



## Krista Budihas

July 8, 2023

Krista Theresa Budihas was called home by her Creator in July, 2023, in West Hartford, Connecticut. She was born in San Diego, California, on September 21, 1960, becoming the first child in her military family, and subsequently lived in many places before settling in Connecticut.

Krista is survived by her daughter Rose (Stebbins) Fortier (James) and grandchildren James, Benjamin, and Scarlett; her parents John and Irene (Lesick) Budihas; siblings Andrew, Lisbeth, Alexa, Budihas, and Maria Jensen (Jeffrey); and members of the Atkins, Bontempo and Jensen Families, and Lesick and Stebbins families.

Krista was a devout Catholic who served as a lector and choir member at St. Thomas the Apostle/St. Timothy Catholic Church in West Hartford and also frequently attended the Cathedral of St. Joseph on Farmington Avenue. Krista had an effervescent, friendly personality and took a Christian interest in the well-being and happiness of everyone she met.

Krista loved music, from reggae to "Edelweiss." She played her precious guitar and sang the lyrics that she had composed. She enjoyed drawing and crafts, listening to recordings of "Macbeth," watching "Detective Morse," and visiting Elizabeth Park Rose Garden. She loved her family, adored her grandchildren, appreciated her friends, and abided her cherished cat.

Krista was determined to live the life that her Creator desired, by devoting that life to the spiritual needs and concerns at the expense of herself and her innermost being. Her everyday life could be joyous or crestfallen, but her

unending faith always prevailed. A beautiful person, a treasured life; "she is truly where she wants to be, spiritually with all of us, all of the time." We will miss her and her beaming smile, but know that she smiles on us from Heaven. KRISTA's FUNERAL MASS WILL BE AT ST. THOMAS APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH/SAINT TIMOTHY ON AUGUST 26 AT 10A.M. IN WEST HARTFORD, CT.

Please use link for livestreaming

<https://youtube.com/live/e2JMgo3C3-8?feature=share>

# Previous Events

## Mass of Christian Burial

AUG **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Thomas the Apostle  
872 Farmington Ave.  
West Hartford, CT  
(860) 233-8269

# Tribute Wall



“ *Molloy Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Krista Budihas*



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**Molloy Funeral Home** - August 23, 2023 at 02:35 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Krista Budihas.*



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August 23, 2023 at 05:25 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Krista Budihas.*



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August 23, 2023 at 03:10 PM



“ *I knew Krista when she attended St. Brigid Church. She always had a ready smile whenever I saw her and her faith was so important to her. Rest, Krista. Be at peace. Camilla Hynes*

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**Camilla Hynes** - August 23, 2023 at 11:04 AM

PS

“ Patrick Smith planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Krista Budihas.

Patrick Smith - August 21, 2023 at 03:05 PM

PS

“ Patrick Smith purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Krista Budihas.



Patrick Smith - August 21, 2023 at 03:05 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Krista Budihas.

August 21, 2023 at 01:19 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Krista Budihas.



August 21, 2023 at 01:19 PM

LM

“ I'm not sure why my post simply said " The Family". It should have said The Maher Family.

Lynn, Mike, Kim and Mom - August 18, 2023 at 09:14 AM

TF

“ Many, many years ago we met Krista and her (at the time) little girl, Rose. Krista was a good friend to our brother, Mark at that time. We were speaking of her and remembering her recently as we were cleaning out our family home. She was truly a beautiful person inside and out. People come into our lives for a season or a reason and we are grateful to have known Krista, a beautiful and righteous woman, shining God's light wherever she was. Her work here is done and I know she will be missed, but she will live on in the love you all have for her. She is resting radiant in the arms of Jesus. Our deepest condolences to all.



The Maher Family - August 18, 2023 at 09:09 AM

TF

“ The Gaughan Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Krista Budihas.

The Gaughan Family - August 16, 2023 at 12:19 PM

TF

“ The Gaughan Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Krista Budihas.



The Gaughan Family - August 16, 2023 at 12:19 PM

RD

“ We are all heartbroken for the loss of Krista. Unfortunately I only met my cousin a few times as a child but I always remember her having a lot of spirit and being kind to me. Sending much love.  
Rachel

Rachel Dion - August 16, 2023 at 06:47 AM

SL

“ Sonja L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Krista Budihas.

Sonja L. - August 15, 2023 at 03:37 PM

SL

“ Sonja L. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Krista Budihas.



Sonja L. - August 15, 2023 at 03:37 PM

SA

“ Thank you for being you...

Sam - August 15, 2023 at 02:05 PM