



## Crystie "Chris" O'Neil

October 23, 1959 - December 7, 2016

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Crystie "Chris" O'Neil, 57, of Dublin completed her long dance with cancer on December 7, 2016 surrounded by her loving family. She left peacefully holding the hands of her beautiful loving daughters. Chris is survived by her husband, Sean O'Neil; her daughters, Jessica and Emily Schleder; her bonus daughters, Melanie Senter, and Colleen VanEman and their husbands, Keith Senter and Phil VanEman, as well as her soon to be son-in-law, Ryan Thornlow; mother, Mary Gibson; sisters, Terri O'Connell and Charlene Howison. Crystie was also an amazing mimzy to Bradley, Leah, and Avery. She is preceded in death by her brother, Michael Gibson, and her father, James Gibson. Crystie will be missed by all who knew and loved her. She will continue to remind us to live each moment to the fullest and to enjoy these moments as they pass. Calling hours will be held on Monday, December 12, 2016 from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM at the NEW HOPE CHURCH 4739 W. Powell Road Powell, Ohio 43065. Calling Hours will also be held on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 from 10:00 AM to 10:50 AM at the church where a memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM. with a five minute dance party to follow with a location to be determined. In lieu of flowers, we ask that all people perform an act of kindness in Crystie's memory or memorial contributions may be made to the Columbus Zoo or to the Kobacker House. To send an online condolence, please visit [www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com).



# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

DEC 12. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

New Hope Church  
4739 West Powell Road  
Powell, OH 43065  
<http://newhopeworship.org/>

## Calling Hours

DEC 13. 10:00 AM - 10:50 AM (ET)

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## Memorial Service

DEC 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Crystie "Chris" O'Neil*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *I just heard about Crystie, I am so sorry and send my prayers to her family. I worked with Crystie at Business First and she always had a smile that brightened the room, a kind word to say and she was such a good person to be around. May she rest in peace.*

**Ann Logan** - December 25, 2016 at 05:07 PM



“ *My name is Evi Lopez and I worked with Crystie many years at Columbus Monthly Magazine. I'm so sad to learn of her passing. She leaves me with so many good memories of working together, (Crystie and I laughed a lot). I will cherish those days and feel lucky to have met her. My condolences to the family.*

**Evi Lopez** - December 19, 2016 at 03:16 PM



“ *Mrs. Gibson and family,  
I was very sorry and shocked to hear of Chrystie's passing. I spent an evening a few years ago talking to her about Mike and found her to be a very warm and engaging person. Again, I am very sorry for your loss.*  
*Jim Macklin*

**Jim Macklin** - December 19, 2016 at 05:29 AM

DH

“ To the O'Neil family and friends I extend sincere condolences. May the God of all comfort sustain you in his loving care in the days ahead (Psalms 34:18).



DH - December 13, 2016 at 07:32 AM



“ *Pretty Please* was purchased for the family of Crystie "Chris" O'Neil.



December 12, 2016 at 09:26 PM

TV

“ Tami And Neil Vining lit a candle in memory of Crystie "Chris" O'Neil



Tami and Neil Vining - December 12, 2016 at 07:51 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Crystie "Chris" O'Neil.



December 12, 2016 at 02:14 PM

VM

“ I met Crystie a few years ago. I loved her humor and passion. My heart breaks for her family.

Vicki McCoy - December 12, 2016 at 01:16 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Crystie "Chris" O'Neil.



December 12, 2016 at 12:55 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Crystie "Chris" O'Neil.



December 12, 2016 at 12:46 PM

FF

“ Frank Hall and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Crystie "Chris" O'Neil.



Frank Hall and family - December 12, 2016 at 12:05 PM

DB

“ Dear Sean and Family, I was so sorry to learn that Chris passed away. Please accept my sympathy and condolence, Sean you were always a good friend and my heart aches for you and family.  
Your friend and retired co-worker  
Doris Biser

Doris Biser - December 12, 2016 at 11:16 AM

LF

“ Lou Barnes & Family purchased the Pretty Pleas  
e for the family of Crystie "Chris" O'Neil.



Lou Barnes & Family - December 12, 2016 at 09:55 AM

BB

“ Bryan and Amy Balsimo purchased the Florist Ch  
oice Bouquet for the family of Crystie "Chris"  
O'Neil.



Bryan and Amy Balsimo - December 12, 2016 at 08:28 AM

LC

“ Lighting Systems of Columbus purchased the Fru  
its and Blooms Basket for the family of Crystie  
"Chris" O'Neil.



Lighting Systems of Columbus - December 12, 2016 at 08:19 AM

YE

“ *Your Friends at Accurate Electric purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Crystie "Chris" O'Neil.*



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**Your Friends at Accurate Electric** - December 12, 2016 at 07:52 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Crystie "Chris" O'Neil.*



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December 11, 2016 at 05:13 PM

DM

“ *I met Chris and Sean a couple of years ago in Hawaii, and we kept in touch through facebook. She was an amazing woman and i'll miss her.*



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**Doug McNeill** - December 11, 2016 at 03:15 PM

Trish  
Borges

“ Sorry to hear of Chris's passing. We just lost our daughter, Melissa Enriquez, to cancer this past January. She also spent several days at the Kobacker House before she passed. Know the pain and sorrow you are going through. Our deepest condolences to the whole family. Trish and Ray Borges



Trish Borges - December 11, 2016 at 01:43 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Crystie "Chris" O'Neil.



December 11, 2016 at 09:01 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Chris at this difficult time. We have many wonderful memories, which we will cherish.

David and Tracy Mills

Tracy Hindes Mills - December 10, 2016 at 03:43 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Crystie "Chris" O'Neil.



