



Christine V Oschell

June 21, 1954 - April 13, 2021

Christine V. Oschell of Surf City, NJ passed away on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at Deborah Heart and Lung Center in Browns Mills. She was 66.

Christine was the daughter of the late Herman and Dorothy Oschell (nee Oberholzer), and the sister of the late Herman Oschell, III, she is survived by her brothers: Francis (Patricia) of West Chester, PA, Gregory of Surf City, NJ, Fred (late Brenda) of Delran, NJ, & Gerry (Margaret) of Hainesport, as well as many nieces and nephews, even more great-nieces and nephews, extended family, scores of friends, colleagues and former students whose lives she touched.

Born in Philadelphia, “Tina” grew up in Hainesport as the favorite sister of her five brothers. She later became the aunt who spoiled her nieces and nephews with shopping trips, fun gifts, favorite candy, all the change you could find in her car or bedroom but mostly her love and support.

She was a graduate of Sacred Heart School and Rancocas Valley Regional High School. “Chris” as she was known to friends served as Class President for the class of 1972 and built friendships during her school years that have lasted a lifetime. She continued to be the coordinator of reunions and gatherings long after graduation keeping in touch with her classmates near and far.

After graduating from Ursinus College, she went on to work at Lenape High School for more than 30 years. She loved being an educator and while English and Latin were among the subjects, she taught the education and support she provided to students and faculty extended far beyond the classroom. She was involved in advising many school activities and events during her tenure including serving as a class advisor, band front director and yearbook advisor to name just a few. Fondly known as “O” the memories she created at Lenape will live on for those who were lucky enough to know her.

Growing up Christine was a member of Our Lady Queen of Peace Church for many years

and served on the Altar Rosary Society along with her mom and many friends who became family. Her happiest times were spent on the beach; either on her beloved LBI or on one of the many Caribbean shores she cruised to with family and friends. Shopping was her favorite pastime whether it was online, QVC, or an hours long "high adventure" she delighted in finding just the right items for family and friends and her gift presentation skills were unrivaled.

Tina had a talent in turning the most ordinary activities into an event whether it was planning a family party, theater trip to a Broadway shows or a vacation with family and friends her attention to perfecting each detail and thoughtful consideration of everyone involved will be sorely missed.

Relatives and Friends may attend her walk-through visitation on Friday, April 23, from 6-8pm at the Perinchief Chapels, 438 High St., Mount Holly. Beach attire strongly encouraged; crocs optional. Facial coverings must be worn, and social distance guidelines followed. Mass of Christian Burial will be held privately for family on Saturday, April 24th at 10:30 AM. Everyone is invited to watch the mass virtually at this link:

https://youtu.be/RolyuFSr_Qs

In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to the American Diabetes Association at <https://www.diabetes.org/donate>

You can watch her video tribute here:

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/GN47PPGTXJ5P4C5Z>

Events

APR **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Perinchief Chapels

438 High Street, Mt. Holly, NJ, US, 08060

Comments



“ Chris was a star in a very unique and special family. When she came to RV as a student, she made her mark early on, and it was clear that she had miles to go and places to see in her lifetime. During her days at RV, she was an integral part of and the driving force in many of the student activities she would later lead in her years at Lenape. It was always her goal to help and support others. Though it ended far too soon, hers was truly a life well-lived. She made her mark, and she will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved her. "Well done, good and faithful servant." My deepest condolences to the Oschell family and Chris' adoring friends and former students.

Carol Graf - April 25 at 03:45 PM



“ To The Oschell Family,
We are So Very Sorry for the loss of your Beloved Tina.
May Happy Memories of times spent together comfort you and bring you peace..
With our Deepest Sympathy and Love
Bill & Pam Hall & Family



Pam Hall - April 23 at 09:54 AM



“ Saddened to hear of such a great loss to the O family and friends.

