



Christine Mackesy-Kean

April 20, 1963 - September 7, 2016

Christine Mackesy-Kean, 53, of West Hartford, CT died unexpectedly on Wednesday, September 7th, 2016. Beloved spouse for 23 years of Jay Kean and devoted mother of Jake and Eileen Kean.

She was a wonderful daughter-in-law to Lucille and Jack Kean of Farmington, CT and beloved daughter of the late Eileen and Jerry Mackesy. Christine was born on Long Island, NY but her family settled in Cheshire, CT for her 6-12 grades. She received a B.A. in Graphic Design from the Art Institute of Boston and a B.S. in Fine Art from Northeastern University in 1985. Christine then had a long successful career in Advertising and Marketing as the Art Director at Elkinson & Sloves in Farmington, CT. Her passion was for her family and her children's activities including elementary through high school. Recently, she worked on the Governance Council, After Graduation Party Committee, Robotics Team and PTO at the University High School of Science & Engineering. She also advocated for STEM education clearly seeing the benefits it has provided to her own two amazing children. She loved little babies! Christine leaves behind a beloved husband, Jay Kean of West Hartford; a son, Jake Kean, a sophomore, at Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences University; a daughter, Eileen Kean, a senior at University High School of Science & Engineering. She leaves a sister and brother-in-law, Jereen and Michael Gilbert and their children Steven and Jackie of Pleasanton, CA; a brother, Jerome Mackesy and his sons Jared and Jack of Londonderry, NH; Brother-in-law Tom and Lisa Kean and their

children, Todd, Maggie and Nora; sister-in-law Lisa and Bob Bannon and their children, Quinn, Shane, Maddie and Shelby. Chris leaves aunts and uncles, Virginia Stewart; Nora and Dan Massiello; Dick and Alice Walsh. She is predeceased by uncle Art Stewart, uncle Bill McDermott, aunt Regina McDermott and cousin Billy McDermott. She leaves her dear cousins, Will Stewart, John McDermott, Peggy McDermott, Jennifer Ryan, Jim McDermott, Susan Krastel, Danielle Ravens, Ann Walsh and Justine Routhier. Her family will receive friends at the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Avenue in West Hartford on Tuesday, September 13th, 2016 from 4:00pm to 8:00pm. There will be a private service for family. Chris will be cremated and interred in an artificial reef as was her desire to promote life from her loss. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the American Heart Association, the St. Baldrick's Foundation or wait and look at this site for the possibility of a college fund for Jake and Eileen by Friday, September 19. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Calling Hours

SEP **13**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home
906 Farmington Avenue
West Hartford, CT 06119
(860) 232-1322

Tribute Wall

DS

“ So very very sorry to hear about the loss of Chris. She was a wonderful person and a light in the world. While it has been some time since my husband and Karl have seen her we have many fond memories of hanging out during our college and just out of college lives. With sincerest condolences - Karl & Debbie Shurberg

debbis shurberg - September 29, 2016 at 12:37 PM

MV

“ Dear Jay, Jake and Eileen
We are so very sorry for you loss. We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers
Marie and Rico Vitale

marie vitale - September 15, 2016 at 02:10 PM

MT

“ Dear Jake, Eileen and Jay,

I am so saddened by the loss of your wonderful mother/wife. She was someone who brought a ray of sunshine on a cloudy day! Having Jake and Eileen in my preschool class was a privilege and being remembered by her every Christmas was something I looked forward to.
She will be greatly missed!
My most sincere condolence.
Mrs. Trigila FCNS

Mrs Trigila - September 14, 2016 at 08:18 AM

JG

“ Just heard the news about Mrs. Kean. She was a wonderful mother and a great mentor to the robotics team. She will be missed dearly by all. Wishing the family all the best through this hardship.

"The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."

-Deuteronomy 31:8 NIV

With Heartfelt Prayers,

Jacob G.

Jacob Ganoe - September 14, 2016 at 12:03 AM

TV

“ My UHSSE After Grad Party right hand man and partner in crime. Thank you so much for all your help these past 5 years, it was a pleasure getting to know you and your family and working with you. You are missed already. RIP Chris.

