



Christine Yu

August 6, 1971 - November 10, 2024

On Sunday November 10, Dr. Christine Im Sook Yu of Brownsburg, IN, peacefully entered into eternal hope, welcomed into the loving arms of Jesus, joyfully surrounded by those who have gone before her. On Monday, November 11, her well-cared for and healthy body gave new hope to those who received a second chance at life. Although her own life was sadly cut short at the age of 53, she lived fully, guided by faith and passion, as a lifelong learner and teacher, adventure seeker, and an advocate for the physical, mental, and spiritual needs of others. At the center of her life was her love for Jesus, her husband Gary, and her daughter Libby.

Christine was born on August 6, 1971, in Lewiston, NY, the daughter of John T. and Susan J. Yu. The youngest of four, she lived in Niagara Falls and moved to Woodridge, IL at the age of 6 years. She graduated from Glenbard South High School in 1989 and attended Wheaton College where she received her bachelor's degree in Christian education in 1993, as well as earning her master's degree in educational ministries. She went on to earn her Ph.D. in Developmental Psychology from Indiana University - Bloomington with a concentration in Anatomical Sciences Education. Her interest in helping others holistically also led her to pursue a certification in massage therapy from the Chicago School of Massage Therapy. She also received additional certifications in a variety of bodywork disciplines. She was an anatomy instructor to medical students at Marian University's College of Osteopathic

Medicine, and most recently a valued colleague and beloved instructor of Massage Therapy at Indiana Wellness College. Most recently, Christine started her own business one year ago, dedicated to health and wellness with a focus on healing body-work, and seminars in nutrition and healthy living.

Christine's adventurous life has taken her to the farthest parts of world as she traveled to South Korea and Australia, as well as the Holy Lands and countries throughout Europe, before finding her home in Central Indiana to marry the love of her life, Gary Wayne Woods II. The pair were married on February 21, 2016, at Eagle Creek Park with Angel Bodenhamer performing the ceremony. Their first year of marriage was full, indeed, and included building their marriage and new home, career changes and purchasing a new family car, the all-important dissertation defense, and the most important: becoming a mother on February 10, 2017.

Christine especially loved raising Libby and teaching her to think critically, approach life creatively, and eat in healthy ways. She referred to Libby as her heart outside of her body. Snuggles with Libby during turbulent times or even just before bedtime were a treasured memory for both mother and daughter. She also pursued gardening to honor her father who was an avid gardener. Christine was especially proud of her never-ending supply of tomatoes, peaches, and growing the family pumpkins the previous two Octobers. She was also committed to healthy eating and cooking healthy foods. In particular, she was always in pursuit of making the perfect ice cream, which was not only perfectly healthy but also essential in Christine's world!

One cannot think of Christine and not think of her dogs; she treated them like her children. Hamilton, her "firstborn child", was her furry child in every sense of the word. It was truly fitting that she was fulfilling a promise to Hamilton when she met Gary at the dog park. Prior to their initial chance meeting, Christine and Gary both performed "a dog's inner monologue," that is they

verbally articulated what they imagined a dog was thinking. Christine made a humorous remark on behalf of a dog, Gary laughed, and the rest was history. Faith was important to Christine. She first discovered Connection Pointe Christian Church for her family on December 6th, 2017. Which coincidentally was Pastor John Dickerson first sermon. They took this as a sign and continued attending. Having initially dismissed Connection Pointe as too large and impersonal, and preferring a smaller church with more of a community feeling, Christine and Gary were pleasantly surprised to find community, caring, growth, and love from this place.

Christine is preceded in death by her father John Yu. She is survived by her husband Gary, daughter Libby, mother Susan (Kim) Yu, sister Sandi (Yu) Rueger, and brothers Dan (Yu) and Paul (Yu), as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Cremation Arrangements have been entrusted to Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel in Monrovia. Visitation will be held on Friday, November 22, 2024 from 1:00 to 4:00pm, with a Celebration of Life Memorial Service starting at 4:00pm at Connection Pointe Christian Church, 1800 N. Green Street, Brownsburg, IN 46112.

