

## Christine Rose McLain

September 30, 1946 - January 14, 2020

Christine Rose (Festa) McLain passed away peacefully with her husband by her side on January 14, 2020. Christine was born on September 30, 1946, in Terre Haute, Indiana. She was the second child and first daughter of Joseph A and Lenora Nelson Festa. Christine was named after her Aunt Christina Nelson White and her Paternal Grandmother Rose Wilton VanCleve. Christine spent her early childhood in Terre Haute. The family moved to Gary, Indiana in 1948. Christine contracted polio during the epidemic that swept the Midwest in the 50s. She spent a year in the hospital in an iron lung as a child. More than once, the family was told that she would not survive, but she was a strong little girl with a will to live. The care that the nurses gave her as she battled polio inspired her to choose nursing as her career.

Christine graduated from Emerson High School in Gary, Indiana. Class of 1964. She completed her nurse's training at St. Mary's Mercy Hospital in Gary and began a long career as a registered nurse.

Christine married the love of her life, Michael McLain, in October 1969. They had recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Christine is survived by her husband, Michael McLain, her two sons Michael (Laura) and Daniel (Lynn) McLain. She is also survived by her brothers and sisters: Joseph (Carole) Festa, Nanette (Michael) Wargo, Michael (Collette) Festa, David (Lori) Festa, Mary Ann (Joseph Cailles) Olley-Cailles, and Jennifer (Jean Graham) Festa, her in-laws, Judy Sorba, Tom (Betty) and David (Anne) McLain, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and her

loyal dog, Hunny Bun. Christine was predeceased by her parents, Joseph and Lenora Festa, her brother, James Andrew Festa, and her nephew Mark Francis Olley. A celebration of Christine's life will be held on Friday, January 17, from 2 PM-6 PM at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, Indiana. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Christine's name to Lakeshore PAWS, 4611 Evans Ave, Valparaiso, IN 46383 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

JAN 17. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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## Time of Sharing

JAN 17. 5:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Daniel, From My Heart My Sincere Condolences and Deepest Sympathy. I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Your Mother, May God give You and Your Family Strength, Peace, and Love! Your Co-Worker Pam Norton

Pam Norton - January 17, 2020 at 06:07 AM

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“ Christine was the best neighbor ever! We've always enjoyed our time with Christine and Mike, whether it was sitting outside sharing stories or sharing a meal together. She and Mike are truly family to us. We're really going to miss her.

Don & Barbara Nelson

Barbara Nelson - January 16, 2020 at 03:25 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Christine Rose McLain.



January 16, 2020 at 02:18 PM

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“ The McLain household was the first one I spent any time in outside my own community. I felt welcome from the start, thanks largely to Christine, and I knew after just a few conversations with her that I could be myself. Because she was always entirely herself. Rest in peace, Christine.

Kyle Wallpe - January 14, 2020 at 11:03 PM



“ I still remember the first time my ex-husband and I came to see Mike and we met you. It was always fun seeing your family. Rest in peace. 🥺

Michael Braunshausen - January 14, 2020 at 09:19 PM

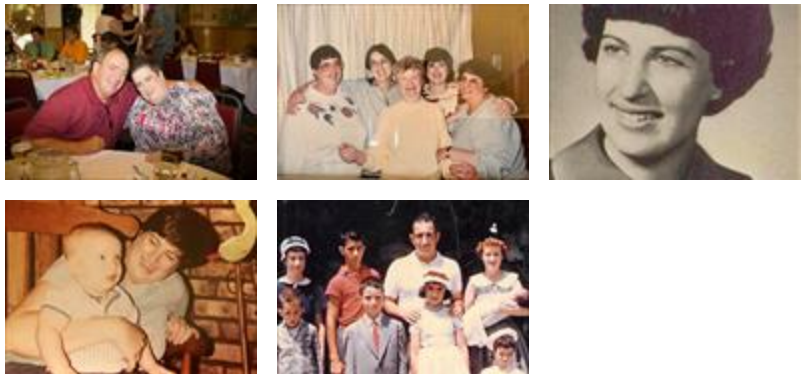


“ Christine, you were my first hero. My constant. My North Star. You were always there when I needed you. You said what was on your mind. You had a generous heart. You fought so hard to survive your illness. You put family first. It's difficult to imagine life without you, you have been my big sister for 60 years. I'm taking comfort in the thought that you are reunited with our loved ones who have gone before. Until we meet again, dear sister, I love you.

Jennifer Festa - January 14, 2020 at 04:47 PM



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Jennifer Festa - January 14, 2020 at 02:51 PM