



Christine A. Williams

December 19, 1974 - March 7, 2020

After one of the most valiant battles against cancer imaginable, and far too soon, Christine A. Williams, 45, of Powell, Ohio, left this earth on March 7, 2020. Christine brought joy to the world with her birth in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on December 19, 1974, to Janet (Petrisko) and Henry Gaylor. She continued to bring that joy to those who knew and loved her as, having earned her BS in Nutrition at Penn State, she moved to Ohio, where she worked as a dietitian, and on to Arizona, where she continued in that field until accepting employment with Abbott Pharmaceuticals.

It was in Arizona that she met and married Shannon, in 2007, and happily gave birth to son Ayden in 2008. In 2012, Christine moved with her family to Ohio where she continued to work for Abbott until her death, even taking work with her as she underwent chemotherapy treatment. While fulfilling her professional obligations and taking care of her family, Christine completed a master's degree in nutrition from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, acquiring knowledge that was beneficial professionally as well as to her family and to others who enjoyed the healthful fruits of her incredibly well-outfitted kitchen.

But this list of accomplishments only begins to describe Christine. She was a wise and loving mother to Ayden and fought her cancer more for his sake than for her own. She was fun to be with and had a wicked sense of humor. She

loved going to Zumba and yoga, which she practiced until shortly before her hospitalization in January. She played the violin, surrounded herself with plants, danced with her dog, taught religious-education classes, and always remembered birthdays and special occasions of friends and family. She was an amazing and courageous fighter in her struggle with cancer and through her final days never complained.

Christine was preceded in death by her mother, Janet. In addition to husband Shannon and son Ayden, Christine is survived by her father, Henry Gaylor, brother, Eric Gaylor, sister, Lauren Newton (Scott), and a host of aunts, uncles, and cousins. She will be carried in the hearts of the many who knew, loved, and admired her.

Services and interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Ayden's education fund. Send checks payable to: Edward Jones, 37 S. Liberty Street, Powell OH 43065 and reference Ayden Williams.

"In this short life that only lasts an hour
How much—how little—is within our power."—Emily Dickinson

Tribute Wall



“ *Christine A. Williams*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Christine A. Williams.*



April 02, 2021 at 07:16 PM



“ *I'm so very sorry to hear the passing of Christine. My deepest condolences to her family and friends. I knew her in high school,. She was sweet and kind. The world needs more souls like her. So very sorry.*

Zubin Patrawala - August 22, 2020 at 09:20 AM

MJ

“ Dear Shannon and Ayden,
I'm thinking of your dear Christine so much lately. Thank you for sharing her with us in the work setting. She would choose the time, place, and how much she wanted to share with me about her health. In those moments, she remained positive, and nearly always spoke of at least one of you. I think of Christine fondly whenever I perform work related to her job function. When Christine came around my workspace looking for someone specific, she had a bounce in her step and a broad smile on her face, as if she were peaking into a gift box with happy anticipation. I'm sure you know her expression I'm describing! I'll be planting flower bulbs soon around my home, in her memory. I'm already calling them "Christine's Calla Lillies," and looking forward to their purple blooms to keep her AND YOU in my thoughts and prayers.

*Most Sincerely,
Michelle Johnson*

Michelle Johnson - May 13, 2020 at 07:49 PM

LP

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Ligaya Petrisko - March 15, 2020 at 10:29 PM

LP

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Ligaya Petrisko - March 15, 2020 at 10:25 PM

LP

Christine and I were very close to each other. She was one of the flower girls at our wedding. Being the goddaughter and niece of my husband, our daughters grew up with her and her brother and sister. We spent many holidays together,

We became even closer after she lost her Mom. I remember the happy phone call when she shared me the good news about her and Shannon being pregnant. Bob and I were in Tucson just days before Ayden was born. She kept in touch with frequent phone calls and visits wherever we were, AZ, CA, MD and Switzerland. She was thoughtful, caring and loving.

I was with Christine from the start to the end of her fight with cancer. Last year, she asked me to accompany her in all her appointments when she changed to Ohio State for her treatments. She introduced me as her Mom to her doctors and nurses. During these past 6 years, we laughed, cried, danced Zumba, hugged and prayed together. Christine made me a smarter and stronger person, .

I love you Christine.

Ligaya Petrisko - March 15, 2020 at 11:32 PM

PZ

“ I met Christine through Scioto Ridge, as our kids are in the same grade, and we were on a few field trips together. After initially talking to her, I just knew she was someone I wanted to get to know more and we would become fast friends. She was one of my closest Zumba buddies...I would sometimes look over at her and she would do this goofy move to make me laugh. She was the most positive person, even throughout all the pain and hardships she was dealing with. She always had a smile on her face, we'd hug before class and catch up on things after class. I admired her high kicks, and just her overall strength that she had. She was a power house! I've really missed seeing her in Zumba these last few months. She has been in my thoughts and prayers, as well as her family.

