



# Kristina Marie Giehl

August 13, 1978 - September 13, 2022

Peoria - Kristina Giehl was born in Princeton, IL at Perry Memorial Hospital on August 13, 1978, the only child of Thomas J and Vicki F (Blunier) Giehl. She passed away on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at OSF Transitional Care Hospital in Peoria, IL., surrounded by loved ones.

She attended St. Louis Catholic School, Princeton Elementary School and graduated from Princeton High School in 1996. Kristina attended Concordia University in River Forest, Illinois, graduating (Magna Cum Laude) in 2000 with a B. A. Degree in Early Childhood Education and a Specialization in Art.

Kristina's work life included being an early childhood educator, elementary art teacher, and a customer care consultant. She was last employed by HGS in Peoria as a McDonalds Corporate Service Representative and production specialist.

Art and creative endeavors were always of prime interest for Kristina. She participated in art shows and enjoyed exploring museums, especially art museums, when she was on vacation.

Kristina loved decorating for Christmas, collecting Christmas ornaments, and designing her own Christmas cards. Friends and relatives looked forward to receiving her latest Christmas card depicting the adventures of Stocking Hat Sam, a character she created. Kristina continued to be a voracious reader and follower of Jeopardy. She loved music and the theater, especially performances sponsored by Festival 56. She was a lover of animals and frequently cared for the cats and dogs of friends and neighbors.

Kristina is survived by her parents, Thomas and Vicki Giehl, her aunt, Bernadette (Giehl) West; numerous cousins and many family friends. She was especially close to her cousin, Susan West.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Otto and Rose (Meisner) Giehl, Victor

and Florence (Tassart) Blunier; her uncles and aunts, Francis and Geraldine (Dietrich) Giehl; Eugene and Joann (Clarence) Giehl, Marvin "Bud" and Rose Mary (Giehl) Huber; and Joseph West.

Kristina was a tissue donor to Gift of Hope. Cremation Rites Accorded.

In lieu of flowers, her final wish was that the memorials could be directed to Friends of Strays or the Princeton Theater Groups, the nonprofit organization of Festival 56.

Visitation is scheduled for Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

A Mass to follow at St. Louis Catholic Church in Princeton, IL on Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 11:30 p.m. officiated by Monsignor Kruse. Graveside services to follow at Oakland Cemetery in Princeton, IL.

Online memorials and condolences may be directed to [www.norbergfh.com](http://www.norbergfh.com)

Arrangements by Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Norberg Memorial Home, Inc.  
701 E. Thompson Street  
Princeton, IL 61356

## Mass

OCT 11. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

St. Louis Catholic Church - Princeton  
616 S Gosse Blvd  
Princeton, IL 61356

## Graveside Service

OCT 11. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Oakland Cemetery  
Park Avenue  
Princeton, IL 61356

# Tribute Wall

PC

“ We will always remember those picnics and fireworks at the Nelson's plus just being friends that we can count on. Love to you Vicki and Tom at this hard, hard time.

Pam Cochran - October 10, 2022 at 10:18 PM

LC

“ Kristina was in my son Seth Bickett's class. I remember her as being the sweetest little girl all the way through school. Her parents were always lovely people too. I am so sorry for your loss.

Lonnie Caldwell - October 05, 2022 at 08:20 PM

JB

“ I was Kristina 's kindergarten teacher and Vickie was my sons' art teacher and also would come in and bless us with her artistic talents she shared with Kristina's classmates... Kristina was a beautiful child so sweet so kind and I cannot even imagine your loss Vickie and Tom... I am sad beyond words and I send my love and prayers to both of you. Thank you for the privilege of being able to teach your daughter... She was a joy.

Janelle Beltramini

Janelle Beltramini - September 29, 2022 at 01:00 PM

BG

“ I will always remember how sweet Kristina was and her smile. I enjoyed hearing about her American girl doll and when she had the attic redone for her bedroom and how excited she was. Sending many prayers during this time of sadness. May God give you peace! I have so many fond memories at your house. Much love and prayers Bridget and Eric GUALANDI

Bridget Gualandi - September 26, 2022 at 09:36 AM

JG

“*Kristina Giehl, my dear friend and fellow artist, a former student who could still tell me everything I'd ever said about English, was a blessing to many and a young woman of amazing quiet strength. I held her in my arms when she was a baby and watched her suffer with such courage the last months of her life. A few hours ago, my Aunt Jeany, for whom I'm named, also passed into the arms of God, surrounded by family and listening to Judy Collins sing "Amazing Grace." The loss of these two gentle souls left me feeling bereft and empty.*



*It was the song "Hymn of Promise" that shook me out of myself and reminded me of the "Amazing Grace" and the awesome power of God's love.*

*Here are the words to "Hymn of Promise" #707 in the United Methodist Church Hymnal*

*In the bulb there is a flower; In the seed, an apple tree;  
In cocoons, a hidden promise: Butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter There's a spring that waits to be,  
Unrevealed until its season, Something God alone can see.*

*There's a song in every silence, Seeking word and melody;  
There's a dawn in every darkness, Bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future; What it holds, a mystery,  
Unrevealed until its season, Something God alone can see.*

*In our end is our beginning; In our time, infinity;  
In our doubt there is believing; In our life, eternity,  
In our death, a resurrection; At the last, a victory,  
Unrevealed until its season, Something God alone can see.*

*May God hold you in His loving arms, Kristina. May he watch over your parents, our beloved friends Tom and Vicki!*

*Jeany and John Gewin (Aunt and Uncle of sorts)*

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**Jean Gewin** - September 25, 2022 at 12:44 AM

RK

“*Sending prayers to the Giehl family on the loss of your previous daughter. May God give you the strength to work through these difficult days.*



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**Renee Kasuba** - September 23, 2022 at 04:55 PM

SS

“ I remember Kristina in High School! She was in choir with Stephen ! They are singing with the angels now! My heart goes out to Vicki and Tom! Sympathy and ably! Sue Glover

Sue StumpfGlover - September 23, 2022 at 10:47 AM

GB

“ I have very fond memories of visiting the Giehl family and playing with Kristina as a child. Art definitely influenced the things that we did. It was a part of the household. I have enjoyed the Christmas cards Kristina created over the years. She is a talented artist and a beautiful and unique cousin that will be missed. My deepest sympathies go out to Vicki and Tom and all of her family. You're in my thoughts and prayers, Gina Bull

Gina Bull - September 22, 2022 at 11:57 AM

SA

“ Our deepest condolences Vicki & Tom, may your fond memories of Kristina give you peace. Keeping you in our prayers, Mike and Sally Arnett



Sally & Mike Arnett - September 21, 2022 at 02:26 PM

CB

“ Kristina was such a sweet & gentle soul! She was also a wonderful artist! She sent me a Christmas Card that she created herself - for almost 2 decades! She created the cutest Snowmen Cards every year - and I will miss receiving her Christmas Wishes this year! She was a wonderful young lady & anyone who knew her was truly blessed! I will be praying for her family, especially her cherished parents, Vicki & Tom! May the Lord hold you in the palm of His hand & surround you with His comfort & peace! I am so very sorry for your tremendous loss! Kristina will be missed so very much!  
In God's Love & Amazing Grace, Cheryl Hodge Bebej

Cheryl Hodge Bebej - September 21, 2022 at 02:07 PM