



Christina Lynn (Fruits) Stokes

April 5, 1964 - December 11, 2015

Christina Lynn Stokes, 51, of Monrovia, passed from this life at 2:40pm, on Friday, December 11, 2015, in the comfort of her parent's home and surrounded by her entire loving family. Raised with strong values and determination, Christina was released from extended pain she endured with battling leukemia since 2010. She was born to Lawrence and Sharon (Reitzel) Fruits on April 5, 1964, in Greencastle.

Christina attended Stilesville Elementary and graduated from Cascade in 1982, where she played volleyball and was very active in band. An intelligent and determined woman, she continued her studies at St. Mary of the Woods and received her degree from Indiana Wesleyan University, where she earned a BA in business management and graduated with honors. Christina worked as a contract specialist for Duke Energy, she did accounting from home and also proudly co-owned and operated Stokes Plumbing Services in Martinsville with her husband, Jerry.

Christina was full of compassion and possessed a unique kind of beauty that radiated from the inside out. She loved life and thoroughly enjoyed being around people. A definition of a selfless, organized, and generous leader, Christina lived life to the fullest. She enjoyed traveling in the motor home, spending time with her family at Lazy Days Campgrounds and experiencing the thrill of whitewater rafting, skydiving and parachuting. Christina's bright,

loving and special personality will be fondly remembered and missed by all that were blessed to know and love her.

Along with her loving parents, Lawrence and Sharon Fruits of Stilesville, survivors include her husband, Jerry Stokes of Monrovia, to whom she was united in marriage on October 11, 1997; son, Brandon Johnson (wife, Ashley) of Monrovia; step-son, Ryan Stokes (wife, Heather) of Camby; adored grandchildren, Alexys, Sophi, Colton and Delaney; brother, David Fruits (wife, Charolette) of Stilesville; nephews, Corey and Cameron; adopted sister and special friend, Cassie Wagner of Stilesville; and her little yorkie companion, Tia Mia.

Visitation will be held from 4-8pm, on Monday, December 14th, at Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel in Monrovia. A Celebration of Life Service will begin at 10am, on Tuesday, December 15th, at the funeral home. Pastor Karen Burkley will officiate the services and burial will immediately follow in Stilesville Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to help fund Leukemia Research (envelopes will be provided at the funeral home). To share a favorite memory, send a condolence to the family or light a candle in Christina's memory visit www.lightmemorial.com.

Cemetery Details

Stilesville Cemetery

39.641758, -86.630715
Stilesville, IN 46180

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **14**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel
585 East Main Street
Monrovia, IN 46157
(317) 996-2101
<https://www.lightmemorial.com>

Service

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Tribute Wall

JC

“ I was lucky enough to know Christina during High School. She was two years behind me, and went to Cascade while I went to Plainfield, but we talked on and off for years during that time. She was the sweetest, kindest girl I ever knew, and yes, I had a crush on her as did every man she ever met, I am more than sure. We never dated. but we talked and knowing her made my life better. While we had not talked since fall of 1980, the world was a warmer, better place just knowing she was out there. Her smile and her soul warmed any room she was in, and knowing now that she's no longer with us makes the world a colder, nastier place. It breaks my heart to know that her final years involved pain and suffering, but I'm sure that her friends and family helped her with that. Reading the other tributes, it is obvious that all the world shared my high opinion of her. Words cannot express my sorrow at your loss, but be sure that heaven is a better place having her there. Jim Cable/PHS80

Jim Cable - March 20, 2017 at 11:51 AM



“ I was priveledged to know Christina for many years and was able to spend time with her In recent ones as well. Jerry, my heart goes out to you my friend. Sharon, you were her best friend ALWAYS! I will keep your family in my prayers. I love you all!

Candy Wilson - December 19, 2015 at 09:29 AM

PS

“ We are truly sorry for your loss. Christina was a special lady full of God's love and love for others. Prayers and fond memories are what we have to remember sweet Christina. May the love of family and friends comfort you during these difficult days. We love you!