Mary Hall - April 24 at 12:21 PM



“ Ms. O was the absolute best! I graduated Lenape in 2003. She was my absolute favorite teacher and she is one of the reasons I became a teacher. She was my go-to teacher and we built such a strong relationship that will never be forgotten. She brightened my day every morning and always made me laugh! I hope that I can have the impact on my students that she had on me. She will be greatly missed.

Stefani Nochumson - April 22 at 10:15 PM



“ I took her Latin class in 1986 to 87. Her teaching style really sparked an interest in languages for me that I never lost, and I went on to study several more. I only had her one class, and I was at Lenape that one year, but she was one of the most influential teachers I knew in high school. Rest in Peace.

Brian Padgett - April 22 at 05:19 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Christine V Oschell.



April 22 at 10:25 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Christine V Oschell.



April 22 at 09:29 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Christine V Oschell.



April 20 at 08:32 PM



“ I had the honor of having her as my senior English teacher, plus she was the bandfront director in my first few years of marching band. O always made the students smile. I was always appreciative of how she treated me. I was (and still am) a geek, so I didn't exactly fit in with the cool kids in English. So, anytime we had some downtime in class, she always wrote me a pass to go to my safe space - the band room - where I didn't have to struggle to try to fit in. She also did more for my sister than any other teacher she ever had. So sad to see that she is gone too soon.
Christine Tartaro - class of 1992

Christine Tartaro - April 20 at 07:50 PM



“ Brendon Donlin lit a candle in memory of Christine V Oschell



Brendon Donlin - April 20 at 01:13 PM



“ Words cannot express the sadness I feel. I attended Sacred Heart with Chris and we became very close friends. Our friendship continued throughout our high school years. One of my fondest memories was visiting she and her sorority sisters at college her first year there. There, of course, was much laughter. She will be missed. I'm not sure the Class of '72 will be able to gather in the same way for another reunion. She was the "driving force" that made it all happen. God Speed, Chris. I will remember you always. Midge

Midge Toomey - April 19 at 02:57 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the Oschell family. Very sorry for your loss.

Don Stellwag - April 19 at 09:51 AM



“ Love & Prayers Always, Dorothy, Veronica & families purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Christine V Oschell.



Love & Prayers Always, Dorothy, Veronica & families - April 19 at 09:06 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers go to the Oschell Family rest In Peace Chris

Paula Baker - April 18 at 09:20 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Christine V Oschell.



April 18 at 05:50 PM



“ I had the opportunity to meet Chris during my time of employment at Lenape. She was full of life and laughter. She always had that broad smile when you interacted with her. As also being a graduate of RV. We shared many stories about our times there. You will be missed my friend. Also it was an honor to cross paths with you.
Love ya. Maurice Clayton

Maurice Clayton - April 18 at 09:24 AM



“ Chris had a heart of gold and a quick wit and laugh. I was lucky enough to know her as a teacher and then co-worker. She influenced me in so many ways and i had huge shoes to fill in the role of class advisor. Thank you Chris for sharing your multitude of talents. You are missed beyond words. Condolences to the Oschell family.

Stephanie Fox - April 17 at 11:11 PM



“ My heart cries for losing a wonderful and kind-hearted patient. Christine, I will never forget the times you've encouraged me that I can do better, that I do not need anyone to tell me I'm doing good, because I just need to believe in myself. Thank you for all the memories we have share, you are and will be deeply missed. Rest in peace, will always keep you in our heart. -your dialysis family <3

Louise Thayer - April 17 at 09:56 PM



“ She will be missed by so many people



Albert McCullough - April 17 at 07:23 PM



“ She was my class advisor when I was at Lenape High School from 1985-1989

Albert McCullough - April 17 at 07:21 PM



“ Many prayers and love to the entire family. Rest In Peace Chris. You have a heart of gold and one of the smartest people I know. Your kind and every student I came across loved you and knew you cared. It says so much about who you are.

Jen McAllister - April 17 at 06:24 PM



“ Classmates since 2 Nd grade at Sacred Heart Mt. Holly and RV. Stayed connected as my kids went to Lenape. Had the best HS reunions led by Chris. I’m not far behind you Chris. Plan on a heavenly reunion.

