



## Christine Kay Gieseke

March 27, 1951 - November 28, 2023

Christine Kay Gieseke, age 72, of Marengo, Illinois passed away peacefully at home on November 28, 2023. Christine was born on March 27, 1951 in Elgin, Illinois to George and Hilda (Glade) Freise. Christine was a lifetime resident of the Marengo area and was blessed to be born into a very large extended family. Her childhood was filled with memories of helping on the farm, breaking ponies and large family picnics with her 39 first cousins.

She graduated from Marengo High School in 1969. After graduation, she went to work for the FBI in Washington D.C. as a fingerprint analyst. Following her time at the FBI, she returned to Marengo and went to work for Illinois Bell. Christine married the love of her life, Jerry Gieseke on June 3, 1972. Always a farm girl, she and her family would continue to work and grow Deerpass Farms.

She and Jerry were blessed to raise their family in Marengo. She loved spending time in the outdoors. Whether it was a long walk, brushing her horses, training her beloved Saint Bernards, hanging clothes on her clothesline, gardening or tending to her flower beds, she was happiest when the sun was shining down on her.

Christine spent many years as a stay at home mom and homemaker before returning to the work force at Prairie Community Bank. The friendships she

made with her coworkers and customers made at the drive thru were a true testament to her social butterfly personality.

Christine was also fortunate to have many lifelong friendships. From her best friend since kindergarten Wendy, to her monthly pinochle games with her card club or a Friday night fish fry out. She always lived life to the fullest.

Her true joy in life was watching her grandchildren. She had a unique and special bond with each one of them. Those who knew Christine, knew her grandchildren by the stories she shared. She was a constant fan in the stands, whether it was 4-H, sporting or dance events.

Christine is survived by her husband Gerald, children, Brett (Sarah) Gieseke, Autumn (Marc) Bechler, Ryan (Rhonda) Gieseke, Jeremy (Kasey) Gieseke; grandchildren, Ethan, Hayden, Avery, Gabby, Madelyn, Addison, Ella, Colton, Michael and Gracie; siblings, Larry (Angie) Freise, George (Vickie) Freise, brother and sister in laws Dennis (Linda) Gieseke, Roger (Wanda) Gieseke, Brian Gieseke, Frank Misiano, Uncle Richard (Betsy) Glade and many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. Best friend Wendy (Tim) Dlugos. She was preceded in death by her son Quinn, brother Randy and parents George and Hilda Friese.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, December 1, 2023 from 3pm to 8pm at Niko's Grill and Pub 7509 S. Grant Hwy. Funeral service Saturday, December 2 at 1 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, 412 Jackson St. Marengo with a visitation from 11 a.m. until time of prayer at 12:25 p.m. In lieu of flowers memorials in her name to Zion Lutheran Church or School.

Fredrick Funeral Home, Hampshire is assisting the family, Erika Freund Director. Express online condolences at: [www.fredrickfuneralhome.com](http://www.fredrickfuneralhome.com).



# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

DEC 1. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Niko's Grill and Pub  
7509 S Grant Hwy  
Marengo, IL

## Visitation

DEC 2. 11:00 AM - 12:25 PM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church  
412 Jackson Street  
Marengo, IL 60152

## Service

DEC 2. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church  
412 Jackson Street  
Marengo, IL 60152

# Tribute Wall



“ *Best class parent any teacher could ever want! Chris was a wonderful person, terrific mom, and good friend. Her family and friends were truly blessed by her, as was I. See you in heaven, Chris!* ”

Corinne Hoffert - December 01, 2023 at 04:09 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Christine Kay Gieseke.* ”



December 01, 2023 at 02:06 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Christine Kay Gieseke.* ”



December 01, 2023 at 10:26 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Christine Kay Gieseke.* ”

December 01, 2023 at 09:50 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Christine Kay Gieseke.*



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December 01, 2023 at 09:50 AM



“ *Jim & Laurie Dhamer purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Christine Kay Gieseke.*



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**Jim & Laurie Dhamer** - November 30, 2023 at 09:47 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Christine Kay Gieseke.*



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November 30, 2023 at 01:14 PM



“ *Love, Wayne and Chrisitne Freise planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christine Kay Gieseke.*

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**Love, Wayne and Chrisitne Freise** - November 30, 2023 at 12:42 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Christine Kay Gieseke.*



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November 30, 2023 at 12:42 PM



“ *Our thoughts & prayers go out to the family for their loss. She was a wonderful & kind person. May she rest in peace.*

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**Luann Kanaly** - November 30, 2023 at 09:53 AM



“ *To have this lady as my best friend, for over 67 years, was my honor & privilege, and a whole lot of fun. She was a Warrior & her faith in God's plan for her life never wavered, as she dealt with all the challenges, especially these last three years. My life was so much richer because of Chris being in it, and I look forward to the day we'll be together in Heaven.*

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**Wendy Dlugos** - November 30, 2023 at 07:21 AM



*She was a wonderful and kind person. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this time of their loss. May she rest in peace.*

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**Luann Kanaly** - November 30, 2023 at 09:48 AM



*Thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends.*

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**Larry Lipps** - November 30, 2023 at 12:25 PM

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*Love and peace to family and friends.*

**Anita Wrona** - November 30, 2023 at 08:23 PM



*Love & hugs to you, Wendy. Chris was truly a blessing to all who knew her.*

**Renee Sass** - December 02, 2023 at 09:16 AM

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“ *Although I have only known my beautiful friend Christine for a short time it has been so my joy and privilege to be able to be one of her visiting angels caregiver. I have never witnessed Christine be anything but kind and loving through it all. Christine has taught me how important it is to care for patients in hospice I will step in and do more for end of life patients because of the joy I have experienced with you my beautiful friend. I will miss your sweet smiles and silly faces you made to bare through the cowboy and indian shows we watched. Thank you Christine and your family for the love and joy I will keep in my heart always. I will miss and love you always RIP my heaven sent ANGEL 🙏❤️*



*ALWAYS,*

*Rosemarie Castrovillari  
Visiting Angel friend and caregiver*

**Rosemarie Castrovillari** - November 30, 2023 at 07:01 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Christine Kay Gieseke.*



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November 29, 2023 at 09:22 PM



“ *I loved working with Chris at Prairie State Bank so very much. She always had a smile and a joke to share with everyone. She will be missed by everyone who knew her. My thoughts and prayers are with her family. Cheryl (Art) Troxel*

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**Cheryl (Art) Troxel** - November 29, 2023 at 09:10 PM