With Love, Paula Zieg

Paula Zieg - March 15, 2020 at 06:31 PM

PE

“ Certainly was a bright light in my life. I haven't met anyone else that had the "can do attitude" quite like Christine. Always up for an adventure. Loved being a mom. Great sense of humor. I feel fortunate to have her in my tribe of close friends. A travel through adversity is easier with support and Shannon provided strength through all the ups and downs. Taken too soon. Christine did a lot of living in the time she was here. I hope we meet again in another dimension.....

Pamela Echeverria

pamela echeverria - March 13, 2020 at 08:29 PM

BD

“ Christine was an amazing person,so full of life and dedicated to what ever she did.No matter what was going on at work she always had a smile on her face.I will miss her smile,laugh,insight and zest for life.She was a fighter and always so positive.
God Bless her now and forever. My prayers and thoughts are with her and her family.
Bob Dahms

bob dahms - March 13, 2020 at 11:29 AM

DP

“ Christine was a sweet, smart and driven woman. A beautiful person who loved her family and friends. She will be missed.

David Petrisko - March 12, 2020 at 10:01 PM

KK

“ Christine was such a beautiful person inside and out. We have definitely lost an angel, but heaven is very lucky to have her!

Karen Kimbro

Karen Kimbro - March 12, 2020 at 12:36 PM

LA

“ Dearest Christine, I miss you so much already. Your beautiful soul and infectious spirit filled the cardio room at the gym. I loved dancing next to you. No one could rival your high kick, and your moves were always on point. We quickly bonded over our love for Zumba and having children the same age. Our friendship is one I will forever treasure, and I am so very thankful we met. We celebrated each other’s victories and offered support on darker days. Through it all, you never stopped smiling and kept dancing through the pain. You were so very brave. Your optimism never faltered. You were truly one of the most courageous people I have ever met. Rest in peace, my friend. You will never be forgotten.
Love, Leigh Anne

Shannon and Ayden, please know I am praying for both of you right now and am so very sorry for your loss.


Leigh Anne - March 12, 2020 at 12:27 PM

JB

“ Every time I saw Christine she was cheerful & lovely to me! I always enjoyed her presence & positive attitude...she’ll be greatly missed & she touched many with her smile & loving personality 🙏



Jennifer Best - March 11, 2020 at 10:35 PM


Courtney
Haught

“ Christine was such a beautiful and special soul. Thank you for just being you. You will be greatly missed ❤️❤️

Courtney Haught - March 11, 2020 at 09:58 PM



“ I was Ayden’s teacher and I saw what an amazing mom Christine was to Ayden. She was truly a beautiful and special person.

Christy Moore - March 11, 2020 at 08:03 PM

LN

“ Christine was not only my sister, but my inspiration. Christine was the strongest person I have ever known and she continued to show her determination through each obstacle she faced in life. Christine had a magnetic personality you could not help but be drawn to. She made you laugh, supported you when you cried and always had a positive perspective to help you reflect. I miss my sister more than words can express, but feel she is finally at peace with my Mom.

Lauren Newton - March 11, 2020 at 07:47 PM

AL

“ I had the great fortune of working with Christine at Abbott. She was a wonderful co-worker and woman. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family at this time. She will surely be missed.

Alyssa - March 11, 2020 at 07:28 PM

KA

“ I have worked at Abbott with Christine for several years. She was always very upbeat and fun. She was a great resource and a very energetic and positive employee. We will miss her a lot! May God bless you her family and friends and ease your sorrow and surround you with His arms of love and encouragement as you mourn the loss of Christine in your lives. I pray that all of the wonderful memories you have together will carry you through until you meet again!

Kay Arnold - March 11, 2020 at 04:17 PM

MM

“ *Marni Meredith lit a candle in memory of Christine A. Williams*



Marni Meredith - March 11, 2020 at 04:04 PM

MM

Christine was always smiling, positive and such a wonderful person. I got to know her when we were on the same floor here at Abbott. I loved running in to her in the café and our talks, she was such a wonderful person. Her light will be missed by me and those of us at Abbott.

Marni Meredith - March 11, 2020 at 04:08 PM

RS

“ *Christine was a colleague at Abbott. She was one of the most energetic, positive, "can do" people I have ever met. I don't think I ever saw Christine anything other than the positive and collaborative partner that she was known as among her co-workers. She will be deeply missed, but the impact she made on her co-workers and customers will endure.*

Richard Schneider - March 11, 2020 at 03:41 PM

MP

“ *I send out my condolences to all those mourning for the loss of Christine. I spent 7-12 grade with Christine and kept in touch with her afterwards. Of course I had not heard from Christine in about two years and now I know why. She definitely added a lot of humor to my life during those formative years. Christine will be missed.*

Matt Parobeck - March 11, 2020 at 12:51 PM



“ I’m so sorry to hear this. The entire Enchanted Care staff are praying for Ayden and Shannon during this difficult time.

