic and received her communion and confirmation in the Sacred Heart parish in Nesquehoning, Pa. Christine graduated from Panther Valley High school with the Class of 1982. After a brief enlistment with the US Navy she moved to the NH seacoast to be close to her family.

She met the love of her life, Sean Navish, at a Halloween party in 1993. After their first meeting they were virtually inseparable and were married on February 10, 2001. They spent their honeymoon at the Mayan Palace resort in Mexico. For much of their marriage, they lived in Portsmouth but moved to a home in Dover, NH that they purchased in 2017.

Christine had an infectious smile and laugh as well as being an enthusiastic cat lover/rescuer. She was a certified chocoholic and loved visiting local chocolate, candy and fudge shops in order to get her chocolate 'fix'. Her favorite holiday was Christmas and Christine looked forward all year to spending holiday time with her family. Her second favorite was Halloween which always led Christine and Sean adventuring to Salem, MA to participate in the Halloween festivities. She loved older black and white horror movies and would watch them online simultaneously with her sister. Every summer she enjoyed walking along the boardwalk in York, ME. And every Easter she would make sure to go to her mothers and have some of mom's hard boiled eggs (she insisted they were somehow better than anyone else's hard boiled eggs).

In addition to her parents, she is survived by her siblings, Frank Kurland Jr. of North Hampton, Jeff Kurland of Rye, Kevin Kurland of Seabrook and Wendy Schafer of Travers City, MI; seven nieces and nephews; multiple aunts and uncles in Pennsylvania and many cousins.

Christine was loved by all who knew her. She was exceptionally kind and giving. She will be missed by all who were lucky enough to know her.

"To anyone out there who's hurting — it's not a sign of weakness to ask for help. It's a sign of strength."

— Barack Obama

A private celebration of life will be held in the summer. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to FuRRR Feline Rescue by clicking here (<https://furr.org/donate-to-furrr/>) or the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention by clicking here (<https://supporting.afsp.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=cms.page&id=1737&language=en>).



# Tribute Wall

PN

“ I went to school with Christine and rode the same bus with all the Hauto kids. She was quiet and very kind. We lost touch as we get older but I am happy that she did find the love of her life. May she rest in peace and prayers to the entire family.

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**Paula (Kusko) Nardini** - April 06, 2023 at 11:17 AM

GS

“ Kevin,  
I'm so sorry for your loss. I apologize but thought I typed your name in with the previous condolence and hit post before I checked it.  
With deepest sympathy, Greg

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**Greg Slivka** - April 05, 2023 at 06:34 PM

GS

“ My deepest sympathy goes out to Mr K, Mrs K, Frank , Jeff and Wendy. Every time I drive by the old homestead I think of all the fun times we had. Christine will always be in our hearts.  
Greg Slivka

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**Greg Slivka** - April 05, 2023 at 06:31 PM

WS

“ My lovely sister, I will miss you. You were a light of life , so whimsical like a butterfly, so angelic in nature and loved the most simplistic things in life. Such a gorgeous smile. I will miss our talks and sharing our thoughts. Watching our movies together, long distance. How you loved my Halloween gifts and were so excited, and your love of chocolate.

You are now in the light of god, whom will protect you and guide you. We will meet again in an embrace of sibling love. I will always be forever grateful knowing you were my big sister and always loved me, as well as my love for you. The memories will always endure and my love for you eternity. I will miss you, dearly.

Baby sister,  
Wendy

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**Wendy Schafer** - April 05, 2023 at 03:20 PM

MT

*My deepest Sympathy goes out to the Kurland family. I was so sadden to hear about Christine. We grew up together at Lake Hauto and we were best of friends through good times and bad. You were a talented musician in our high school band. I'm so glad we got to be best of friends and I will miss your smile. Until we meet again at those pearly gates. I've gained another guardian angle. RIP Chris  
You long, long friend of many years,  
You will be missed.  
Your friend,  
Michele Slivka Thornsbury*

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**Michele Slivka Thornsbury** - April 05, 2023 at 03:46 PM

MH

*My deepest sympathies to friends and family. I fondly remember playing clarinet in the band with Christine. She was always so sweet and we became friends for many years of school. She truly was a beautiful person inside and out.  
Maria Harmon (formerly Horoschak , Salla)*

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**maria harmon** - July 03, 2023 at 02:47 PM