



Christa M. Manion

March 31, 1927 - March 23, 2022

Christa M. (Steger) Manion, 94, of Hall, passed peacefully from this life on Wednesday, March 23, 2022, with her loving family by her side. She was born one of three children in Limbach, Saxony, Germany on March 31, 1927, to the late Johannes and Martha Steger.

Raised in Germany, Chris attended school locally, where she spent the last three years of her high school education tending to kindergarteners as part of her graduation requirements. Brought into this world just before the landscape of the earth was going through major changes, she not only survived the Great Depression, but also WWII. Departing Germany for the freedom of becoming an American citizen in 1958 which she achieved in 1965, Chris packed her bags, left family and friends and booked a flight to join the land of the free.

Settling in Batesville, Chris met and married her first husband Carl Dieckman, later giving birth to her first child. A master cook, her best friend helped her find work, securing employment with the Hillenbrand family, the former owners of Batesville Casket Company, where she dedicated 17 years of service. When Carl passed unexpectedly, Chris was left with a five-month-old baby to care for on her own. Introduced to her second love Dean Manion, the happy couple said I do in August of 1963, blending their two families: her with a young daughter and he with 3 pre-teen girls, with the pair's only son, Patrick,

entering the world a year later.

The family pulled up roots, landing in Hall in 1965, where Chris remained the rest of her life, becoming a faithful member of the Mt. Pleasant Christian Church, the Bible Study Club, along with the VFW Post#1257. Once again, she was faced with death, when Dean passed in 1976, leaving her to raise her family on her own. Strong in the face of adversity, Christa pulled up her bootstraps and let her inner strength shine.

A strong and loving matriarch, Chris ran a tight ship, instilling in her children the value of hard work and dedication through weekend chores that she ensured were done properly, even if it meant having to throw a shoe or two to get her point across. In her words, she was “the best darn cook around” regularly creating scrumptious American as well as German meals alongside mouthwatering desserts. When she wasn’t glued to the television enjoying Wheel of Fortune and reruns of Gunsmoke and Bonanza, she could be found tending to her beautiful flower and vegetable gardens. On weekends the family tradition was playing cards and games, from poker to scrabble, often putting a walloping to her innocent opponents.

Above all, Chris was the most kind and gentle soul you could ever meet. Not a single person in this world felt anything but love for her when blessed to be in her presence. She was truly a legend in her time. She loved her family intensely, and frequently went above and beyond to safeguard their happiness. She will be forever missed by all who knew her.

Along with her parents and husbands, she was preceded in death by her children, Patrick Manion and Sharon Willoughby; siblings, Rudolf and Kurt Steger; grandchildren, Shawna Snyder and Wendi Williams; and God son, Harald Heinz Reindorf.

She leaves behind her children, Linda Brown (Ray) of Hall, Becky Reindorf of Mooresville, and Cindy Harp of Martinsville; 12 beloved grandchildren, RaeAnne Helmkamp, Rustey Dunham, Sarrah Williams, Sabrena Haulter, Shondell Thomas, Jesse Payton, Bradley Brown, Travis Brown, Patrick Goodnight and Chris Goodnight; 14 adored great grandchildren, Darick Huffman, Owen Helmkamp, Christian and Collene Dunham, Hudson , Huxley, Easley and Everly Haulter, Sophia Jasper, Emma Harris, Caden and Taylor Goodnight, and Brody and Brayden Brown; God son, Mick Reindorf (Tracy) of Batesville; along with several nieces and nephews, Ava Marie Gregor, Sabine, Gabi, Michael, Thomas and Johannes Steger in Germany, as well as Deanna, Vicki, Bob, Donny, Nancy, Linda and Carol in the United States; and her beloved fur baby, Bella.

Friends and family are invited to gather from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., on Monday, March 28, 2022, at Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel with a Celebration of Life Service beginning promptly at 2:00 p.m. Pastor Randy Weddle will officiate, and burial will follow in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Hall. In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions may be made in Christa's honor to the Morgan County Humane Society, 690 W Mitchell Ave, Martinsville, IN 46151, or to Mothers Against Drunk Driving, 511 E. John Carpenter Freeway, Irving, TX 75062 or online at <https://www.madd.org/>. To share a favorite story, send an online condolence to the family, or light a candle in her memory, please search @MonroviaFuneralHome on social media or visit her tribute page at www.lightmemorial.com.

