



Christine Mae (Wilson) Farel

November 12, 1939 - April 2, 2023

Christine Mae Wilson Farel, 83 years young passed at 7:10 p.m. on April 2, 2023, in Belleville, Illinois, at the Memorial Hospital from unexpected natural causes. She was living an active life in a senior apartment community located near her two Southern Illinois Daughters, Christine's second home to Kearney.

Graveside services will be 3:00 pm, April 14, 2023 the Kearney Cemetery with Jim Wilson officiating. Visitation will be from 2:00 to 3:00 pm at the funeral home prior to the graveside service.

Christine was born on November 12, 1939, to Thomas "Tommy" and Alice Wilson in Kearney, Nebraska. It was her lasting request to be remembered in her hometown as KHS Alumni 1957, specifically the "trailblazing" eldest "first" in the Wilson sibling Kearney graduate legacy. Christine served as Business Manager and was an active member of the Honorary Quill and Scroll Journalism Club, sang lyric mezzo-soprano in the choir (also in the First Methodist choir). The majorette photo, reminiscent of drum major Denny Jackson and the high steppers leading KHS straight through the middle of Central Avenue to 1957 commencement and beyond, is solidly the lasting impression Christine would like to "seal the deal" on her memory.

Survivors include children Tim (Rebecca) Farel of Texas, Tristan Farel of Denver, Teresa Farel Stanton of Illinois, Tiffany Farel Snider of Illinois, 6

grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, brothers Bill (Janet) of Hazard, Tom (Marlene) of Rapid City, SD, Leon (Betty) of Gibbon, Dick (Patti) Hazard, Jim (Terri) Kearney, her Wilson sibling offspring greats and great greats.

Proceeded in death by Parents, Sister-in-law Cherie Wilson, grandson Nicholas Tristan Farel, Beloved Grandparents, Aunts and an Uncle, cousins.

Christine accomplished much during her time on earth by investing her best efforts in developing character traits exemplified by discipline, tenacity for purpose, and the highest order of excellence. Some of her most refined attributes were confident leadership abilities, mastery of center stage presence, and competent business and trade skills. Christine focused her industrious ambition on achieving awards, certifications, professional licenses, and higher education diplomas. Esteemed professional credential holdings include Cosmetologist, Cosmetology/Esthetics instructor, Skin Care Analysis Specialist/Esthetician for signature brand Christine Valmy of NY, Makeup Artist for signature cosmetic brands Robert Marc of Chicago and MarK Traynor of NY, JALC Liberal Arts Associates, SIUC Bachelors Arts and Science, SIUC School of Workforce Education and Development Masters in Vocational Education Curriculum Development. Extended fields of learning include nursing, fine art, china painting, floral arrangement, horticulture landscaping, interior design, Arthur Murray Dance, Square Dance, Dale Carnegie self-improvement, how to work the karaoke machine, and how to use her cell phone to call Aunt Pearl.

Christine's achievements were followed by abundant success, which she heartfully shared in collaborations with family, friends, and associates. Her robust team spirit rallied diversity and fresh approaches to knotting, building, and securing next-level interconnectedness. She was accustomed to being ahead of her time and shouldered responsibility when outcomes failed to keep pace with her forward thinking and keen intuitiveness. Christine was multi

talented and could recognize natural aptitudes in others. She took special interest in mentoring strengths she had imparted to her children. Christine's first child, Tim, giftings administration and her youngest brother, Jim, giftings outreach, were born two months apart. Second child, Teresa, giftings creative. Third child, Tiffany, giftings educator. Fourth child, Tristan, giftings accounting. Christine formed a creative union with George Farel that prospered for 25 consecutive years of entrepreneurial success The Chris and George business legacy list includes: Kearney Ne Skyline Coiffure expanded and rebranded Aphrodite Hair Salon. Carbondale, Illinois, relocation, rebranded Adams Rib and Eve's Hair Salons relocated and expanded to incorporate accredited Cosmetology training. Several smaller satellite salons were established, marketed, and sold as turn-key operations. As Nebraska Hair Fashion Committee members, State and National Committee representatives, and hairstyling artistry competitors, they merited several first-place trophies, honorable mentions, awards, and a far reaching reputation for achieving excellence in coiffure creation.

