



Christine McGowan

November 12, 1950 - January 13, 2021

Christine Lynette McGowan, age 70, of Washington, Iowa, formerly of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, passed away to a better place on January 13, 2021 of complications from COVID-19.

Chris was born at St. Luke's Hospital in Cedar Rapids, Iowa on November 12, 1950. She attended the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School in Vinton, Iowa, where she graduated in 1968.

Chris loved to swim, play Yahtzee, and had a brilliant memory. She also loved to travel, visiting family in other states. She had a love for knitting afghans and sharing them with family and friends, including many babies swaddled with her love. Chris treasured her four guide dogs over the years.

She is survived by siblings: Tom (Celia) McGowan, Bob (Cathie) McGowan, Mike (Ruth) McGowan, Mary McGowan, Dick (Joyce) McGowan, and Gary McGowan; uncle, Don Elarton; and many nieces, nephews and extended family.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Doris McGowan (Elarton) and Richard McGowan.

Chris will be remembered for her long letters, wit, caring heart, her sense of humor, and her contagious laughter.

A private service will be held by the family at a later date.

Comments



“ My daughter, Abby, & I enjoyed visiting Chris on Saturdays. She was always an encouragement even when I knew she wasn't feeling well. It was a joy to take her to church. She will be greatly missed.

Becky Butler - January 19 at 09:42 AM



“ My fondest memory of Chris was when she visited us while we lived near Kansas City in 1975. We were amazed that since she was blind she'd taken the bus by herself to see us. This was before Chris had health issues and the joy and laughter we all shared during that visit was a time to treasure always. Yes, Chris made us laugh with her infectious humor. She had a great time with us but I don't think she ever realized that that visit was just as great for us as it was for her. Chris is someone who will never be forgotten by anyone who knew her. I wish all of her brothers and her sister comfort, peace, and faith that one day we will see Chris again. May God bless you all in this time of grief. Uncle Don

Don Elarton - January 15 at 09:31 AM



“ Growing up we moved around quite a bit, one thing we could always count on was a visit from Aunt Chris. With each visit she brought a little piece of home with her, we enjoyed endless Yatzee marathons, exploring new and exciting places, and visiting while she crafted one of her latest afghan designs. I will never forget all the wonderful times we shared together, you enriched the lives of so many and you be in our hearts forever.

Tommy McGowan - January 15 at 06:07 AM



“ Miss Chris was a very special woman and one of my favorites to care for at the facility, I will always cherish her memory and sweet nature. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family in this difficult time.

Ashlie Andersen - January 14 at 11:13 PM