



Christine C. Lawicki

May 6, 1929 - November 16, 2013

Christine Lawicki, 84 of Cedar, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, November 16, 2013 at Munson Medical Center with her niece, Laura at her side.

Christine was born on May 6, 1929 in Detroit, MI to the late Michael and Veronica (Cyrowski) Kaminski. She married the late Alois (Al) Lawicki on May 21, 1952, and celebrated 50 wonderful years together. They had two sons, James and Kurt, that were both killed in a tragic sea plane accident on Lake Leelanau in 1977 at the very young ages of 22 and 10 years old.

Christine had worked in Detroit for the New York Central Rail Road, in passenger accounting. In 1967, she and Al bought Leelanau's Rustic Resort in Cedar, leaving their residence in Roseville, MI to spend their lives in the 'Land of Delight'. They worked alongside each other, proudly running the Resort until they turned it into an Association in 1981, at which time Christine retired and Al continued to manage it until his death in 2002. Christine always loved when their renters from the 70's, 80's and 90's would stop by to say hello and talk with her, which most often than not, brought a tear to her eye.

Christine enjoyed making trips 'up north' (as she put it), which meant an outing to the Casino, as well as savoring every bite at her favorite restaurants, Boone's Prime Time Pub and Red Lobster.

Christine was of the Roman Catholic faith and has been a member of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church for many years.

Surviving Christine are her sister Rita Jaroma, many nieces and nephews, her loving brother-in-law, William (Nancy) Lawicki, and close friends Steve (Jackie) Glazier and Chuck (Ginny) Haag.

Christine is now reunited with her family in Heaven - husband Al, her two boys, James and Kurt, along with her parents Michael and Veronica Kaminski, and siblings, Constance

Kaminski, Ervin Kaminski, Helen Nowinski, Theresa Forbush, Robert Kaminski, Margaret Jaroma, Beatrice Pasinerb, Dorothy Bayma, and Eleanore Saban.

Visitation will be held for Christine on Friday, November 22, 2013 from 4-8pm with a Rosary held at 7pm at the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Saturday, November 23, at 11am with a visitation held one hour prior at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Cedar. Father Donald Libby will officiate. Burial will take place at Holy Rosary Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Church. Please sign Christine's online guestbook at <http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com/>

Events

NOV 22 Visitation 04:00PM - 08:00PM
Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home
305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

NOV 22 Rosary 07:00PM
Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home
305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

NOV 23 Visitation 10:00AM
Holy Rosary Catholic Church
6982 Schomberg Rd, Cedar, MI, US, 49621

NOV 23 Funeral Mass 11:00AM
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Comments



“ Sitting here in the middle of winter waiting for spring, I think about Chris and Al. Rustic Resort started as a fall leaf cleanup job and became a friendship with two great people. I remember when I first met Al and he showed me around the property and explained how he would like the spring and fall cleanup handled, he took great pride in resort. Chris also always made a point of telling me how it used to be the two of them doing the work themselves, and chuckle as I headed into the mountains of leaves. Now seventeen years later, and many great talks at the door and the "candy dish " I sure will miss seeing her smile and funny sayings, but each and every time I'm their with my 3- lady crew, complete with dogs, backpack blowers, tarps and trailers, I will smile and remember two wonderful people and know they are sending leaves my way with a smirk and a chuckle.
God bless,
Julie Wichern

Julie Wichern - February 18, 2014 at 10:32 AM



“ She and Uncle Al adored you Julie! and ALWAYS looked forward to your arrival :-) Thank you so, so much for always taking the time out of your busy day to stop in to say hello and visit with her ... it meant more to her than you'll ever know. (Your post made me cry (and laugh). Will treasure it forever!)

Laura xo

Laura Lawicki - March 23, 2014 at 11:36 AM



“ I really miss my Aunt Chris --she left the earth way too early! Chris's voice and manners were forever young. I so loved her sense of humor, which surfaced in all the wacky, off-the-wall birthday greetings she sent (and loved to receive) --Whenever I got a card from Chris I knew it was guaranteed to make me laugh!

I love all the photos posted on this tribute site. . . . so many great memories. . . . she weathered such an unspeakably great tragedy of losing the boys, but she and Al persevered and kept on. I miss all of them so much. --yet the photos show that life also brings "the best of times".

Dear Aunt Chris, you are forever in my heart.

Barbara Nowinski

barbara nowinski - February 16, 2014 at 11:20 AM



“ :-) xo

Laura Lawicki - March 23, 2014 at 11:51 AM



“ With tears in my eyes, I pray that you rest in peace my dear Chris. My heart knows you are now finally with Al, Jimmy and Kurt. With your help Chris, I found the cemetery where Al, Jimmy and Kurt are. I will be there to visit you.

From the age of 2, you were our family vacation. My fondest childhood memories were of our wonderful vacations at the Rustic Resort. With my cousins in the Wahoo and my family in the Sioux, life could not have been better. I remember writing an essay in 4th grade of how much I loved the Rustic Resort with Al, Chris, Jimmy and Kurt. Al hung that in the reception area for years. I was so proud. And then there was Mark Nowinski, my first "boyfriend" who would ride his bike with his helmet on to visit....announcing himself by knocking and coming in...Mark's here!

After graduating from NMC where Mark and I went to school together, I knew my heart belonged to the north. After 32 years, I have found my way back. Seeing Chris at the Casino and visiting her at the Rustic Resort offered immediate comfort.

No kinder family could be found. Thank you for some of the best years of my life.