Tracy Vontell

Tracy Vontell - September 13, 2016 at 04:52 PM

DR

“ *Do not stand at my grave and weep,
I am not there, I do not sleep.
I am in a thousand winds that blow,
I am the softly falling snow.
I am the gentle showers of rain,
I am the fields of ripening grain.
I am in the morning hush,
I am in the graceful rush
Of beautiful birds in circling flight,
I am the starshine of the night.
I am in the flowers that bloom,
I am in a quiet room.
I am in the birds that sing,
I am in each lovely thing.
Do not stand at my grave and cry,
I am not there. I do not die.*

by Mary Elizabeth Frye

*Our most sincere condolences, Denise, Barry, Nicole, Anastasia &
John*

Denise Rioux - September 13, 2016 at 01:15 PM

ST

“ Dear Jay, Jake and Eileen,

Chris warmed many of my nights at UHSSE. I enjoyed talking with her about the plans for the after grad party, and all the other activities she was involved with. I also loved to brag with her about what great kids she has.

I will miss her smiles and her laughs and remember her as one of my special ladies every time I unlock the door for one of the many groups she volunteered for.

I will miss her a lot. All our lives have changed from her loss.

*With prayers,
STEPH.*

STEPH - September 13, 2016 at 09:36 AM

JP

“ To Jay, Jake and Eileen

I am so sorry of your loss. Unfortunately, because of health reasons, I will not be able to call Tuesday to wish my personal condolences. I wish I could be of help at this difficult time.

As a fellow mentor for the University High School of Science and Engineering we all will miss her. She has left us with a phenomenal legacy, our logo .

http://storage.lifetributes.com/Temp/679acd1c-34a7-4fab-a33b-3838098e97a5_Thumb.jpg

JP



JP - September 13, 2016 at 09:17 AM

EV

“ I remember Chris from High School. I always loved her laugh so I would just goof on her and it never failed, within seconds she was giggling, and she couldn't stop. It took nothing to get that giggle out of her.

I will miss that giggle.

To her family, I wish nothing but serenity for you. She is with you always and will always be. I send my thoughts and prayers to you at this difficult time, and I know how difficult it is.

Evelyn - September 12, 2016 at 09:29 PM

RO

“ Jay, Jake and Eileen,
We are so sorry to hear of the loss of your wife and mother. We will always remember her great smile and her laugh. Hoping your memories will help you find comfort in the days ahead.
With our sympathy,
Robin and Steve Mysliwicz

robin - September 12, 2016 at 04:53 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Christine Mackesy-Kean.



September 12, 2016 at 03:08 PM

LB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Lisa Bannon - September 12, 2016 at 02:28 PM

LB

This is what I will remember most- her awesome smile.

Lisa Bannon - September 12, 2016 at 02:33 PM

SV

“ *Scott Vetstein purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Christine Mackesy-Kean.*



Scott Vetstein - September 12, 2016 at 12:01 PM

IK

“ *Dear Jay, Jake and Eileen,
I am so very sorry for the tragic loss of your wife/mom. Please know
you are in my thoughts and prayers.
Irene Kerr*

Irene Kerr - September 12, 2016 at 11:19 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Christine Mackesy-Kean.*



September 12, 2016 at 10:09 AM



“ *Jay Kean and family, I am saddened by the loss of Christine. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time!*
Kelsey Aldrich

Kelsey Aldrich - September 12, 2016 at 08:36 AM



“ *Heather, Jared and Jack Mackesy purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Christine Mackesy-Kean.*



Heather, Jared and Jack Mackesy - September 12, 2016 at 06:05 AM



“ *Chris - though we never met in person, it was truly difficult when I heard the news. Working with you over the last several years was always a pleasure. You were always a friendly familiar voice on the phone. You were taken from this earth far too early. May your family find peace during this very difficult time.*
- Arnie Belfonti

Arnold Belfonti - September 12, 2016 at 05:27 AM

LL

“ *Love, Aunt Madeleine, Uncle Maurice, Jackie, Liz purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Christine Mackesy-Kean.*



Love, Aunt Madeleine, Uncle Maurice, Jackie, Liz -
September 11, 2016 at 08:17 PM