December 10, 2016 at 03:26 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Crystie "Chris" O'Neil.



December 10, 2016 at 01:02 PM



“ The Qualters family. purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Crystie "Chris" O'Neil.



The Qualters family. - December 10, 2016 at 12:55 PM



“ Jami lit a candle in memory of Crystie "Chris" O'Neil



Jami - December 10, 2016 at 12:42 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Crystie "Chris" O'Neil.



December 10, 2016 at 09:18 AM

MP

“ Jessica & Emily, you probably don't remember me. My name is Marcia Peachey. When Harry & I were still married we fostered Kayleigh, your dog, when you could not have her in your apartment with your cats & rabbit. It was many years ago, however please know we loved your Mom. She for real. I am sad to read this, to know she suffered, means you did. Continue on with her good soul & spirit every day. Peace & comfort to & yours. Marcia Jones Peachey

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**Marcia Peachey** - December 09, 2016 at 08:44 PM

AB

“ Alderman Joe Moore, Mike, Wayne, Ann, Cecilia Bob purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Crystie "Chris" O'Neil.



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**Alderman Joe Moore, Mike, Wayne, Ann, Cecilia Bob** -  
December 09, 2016 at 06:03 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Crystie "Chris" O'Neil.



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December 09, 2016 at 03:21 PM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Crystie "Chris" O'Neil.*



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December 09, 2016 at 02:39 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to Sean and all the family.*

*My thoughts are with all of you.*

*Tom Atchison - Safeway Electric Co., Inc.*

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**Tom Atchison** - December 09, 2016 at 02:33 PM



“ *Bob Twomey, C.E.D. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Crystie "Chris" O'Neil.*



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**Bob Twomey, C.E.D.** - December 09, 2016 at 02:32 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Crystie "Chris" O'Neil.*



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December 09, 2016 at 01:22 PM

PM

“ Sean, so very sorry, for Your loss.....pat and sandy

pat mattes - December 09, 2016 at 01:17 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Crystie "Chris" O'Neil.



December 09, 2016 at 10:02 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Crystie "Chris" O'Neil.



December 09, 2016 at 09:53 AM

DC

“ Darrell Cantan purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Crystie "Chris" O'Neil.



Darrell Cantan - December 09, 2016 at 09:23 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Crystie "Chris" O'Neil.*



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December 09, 2016 at 09:20 AM



“ *DEH Electric Famliy purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Crystie "Chris" O'Neil.*



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**DEH Electric Famliy** - December 09, 2016 at 08:49 AM



“ *My favorite memory is the days I kinda lived with her years ago one summer when I was having marital issues. Chris, the girls and I had so much fun! Going to the pool most days and playing "beauty salon" with the girls! Chris would listen for hours to me griping and whining and all the time with a smile on her face and a cup of hot tea. (She got me in to drinking tea, Bigalow's Constant Comment!) She encouraged me, let me cry on her shoulder and loved me through a very difficult time. She played an important part in saving my marriage. To this day, Al and I are still married going on 25 years. We're gonna miss you forever my dar-ling Blake. Love you madly!*

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**Chris Prince** - December 08, 2016 at 06:49 PM

DG

“ I am one of the many people that have been blessed to know Chris for many years. From high school to present she has always been a kind, loving, fun person. In recent years she has taught us so much about living each day to the fullest. I hope I an inspire and pass on the love to as many as he has! Until we dance together again... I will miss you Chris! Prayers for your family.

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**Denise Grow** - December 08, 2016 at 05:37 PM

YS

“ Your Friends at Fields Electrical Sales. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Crystie "Chris" O'Neil.



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**Your Friends at Fields Electrical Sales.** - December 08, 2016 at 05:00 PM

TO

“ So sorry for your family's loss. Chris was a great freind from high school days. She was so much fun and always had a smile on her face. Sur sounds like she raised two wonderful daughters, I know she was a great mom. My prayers are with your family  
Tom and Janet Davis

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**ToDavis** - December 08, 2016 at 04:37 PM

TB

“ First of all, I woke up suddenly in the middle of the night, looked on Facebook and saw Jessica's posting. I haven't been back to sleep since then. After sobbing for awhile, I started thinking about all our wonderful memories.

My daughter used to babysit for Jessica and Emily when they were quite young. We would all trick or treat together and have so much fun.

When Chris and I were both single many years ago, we became Paradise Island groupies, following them quite frequently to hear their awesome band. At these bars, we used our alter ego names. She was Blake Holiday and I was Gabrielle Star. The only problem is that we would forget and accidentally call each other by our real names, confusing people near us. Many nights she ended up playing tambourine with the band.

A few years ago, Chris texted several people on a Friday and said, "Don't text me back", just show up tomorrow to do something fun." She didn't explain and Karen Brown and I showed up on Saturday. We went to the zoo and had a behind the scenes tour with Harry Peachey to feed Rosie the rhinoceros and Beco the elephant. What a fun day! Speaking of the zoo, we were both on the Zoofari Committee for many years. Whenever we left to go to Zoofari, she would always say, "I wonder what memories we're going to have when we wake up tomorrow."

ALL my memories of her are nothing short of wonderful.

Chris was always so inspiring and I can't wait to wear a tiara with her in heaven. Love to all the family! ❤️

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**Terri Butler** - December 08, 2016 at 04:15 PM

CP

I remember going to a Zoofari with you and Chris. What a blast we had! She arranged for Harry Peachey to take us into the elephant yard. I remember one of the girls pants for slimed by the elephant's trunk! Wasn't that you? Sweet memories!

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**Chris Prince** - December 09, 2016 at 12:16 AM