Christine closed her life's work path as a retired Cosmetology Instructor for Shawnee Community College in Ullin, IL, and sole owner operator of a salon and eclectic boutique in the popular Kentucky Traders Mart Mall weekend flea market.

Christine's beautiful presence and exuberance in demonstrating what it is to embody a lineage of solid character with trophies to back it up will be greatly missed. Assuredly, her memorial and future-generation giftings will outperform.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I
Kearney, NE 68847

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR 14. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

Tif
Farel

“Christine was a daughter, then a big sister. Next she was a wife and mother. She was and will always be my best friend! I'll never forget all the adventures and stories! She made a great impression on my friends with her stories and how the only baseball team there is , is the STL cardinals. She will be missed but will always be a part of the lives she touched. ❤️❤️

Tif Farel - April 15, 2023 at 10:28 AM

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“Jim and Tim and family, I am sorry to hear about Chris. I did not know her but I know she was important to you, you will surely miss her, and you will remember her well. Thinking of you all especially today. God's love to you, Barb Wright Mills Hodges.

Barb Wright Mills Hodges - April 14, 2023 at 12:22 PM

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“Christine was my mother in law, I am Rebecca Farel, wife of her son Tim. Due to the pandemic Christine came to our home where we cared for her and where I had the pleasure of getting to know her. She loved music, and we had many days of just sitting outside enjoying the Texas sunshine and listening to music. She and Tim would look through many family pictures and recall memories and people they once knew. Through their stories I learned what a wonderful family the Wilsons are. It was a blessing to have her with us for almost a year and I will truly miss her.

Rebecca Farel - April 12, 2023 at 09:50 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Christine Mae (Wilson) Farel.*



April 12, 2023 at 12:21 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Christine was definitely one of a kind! Hold on to your memories, share them with one another! May God grant you comfort at this time and always. A family friend, Elaine Hackbart*

elaine hackbart - April 09, 2023 at 10:22 PM



“ *The year was 1988, I [Tristan Farel] just graduated high school. Mom and I made the decision to move to Kearney, Nebraska and live with Grandma (Rest in Peace, we love you).*

That summer, mom and I packed our clothes in shipping boxes and dropped them into the mail to be shipped to Grandma's house, then mom and I packed a few essentials and jumped on my motorcycle (Chums old motorcycle that dad bought from him, 1979 Yamaha XS100 Special), yes motorcycle...and mom and I were off on the highway for the 11 hour journey from Southern Illinois to Kearney, Nebraska.

Side note: Grandma was not happy we were traveling cross country on a motorcycle, but that was our only vehicle, since we lost everything that year.

Mom and I had such a fun trip driving out there, it took us 2 days (we took our time) and we endured all types of weather on the road, but mom was a smart cookie and packed rain gear for us and when it would rain we just kept on trucking down the road.

We made it safely to Kearney and Grandma could finally have peace of mind. We did call her as we were getting down the road, but that was the payphone days - ha ha!!

The moral of this story is that after 1988, when dad left the family, my mom didn't give up but became one of the strongest women I have ever known. She took life head on and didn't take crap from anyone after that. Christine Mae Wilson is and will always be one of the strongest women in my life. Alice Wilson, my Grandma will always be number 1 in my heart and I am happy to know that the two of them are together again. My mom loved her mom so much!

Gob Bless, love you mom - Rest in Peace!

Tristan Farel - April 09, 2023 at 01:45 PM



I love you! I'll never forget that

Tif Farel - April 10, 2023 at 04:45 PM



What a beautiful story of strength! I never got the chance to meet her but I truly wish I did! Grandma Alice spoke of her so often. I always thought that she looked a lot like her Mother Alice and now I realize that she acquired her Mother's strength as well! My deepest sympathy to you all. May you carry the torch of strength with every beautiful memory.

Carla Wilson - April 12, 2023 at 12:13 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with Christine's family, she will be greatly missed. I met Christine in the mid 1990s, through her daughter Tiffany, my very best friend . Was honored, when she invited me to her college graduation "pizza" party in 1997. Christine lived her life with class. I was always intrigued, with her stories, ideas and passions. She will be greatly missed. Rest in peace, lovely Christine

Jeriann - April 09, 2023 at 11:37 AM