Bill & Patty Stokes

Patty Stokes - December 17, 2015 at 08:29 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Christina Lynn (Fruits) Stokes.



December 16, 2015 at 10:50 PM

NZ

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. God bless & prayers.



Nancy Zimmerman - December 15, 2015 at 07:21 PM

JT

“ *Mr and Mrs Fruits, David. I don't know where to start. As you can see Christina has touched MANY peoples lives and everyone has nothing but fond memories. Please accept our deepest condolences on her passing. It is good to know she is no longer in pain and in a happier place*

Jim Taylor and Family

Jim Taylor - December 15, 2015 at 08:36 AM

KH

A beautiful lady with a beautiful spirit. You will be missed and remembered always. Prayers love and hugs go out to Jerry, Brandon and all of the family

Kim and Dick Heald - December 15, 2015 at 10:43 AM

AW

“ *April Williams lit a candle in memory of Christina Lynn (Fruits) Stokes*



April Williams - December 15, 2015 at 08:05 AM

DL

“ We were so sorry to hear Christina had passed away. We both knew Christina through work at Cinergy and also through life outside of work. There were many weekends that we enjoyed around the campfire with Christina and Jerry at Jerry's dad's campground near Raccoon Lake. Those were the good times, back when life seemed to be running at a slower pace than today. I was fortunate enough to have introduced Jerry and Christina and the rest was history. She had told me at work that she was tired of all the jerks in her life. And when I first suggested that she and Jerry get together, she asked me over and over, is he a good guy. I assured her he was an upstanding gentleman, because he was my friend. And as I said before, the rest was history. Christina will be missed by many, but knowing she is now free of pain helps to fill the void she left behind. May you rest in peace pretty lady?

Love
Dan & Myra Lyon
and Family

Dan Lyon - December 14, 2015 at 09:41 PM

DL

“ 3 files added to the album Life Tributes



Dan & Myra Lyon - December 14, 2015 at 09:35 PM

KS

“ *Karen Silbernagel lit a candle in memory of
Christina Lynn (Fruits) Stokes*



Karen Silbernagel - December 14, 2015 at 07:51 PM

CM

“ My first memories of Christina are as a little girl, being too young to tag along with Mary Margaret, Kathy and me when the Moreland clan trekked to Indiana every summer and split their time between Aunt Nettie's, Sharon's and Clara's houses. Being the youngest girl in my family of four girls, I knew exactly how she felt, but I dearly loved their 2 week vacations here! I was so thrilled that you let me become so involved with the family! As I recall, the kid's table was always crowded at Aunt Nettie's, but I remember trying to squeeze in as many of us as possible...and Rachel just kept adding more kids to the numbers! The more the merrier!



I do remember babysitting Christina and David one time after David had been sick for a few days, maybe with chicken pox? Anyway, I remember Sharon telling me about having a nest of preying mantises hatch in her kitchen earlier that year when the kids brought in a strange brown thing from the yard/field. Thousands of preying mantis babies in all the cabinets! I could only imagine the problems that created. Thank you, Sharon, for sharing that, because it left quite an impression on me. Being an amateur naturalist, I've become familiar with several types of nests over the years and I never, EVER let my three daughters bring a preying mantis nest into the house! (Although I must admit, I've enjoyed watching them hatch on the front porch.)

I've enjoyed reading Christina's upbeat and positive Facebook posts over the past few years. She never seemed to be discouraged, only thankful and joyful, which can be such a difficult thing to achieve when you're dealing with extended illnesses and daily pain. And her obituary is such a nice celebration of her life. I'm glad that you have such wonderful memories of her and I know you will hold them, and her, dearly in your hearts forever.