The family is deeply moved by the outpouring of love during this difficult time. The thoughts and prayers as well as tangible support, such as meals and playdates for Christine's seven-year-old daughter, Libby, have been greatly appreciated. Expressions of sympathy including cards, flowers, or contributions in support of Libby's future education are equally welcomed. Contributions to Libby' education may be made at: Ugift529.com. Libby's specific Ugift code is 27V-X0H. To join the Facebook Memorial, please click https://www.facebook.com/events/559986410309466/?acontext=%7B%22action_history%22:%22null%22%7D. To share a favorite story, send an online

condolence to the family, or light a candle in Christine's memory, please visit her tribute page at www.lightmemorial.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **22**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Connection Pointe Christian Church
1800 N. Green Street
Brownsburg, IN 46112

Celebration of Life Memorial Service

NOV **22**. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CG

“ We met Christine and Libby at the Marion University Summer Camp, and later they joined us for my daughter’s birthday party. We feel blessed to have met Christine. A wonderful and loving mom! We are saddened by the news of her passing. We are praying and keep her family and especially Libby in our hearts. It was great to learn that our families reside in Brownsburg. I hope our paths cross again. All our best, Cindy and family.

Cindy Gil - December 13, 2024 at 11:57 AM

RP

“ It's truly heartbreaking how neighbors aren't as neighborly as they used to be but I was fortunate to have had four wonderful neighbors on my block. Two moved away three years ago, leaving me with two remaining friends. Today, though, those two are down to one. Christine, I'm devastated by your passing. Over the years, we exchanged pleasantries and greetings, but this year, we finally stopped and took the time to really connect. We spent hours talking, and I knew I had found a new friend. The last time I saw her was on Halloween, as I handed candy to her daughter, Libby, and her friend. Christine and I shared a laugh and exchanged a few words. Libby even told me how much she loved my emotional outfit, which made us both smile. We said our goodbyes, with both of us saying, "Take care, see you soon," not knowing that just ten days later, Christine would pass away.

She was always wearing a smile and always lending a hand. I really hate it took us so long to connect on a deeper level yet I'm grateful that we did always greet one another with a smiling and said Hello. I was truly looking forward to him anymore. Laughs in conversation I am memories to cherish. Christine, you are loved.

I thank God I had the chance to see her one last time, and I'm grateful she was my niece's amazing professor. Her IWC students truly loved you.

#Dr.Yu

R. PATTERSON - November 22, 2024 at 12:27 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Christine Yu.

November 21, 2024 at 09:15 PM

VW

“ Vicki W. purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Christine Yu.



Vicki W. - November 21, 2024 at 05:36 PM

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TF

“ The Kidz Korner Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Christine Yu.



The Kidz Korner Family - November 19, 2024 at 07:12 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Christine Yu.



November 19, 2024 at 05:13 PM



“ Remembering her single mindedness and determination to pursue happiness, joy, and ice cream!



Linda Choe - November 18, 2024 at 01:32 PM

BM

“Christine and I were both Christian Education majors at Wheaton and shared many classes- and coffees- together. I always felt so special that she actually liked me and took a real interest in me (I was beyond socially awkward at the time) I don't think I can ever remember her crying; I'm sure she did but in all the time we spent together throughout college, it was me doing the crying and her consoling and encouraging me. We stayed in touch via Facebook and several years ago, I encountered a collision of hardships which Christine took upon herself to not only pray for me but also diligently write me frequently, always encouraging me and loving me without any judgment or assumptions about some of what was happening in my life. I remember one particular day she called me- we hadn't personally talked for over 20 years- yet we picked right up and she gave me hope and light in a very dark time in my life when many others just didn't know what to do with me or how to help me. I am forever grateful for her friendship from long ago and my heart aches for her beloved husband, child, mom, siblings and the many, many, many friends and mentees she garnered her life long. I can only pray that she is celebrating with Jesus right now with her fantastic smile just plastered across her face as it always seemed to be so much of the time, only now, forever and always. I love you, Christine, and thank you for all the goodness and joy you brought not only to my life but so many others. May you now rest in Jesus' arms and knowing that He is taking care of your very most loved creatures on earth and will do so until you are reunited with them again. Lord, thank you for the gift you gave me in knowing Christine!

Biz McKean - November 17, 2024 at 08:34 AM

DJ

“ Hello, this is Deborah. I have a special memory of Christine. She came to visit her mom and visited Wellspring Church for a Sunday service. Afterwards, we went out to lunch in Wheaton and spent almost three hours sharing our lives and faith in His goodness. Christine, I had the most wonderful time with you and I will always treasure our time together. I miss seeing your beautiful smile and loving kindness. Love you. I look forward to seeing you in heaven!

deborah joy - November 16, 2024 at 03:35 PM

WF

“ Walt, Marilyn, Cathy, Carol & family purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Christine Yu.



Walt, Marilyn, Cathy, Carol & family - November 16, 2024 at 01:07 PM

DW

“ David W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christine Yu.

David W. - November 15, 2024 at 07:32 PM