Cindy Keene Italiano - April 17 at 05:49 PM



“ Chris and I started teaching at Lenape together in '76. She loved Lenape and she was a reliable and valuable advisor to the kids of the activities she supervised. We shared a philosophy of following the rules that we thought were right and "forgetting" some of the rules we thought were wrong. I have too many good memories of her kind heart, but one of the stronger recollections is her performance in one of the LHS Lip-sync contests, where she performed as the lead singer for "O & the Oettes" singing Aretha's "Respect." Since you were teaching Latin that first year, Chris, here you go: requiescat in pace. Amen.

Arthur Sharon - April 17 at 05:26 PM



“ “O” was one of the major forces of making Lenape such a great places for kids and for her colleagues. She made Memories for all of those lucky to be students and friends. The biggest heart who gave the classes she advised the best of everything. I am proud to have called her friend and to have had her as a colleague for the best years of my time at Lenape

Bucky Mitchell - April 17 at 02:42 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Christine V Oschell.



April 17 at 02:02 PM



“ a candle was lit in memory of Chris, what a very special person. May you rest in peace. Marge & John Schultz



Marge & John Schultz - April 17 at 10:34 AM



“ Great memories with Chris. Rest In Peace our friend. Class of 1979 LHS!



Gloria DiDonato - April 17 at 09:59 AM



“ Thank you, Chris, for all the calming talks in the yearbook room. You always just knew. I hope you're having fun swapping jokes and stories with Casey. You will always be remembered. Rest in Peace-Sandy Bazar Kolongowski



Sandra Bazar Kolongowski - April 16 at 03:40 PM



“ She was an amazing, kind and caring teacher as well as an all around wonderful person. Our sons loved her. She always took time to help them and give them meaningful advice. I will always remember her beautiful smile and love of life. Rest In Peace Chris. You will live in our hearts!

Mike and Dot Bauer - April 25 at 09:09 PM



“ Chris was a huge part of my Lenape life! She was a great advisor and inspiration to many in the Band and Band front. I will always cherish special shared memories of Chris and our many adventures.

Debbie Dorsay - April 16 at 03:25 PM



“ I remember Miss Oschell always smiling... sometimes with a mischievous grin. When I attended Lenape in 1977, I remember she was involved in leading several activities, during school and after. My heart is broken for her family, she has been on my mind since I've heard about her passing. May she Rest In Peace.



Michelle Benyola - April 16 at 03:07 PM



“ I will miss our brunches in Surf City. Such a good time to talk about the past and friends. So lucky to be a part of the old guard . We will meet again.



Linda Hammond - April 16 at 09:02 AM



“ Lana Jones lit a candle in memory of Christine V Oschell



Lana Jones - April 16 at 08:33 AM



“ Chris helped start my career at Lenape. Without her guidance and friendship I would not be the teacher I am today. I have many great memories and will never forget them. Rest in Peace.



Leonard Nicholas - April 16 at 08:12 AM



“ When we speak of the "Old Lenape" your name rings loudly. I am so happy that I was able to spend years in your company. You were a staple at LHS and are truly missed.

~Saidah



Saidah Hart - April 16 at 08:05 AM



“ Kevin Henson lit a candle in memory of Christine V Oschell



Kevin Henson - April 16 at 08:05 AM



“ Chris was one of the nicest teachers at LHS. I'm so glad I had chance to work with her. Chris was a delightful person. RIP

— Joe T



Joseph Tortorelli - April 15 at 11:36 PM



“ Genuine, kind and funny. The real deal of a human being. Now with so many other Lenape Legends. Blessed to have known Christine.

Michael DiBenedetto - April 17 at 03:05 PM



“ I can see her sitting calmly in the office with Phyllis and Mary Jane. Her smile radiated kindness, understanding and peace. Her heart was generous. Her light was brilliant. I was blessed, guided, and comforted by her presence.

Charlotte Seng - April 18 at 06:40 AM