Sarah McBrien - March 11, 2020 at 12:19 PM



“ Christine was a wonderful and beautiful person. She became a mentor when I first came to Abbott. We shared some similar life experiences that brought us together as friends. She was always encouraging, optimistic and kind. She was an incredible mom and I looked up to her. We always laughed so hard when we would get together. I cherish the memories and know that heaven has gained an angel but I will miss her.

Lindsey - March 11, 2020 at 11:58 AM



“ There will always be a part of our hearts that will carry you with us. We are grateful to have had you in our lives. You are loved and will be tremendously missed. Thank you for always being a caring mother for our son, Owen. We never had to worry when he was running through your home or staying the night. Raising our sons together has been a joy I’ll never forget. And, this will make you laugh - I’ll miss looking over and seeing you watching dutifully over your son, looking stunning in your swimsuit and straw hat, at the pool. This is how I’ll always remember you, carefree – spending precious time with your family in the sunshine. Your beautiful legacy, Ayden. What a wonderful and funny kid you’ve raised. We see your kindness, warmth, and grace in his actions and thoughts. Your beautiful light will always shine brightly in him. We will miss you so much but forever grateful that our paths crossed.

Karen Sanford - March 11, 2020 at 11:19 AM

EB

“ Dear Christine- to have known you was to know a friend. You were supportive, positive, and energetic . You built up those around you. I am so thankful to have worked with you. You gave the best presentations. You were a phenomenal career woman AND an amazing Mom who loved her son and husband so very much. Your son will carry on your gifts. You have touched my life forever more.

Elise Bowman - March 11, 2020 at 10:21 AM

JM

“ Christine was such a bright spirit and a breath of fresh air every time I saw her at work. She kept her smile bright despite the serious health crisis she was battling. We will all remember her for her confidence and warm personality. I personally got to know her as we were trainers in different business units and we would often swap Best Practices. We would continue to work on cross-functional projects in the years following. She beamed with pride as she would often share stories about Ayden-- her heart and also shared how supportive her husband was during her bouts of illness. We will greatly miss Christine, a ray of sunshine.

*With prayers of comfort,
Jala Moore*

Jala Moore - March 11, 2020 at 09:36 AM

KJ

“ Christine was such an amazing person. We were neighbors when they lived here in Arizona. Our boys played together all of the time. Christine was always there for us and did so much for us. We even did a trip to California together and surprised the boys. My heart is breaking. Please know that I thought of you all of the time and I'm sorry I didn't keep in contact as much as I should and now it's too late. Shannon and Ayden I love you guys. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Big hugs. I am so sorry for your loss.

Kari Joanides - March 11, 2020 at 07:59 AM

AL

“ Dear Christine - I miss you already. So I've downloaded and saved all the emails, texts and voice messages I still had from you. Your kindness, spunk, resiliency, fierce loyalty to those you love, your fight, and that wrinkle in your nose and the twinkle in your eyes when you smile are among the things I will cherish in my memories of you. I remember that day I took off work to spend with you after your surgery last year....I had this fancy idea I would bring over food for us to eat and that I would take care of you, entertain you and update you on things at work. But no, I was the one sitting down and you were the one up and about making us avocado toast for lunch. And I smile rereading your note you sent me on your last birthday - when you weren't feeling well at all - asking how you and your family could help us after John's surgery. Typical Christine. Thank you for being my friend and kindred spirit, my lunch companion, my reality check and proof that something special happens (like friendship) when we let the lines between "work life" and "real life" blur into just one life we live. We'll catch up again in Heaven! Love, Ann

Ann L. - March 11, 2020 at 05:14 AM

SW

“ Christine always called me bro, she treated me and talked to me as a brother. She put up the most courageous fight ever for her family. You’ve left a hole in all our hearts but we know you’d want us to live life to the fullest just as you did.
Not goodbye, instead, until we meet again sis

Scott Williams - March 11, 2020 at 12:04 AM

JN

“ The world has lost a beautiful soul. Christine and I were dear friends working together at Abbott. We came to share our concerns and helped to support each other over the years. I learned many things from her. Never give up the fight. Don’t complain about your problems. Tell those you love that you love them. Enjoy every day of your life. Always have a sense of humor. Don’t be afraid to try something new. Be brave. I will miss her smile and will miss having someone to share things with. She has been our Super Women. I never met anyone with such strength as her. Rest in peace now Christine. I look forward to when we meet again.
Jeff Nelson

Jeffrey Nelson - March 10, 2020 at 08:20 PM

RP

“ I was present at the hospital on Christine’s birthday in 1974 to welcome her into this world and she passed away peacefully in my arms last Saturday morning. She was my Godchild and we always had a special bond. We gave each other strength to face the inevitable and I miss her terribly.
Uncle Bob

Robert Petrisko - March 10, 2020 at 05:39 PM

ME

“ *A happy visit in Pittsburgh*



Mary Ellen - March 10, 2020 at 05:15 PM

JK

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



James Kamnikar - March 10, 2020 at 04:49 PM