Prayers for all,
Carol (Anderson) Martin

Carol Martin - December 14, 2015 at 07:32 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Christina Lynn (Fruits) Stokes.*



December 14, 2015 at 04:36 PM



“ *Christina and I worked together many years at PSI Energy and later Cinergy. A great friend and co-worker we had fun at the work place and away when we all would enjoy social hour after challenging days. She at times would play Mom with some of us as we had a way of stirring things up a bit to break up the seriousness of the day. I believe her words were (I can't believe You GUYS are doing that). Always the guys, but let me say the ladies at times had there fair share of laughs as well. Prayers to family and she can now Mother the Good Lord when needed!*

Dave Western - December 14, 2015 at 04:10 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Christina Lynn (Fruits) Stokes.*



December 14, 2015 at 03:53 PM

FW

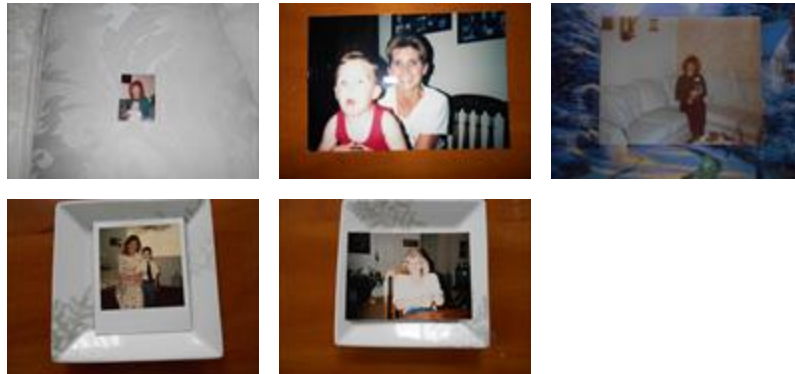
“ Friends at Cushman & Wakefield purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Christina Lynn (Fruits) Stokes.



Friends at Cushman & Wakefield - December 14, 2015 at 02:43 PM

PJ

“ 6 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Paul Johnson - December 14, 2015 at 12:51 PM

LG

“ Linda Hart Goines lit a candle in memory of Christina Lynn (Fruits) Stokes



Linda Hart Goines - December 14, 2015 at 12:29 PM



“ 164 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel - December 14, 2015 at 11:14 AM

KF

“ *Kim (Baker) Fischer lit a candle in memory of Christina Lynn (Fruits) Stokes*



Kim (Baker) Fischer - December 14, 2015 at 09:40 AM

FB

“ *Family Of Dona Brannigan lit a candle in memory of Christina Lynn (Fruits) Stokes*



Family of Dona Brannigan - December 14, 2015 at 05:37 AM

FB

Our deepest condolences.

Family of Dona Brannigan - December 14, 2015 at 05:39 AM

TR

*Lawrence & Sharon,
Our deepest condolences on your loss.
Terry and Mary Richmond*

Terry Richmond - December 14, 2015 at 12:49 PM

JW

“ *John and Debbie Winchester purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Christina Lynn (Fruits) Stokes.*



John and Debbie Winchester - December 13, 2015 at 11:04 PM

DF

“ *David Zimmerman and Family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Christina Lynn (Fruits) Stokes.*



David Zimmerman and Family - December 13, 2015 at 09:23 PM

DD

“ *David R. DeFord sent a virtual gift in memory of Christina Lynn (Fruits) Stokes*



David R. DeFord - December 13, 2015 at 04:43 PM

DD

“ Dear Lawrence and Sharon,
Becky and I are so sorry for your loss. We are praying for the Lord
to give you comfort at this time. We love you in the Lord.

David R. DeFord - December 13, 2015 at 04:41 PM

TS

“ Tina Starks lit a candle in memory of Christina
Lynn (Fruits) Stokes



Tina Starks - December 13, 2015 at 02:03 PM



“ Love's Tapestry was purchased for the family of
Christina Lynn (Fruits) Stokes.