With deepest sympathy,

Karen Kimmel-Inger

Karen Inger - January 05, 2014 at 07:57 PM



“ Karen ~ Thank you soooo much for taking the time to post your heart-warming memory of Aunt Chris and Uncle Al ... brought tears to my eyes :-)

God bless,

Laura Lawicki

Laura Lawicki - January 06, 2014 at 11:13 AM



“ "My eyes tear with warm loving thoughts of Chris. I knew this Christmas when I didn't hear from her something was wrong. We always sent a Christmas cards with a note for 30 years. Every time the Loughridge's came up to Gods Country Chris & I would visit & laugh! I'd bring zucchini bread from home for Al & Chris. Remembering in 2001, after my husbands death, I came up once on a bus to the Casino with a group from Monroe.

I called to see if they were available, to visit with me. Answer was "YES".

I can still see Al & Chris standing waiting for the bus to arrive with open arms They brought me to their home & we talked well into the night. Sweet Memories.

Rest in Peace Chris with your beloved Al and sons. Thank you Laura for your personal note. Thank you for the opportunity to share.

Love to all the Lawicki's
Sharon Loughridge-Anwiler"

Laurie Loughridge - January 02, 2014 at 03:18 PM



“ Aww, thank you soooo much for posting Sharon ... brought tears to my eyes also. Loved these two (and my cousins) more than anyone will ever know ... still can't believe she's gone. My only consolation is that they're all together again, happy and in God's arms. All my love,
Laura xo

Laura Lawicki - January 06, 2014 at 11:19 AM



“ I'm another niece of aunt Chris. That is how they always were - welcoming you with open arms!! Enjoyed your tribute

shirley hall - January 14, 2014 at 04:01 AM



“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



Shirley Hall - November 22, 2013 at 02:30 PM



“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



Shirley Hall - November 22, 2013 at 02:26 PM



“ And thank you so very much for posting all of those wonderful photos of Al and Chris. What a treat for me to review and remember them.

Tom Vanderwall - November 21, 2013 at 02:47 PM



“ :-) xo

Laura Lawicki - November 21, 2013 at 04:11 PM



“ I first became friends with Chris and Al when I cared for their two sons in 1977. When Jan and I lived in Michigan we would from time to time visit Al and Chris in Lake Leelanau and even after we left Michigan for Tennessee we always exchanged Christmas cards, photos, and updates on our lives. Al and Chris were always interested in our five children and how Jan and I were doing. I was saddened to read of her death but I'm so happy for her and rejoice that she has reunited with her two sons and her beloved Al. I will never forget caring for her boys and never forget the special relationship that we had with Al and Chris.

Tom Vanderwall - November 21, 2013 at 02:42 PM



“ Thank you for sharing Tom, and I'm so glad that you kids kept in touch all these years :-)

Laura Lawicki - November 21, 2013 at 04:14 PM



“ 6 files added to the album Memory Lane



Laura Lawicki - November 21, 2013 at 02:11 PM



“ 78 files added to the album Memory Lane



Laura Lawicki - November 21, 2013 at 10:54 AM



“ Aunt Chris,
 We can't believe we have to say goodbye,
 We're mourning and distressed.
 It's hard to smile through these falling tears,
 But we're counting the time we had with you, quite blessed.

We will remember you forever,
 For you, our hearts will always have room.
 We loved you more than you will ever know,
 You left us way too soon!

Laura and Flora
 xoxoxoxoxo

Laura Lawicki - November 21, 2013 at 12:10 PM



“ OH LAURA!!! How wonderful! You did such a tremendous, awesome job of putting all these pictures on for us to remember Aunt Chris. Even though I can't be there - I will be looking at these pictures tonight and tomorrow to bring back special times we all shared with her!!!
 XOXOXOX

shirley hall - November 22, 2013 at 07:18 AM



“ Dear Laura :Love your poem! --what a beautiful tribute!

Barbara Nowinski - February 16, 2014 at 10:45 AM



“ I know there is sadness for those left behind. . . .but I think of the joy she is experiencing, being again with Jim and Kurt after so many years, and of course with Al and others who preceded her. To those who are grieving I send my thoughts of strength and courage, peace and blessings.
Sincerely, Norbel Cylkowski Marolla



Norbel Cylkowski Marolla - November 21, 2013 at 08:37 AM



“ Thank you so much Norbel. God bless.

Laura Lawicki and family

Laura Lawicki - November 21, 2013 at 11:43 AM



“ Christine, was a warm and wonderful friend, who always made time to visit with me and make sure I had home made cookies and tea! She and Al were the anchors at Rustic Resort and everyone loved them. I'm so happy she will be reunited with Al and their boys as a family again! I will miss her very much.....Sandy Pownall

Sandy Pownall - November 19, 2013 at 12:29 PM



“ Thank you Sandy, and yes, anchors they were :-)
xo

Laura Lawicki - November 21, 2013 at 11:45 AM



“ I was so shocked and sorry to learn of Chris' death. I was her room mate in Munson and we enjoyed talking to each other (when we weren't too sick). My son also enjoyed visiting with her and hearing about the cottages and comparing favorite places to go to dinner. A very nice lady indeed....Ellen Barnes

Ellen Barnes - November 19, 2013 at 08:11 AM



“ Thank you Ellen. I'm glad you had the opportunity to meet her (although I wish it would have been at a different place and time). Stay healthy and out of the hospital! God bless.

Laura Lawicki - November 21, 2013 at 11:47 AM



“ Aunt Chris,

We have shared so many wonderful times together. We were blessed to have you as our auntie. You were so much fun to be with!! You are always in our hearts and will be missed dearly. Now you are with all our family that have left us here on earth, and you will be with them forever. You are now safe in God's hands!

Love you always!
Dennis and Shirley

shirley and dennis hall - November 17, 2013 at 07:47 PM



“ She loved you and Dennis too Shirley!
Sending our love, hugs and prayers your way also,

Laura and Flora xoxo

Laura Lawicki - November 21, 2013 at 11:49 AM