Cemetery Details

Mt Pleasant Cemetery, Hall

5409 W. Hurt Road
Monrovia, IN 46157

Previous Events

Friends & Family Gathering

MAR 28. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



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Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel - March 28, 2022 at 09:08 AM

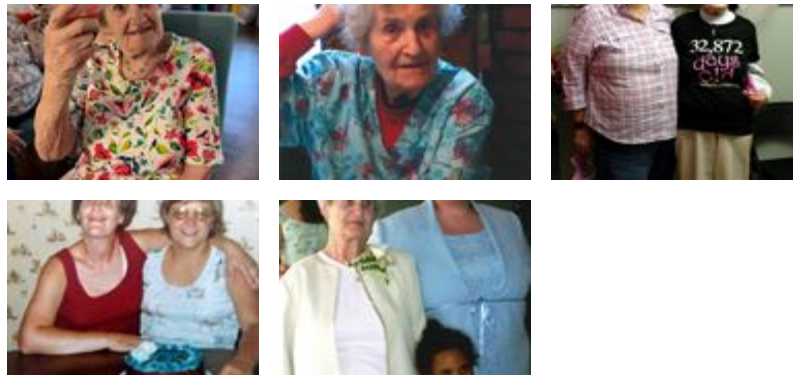


“ So sorry for your loss, *Prayers for your family.*

Terri Hughes - March 27, 2022 at 08:03 PM



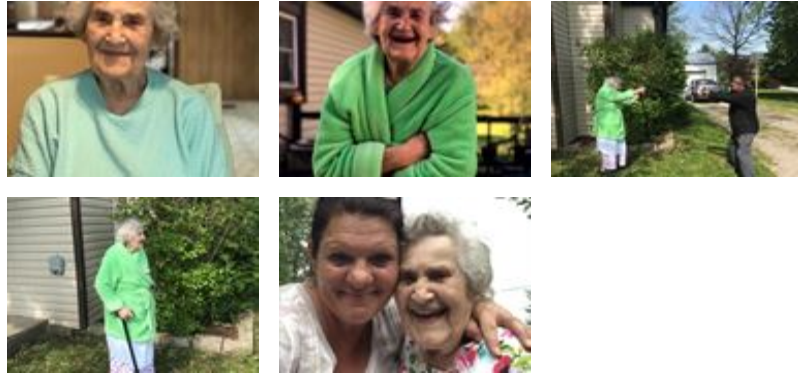
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Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel - March 27, 2022 at 04:30 PM



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Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel - March 26, 2022 at 12:41 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of *Christa M. Manion*.



March 26, 2022 at 09:14 AM



“ *I've known of Christa for years through Linda, Donna, and Barb. She was always talked about with kindness and I knew that everyone who knew her were impressed by her humor and strength. I was recently blessed with spending some time with Christa playing cards, sharing a meal, and hearing her tell stories of her life. I am abundantly assured that she is walking with Jesus and keeping him on His toes with her quick wit. Rest easy Christa you did well and will surely be missed by all.*

Kaye Jones - March 26, 2022 at 08:00 AM

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“ *Christa is one of the sweetest women to walk this Earth! I have many memories of her as I raised my own children in Hall, and she was "grandma" to all of the kids. She came to my classroom and talked to the kids about Germany and WW 2. The kids were enthralled...and I was too. Great memories.. a great woman.*

Barbara Jones - March 25, 2022 at 08:21 PM

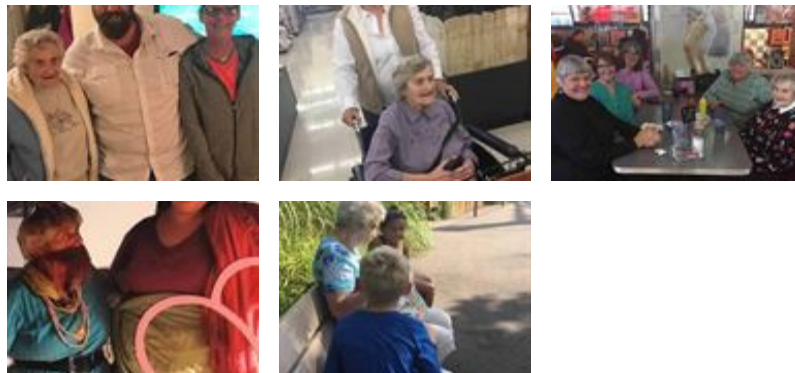
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“ *On this Life's journey, my life has been blessed with this wonderful friend. Having known Chris has brightened mine and many other lives. Chris , your love, graciousness, and wisdom will be missed. Can't wait to see you again with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I know upon arrival in heaven,Chris will be helping in the preparation of the heavenly feast.. Chris, my forever friend and beautiful sister in Christ, love you and see you soon.*

Elaine Pickett - March 25, 2022 at 03:33 PM



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Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel - March 25, 2022 at 02:56 PM

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“ Growing up, Chris was always one of the moms around hall. Smiling with kind words. When I was over at my grandmothers, across the road, grandma would find me over playing with the girls. My thoughts of love during this time.

Carol York Grubbs

Carol Grubbs - March 25, 2022 at 12:25 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Christa M. Manion.



March 25, 2022 at 01:22 AM

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“ Chris was a beautiful lady and I know I'm going to miss her. I know in reality when we go to heaven we don't become angels, but to me Chris was always an angel here on earth. Now, in a way, God has given her her wings. I'm going to miss her and I just wish I had gotten to know her even better.

Shelly Shane

shelly shane - March 24, 2022 at 07:11 PM