December 13, 2015 at 12:33 PM

DK

“ Debbie King lit a candle in memory of
Christina Lynn (Fruits) Stokes



debbie king - December 13, 2015 at 12:30 PM

DK

You will be missed

debbie king - December 13, 2015 at 12:31 PM



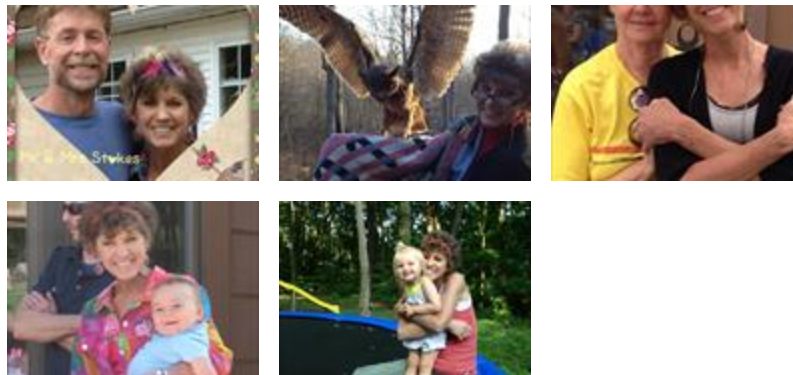
“ *Boneta Campbell lit a candle in memory of Christina Lynn (Fruits) Stokes*



Boneta Campbell - December 13, 2015 at 11:01 AM

 Bill Helms

“ *11 files added to the album New Album Name*



Bill Helms - December 13, 2015 at 09:18 AM

BW

“ *Sharon, I am so sorry for your loss. I always loved Christina, and some of my best memories of her were when she was just a teenager and she and I would work on a song for her to sing at church. I am sure she is singing with the angels today. God bless you my friend, and give you peace.*

Barbara Webster

Barbara Webster - December 13, 2015 at 07:53 AM

CD

“ I would first like to say my condolences to the entire family during this difficult time. I was fortunate to have known Christina during our high school years at Cascade High School. She was always so nice to talk to and would go out of her way to help you any way she could. I was saddened when hearing of her passing but know she is pain free and rejoicing In heaven as we remember her here on earth. Christina again I am glad that we knew one another and that you were able to touch so many other lives here on earth. May you rest in eternal peace and know your memory will live on by those who knew you.

Chris Decker
Class of 83

Chris Decker - December 13, 2015 at 07:46 AM

Vickie
Haltom

“ Vickie Haltom lit a candle in memory of
Christina Lynn (Fruits) Stokes



Vickie Haltom - December 13, 2015 at 06:45 AM

Vickie
Haltom

My thoughts and prayers are with the family, at this very difficult time. Christina you have been released from your long time pain, may you fly high. God's newest Angel, you are now at peace..

Vickie Haltom - December 13, 2015 at 06:47 AM

JS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. Christina was an inspiration to us and to so many others. May God hold you all in the palm of His hand and let you feel His presence.

Jeff and Nelda Seger - December 13, 2015 at 03:28 AM

JS

“ Jeff And Nelda Seger lit a candle in memory of Christina Lynn (Fruits) Stokes



Jeff and Nelda Seger - December 13, 2015 at 03:23 AM

BA

“ Buck, Debbie & Emily Adams lit a candle in memory of Christina Lynn (Fruits) Stokes



Buck, Debbie & Emily Adams - December 13, 2015 at 12:48 AM

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Buck, Debbie & Emily Adams - December 13, 2015 at 12:46 AM

MH

“ So sorry for everyone's loss I didn't know her but my brother-in-law was her downer and I know that they loved her deeply R.I.P. Will keep everyone in my prayers



mandy harris - December 13, 2015 at 12:24 AM

JY

“ To the family of Christina, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I have heard nothing but praises of her life and although I didn't know her, it's obvious what a wonderful person she was. I pray for comfort and peace to you all knowing that she is in her heavenly Father's arms.

Janet Yeley - December 12, 2015 at 10:26 PM

GC

“ Greg Lawrence, Lisa Lawrence Chadwick purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Christina Lynn (Fruits) Stokes.



Greg Lawrence, Lisa Lawrence Chadwick - December 12, 2015 at 09:53 PM

KA

“ Kimberly Hubbard Allen lit a candle in memory of Christina Lynn (Fruits) Stokes



Kimberly Hubbard Allen - December 12, 2015 at 09:53 PM

KA

My heart breaks for the Fruits Family, I am so deeply sorry for your loss. Christina was such an inspiration to me through all of the trials she endured. I always knew every time things would get rough for me with constant new diagnosis and thinking I couldn't handle any more health issues all I had to do was log into my Facebook and I would see something Christina had posted. A lot of times I felt God was telling me I would handle it through her posts. Christina was a truly amazing lady, she endured everything she was given with such grace and trust in God to carry her through. Not once did her Faith in God ever waiver. Her faith and her courage was an inspiration to so many people and she is going to be sadly missed. I love you Christina, enjoy your wings, you deserve them, fly high, I will never forget you.

Kimberly Hubbard Allen - December 12, 2015 at 10:04 PM

TV

“ My heart goes out to all her family and friends. She was a great fighter, but now she suffers no pain. I loved how inspirational she was and how many people she touched in her short life. I knew Christina from Cascade where she played volleyball with my sister. She never knew, but I looked up to her then. When I found out about her incredible and rough journey, I followed her on FB and prayed for her everyday. Every time I see an owl, I will definitely be thinking of her. Fly high sweet Angel!!



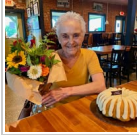
Tammye (Higgins) Vaughn - December 12, 2015 at 09:39 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Christina Lynn (Fruits) Stokes.



December 12, 2015 at 08:59 PM



“ *She left a mark on so many people with her courage, humor, and attitude she will always be remembered, she touched so many lives. It was an honor to know her.*
Sharon Bibby

Sharon Howard Bibby - December 12, 2015 at 08:43 PM

CS

“ *I am sorry for your loss. Christina and I became friends in high school and even a while when our boys were young. We then went our separate ways, but reconnected thru Facebook over a year ago. She was one of a kind and will be missed by many.* *Connie Covey Sparks*



Connie Covey Sparks - December 12, 2015 at 08:34 PM

RP

“ *May God bless each of you with fond memories to help ease the pain. Most importantly, I thank the Lord for the spiritual growth she stirred in me. Christina was nothing short of amazing!*

rebecca pinkstaff - December 12, 2015 at 07:17 PM

KB

“ *Kimberly Miller Brock lit a candle in memory of Christina Lynn (Fruits) Stokes*



Kimberly miller brock - December 12, 2015 at 07:02 PM

KB

Christina was a beautiful person inside and out we grew up in church together and she was truly blessed with a positive attitude and open heart she will truly be missed

Kimberly miller brock - December 12, 2015 at 07:05 PM

NE

“ I am so sorry for your loss of someone so very dear and special in your lives. She is to be admired for her strong faith in the Lord amid her battle with such a wretched illness. 2 Corinthians 5:6-8, "So we are always confident, knowing while we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord. For we walk by faith, not by sight. We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord". Christina truly lives today with our Lord as she always knew that she would. Her love and friendships will be missed here on earth because she has departed this temporary earthly place. She lives in His kingdom forever and we will see her again some day! I pray for your peace and comfort.

With much love,

*Norma Hughes Etherington
Rockwall, Texas*

Norma Hughes Etherington - December 12, 2015 at 06:39 PM

CC

“ *My heart goes out to the entire family at this very moment. Christina was such a ray of sunshine to the world. Her faith and strength was above and beyond the normal!! Her love for others always overshadowed all of her trials. Her outlook on life was a positive one and she praised God even for the cloudy days in her life. I am sure that she is encouraging others on that golden cloud she is she been carefully placed on. Her smile draws even the highest angel to her side. God bless those with broken hearts at this very moment.*

Prayers will continue for each and every one of you as the days go by.

*Love always,
Cherril Crawford*

Cherril Crawford - December 12, 2015 at 02:28 PM

MH

“ *LAWRENCE SO SORRY FOR YOUR FAMILIES LOSS. WE WILL KEEP YOU IN OUR PRAYERS. MATT HUNT AND FAMILY*

MATT HUNT - December 11, 2015 at 06:26 PM