



Kriste Mott

May 12, 2020

On Mother's Day, May 10, 2020, Kriste Mott joined the angels while in the arms of her Ricky, the love of her life, best friend and husband. Together with their children Brandon and Brooke, they faced and conquered the last eight years with hope and grace. Born October 12, 1953, Kriste Michelle was the first of three daughters to Georgia Joan (nee Smith) and John Lyndon Butler. She married Richard "Rick" Vincent Mott on August 20, 1983, and they celebrated every day with laughter and love. Together they have three children: Brandon Richard, Brittney Michelle and Brooke Michelle. Kriste is reunited with Brittney who has awaited her since March 1988. Being a mother and a wife were the most important roles in Kriste's life. A woman who knew no strangers, Kriste was quick to love and quicker to forgive. She focused on the future and all life held. She delighted in her children's successes, encouraged their friends, and relished in her extended families' adventures. With family foremost in her life, Kriste made their home the hub of holidays and parties where everyone was welcome. She and Rick created a haven at Marblehead, where they delighted in sharing their cottage and boats with visitors. An avid seamstress, Kriste created her legacy of wedding dresses designed for countless family members and friends. During her 4-H years, she was honored with numerous State of Ohio awards including appointment to the coveted State Fashion Board. Kriste loved music and sang in Columbia United Methodist Church's choir and holiday cantatas. She and Rick were active supporters of both Boy and Girl Scouts, and Youth Club. A life long

scholar, Kriste sought to expand her knowledge as a proud Bowling Green State University graduate (1975), where she skated on the Falconettes ice dance team. Her career included The Halle Bros. Company, NASA and Cocopa Elementary School. At Cocopa, families and children knew her as the fair and caring face of the school office. Kriste and Rick loved to travel, especially camping in state and national parks. They spent a month last summer traveling cross-country to Glacier National Park. Together they built a gardening paradise at their home, sharing abundant produce with family and neighbors. For his Kriste, Rick designed a collection of bird feeders so she could catalogue wildlife from their patio. In addition to Rick, her beloved husband of nearly 37 years, Kriste is survived by her son Brandon and his love Bryce Miller; daughter Brooke and son-in-law Jordan Bewley; sister Kelli and brother-in-law Scott Heldreth; sister Keri Butler; and niece Abigail Lyndon Butler and her partner Sebastian MacLeod. Additional surviving relatives are her aunt Lois Jean (nee Smith) Nichols; cousins Rhonda and Jim Nichols; Kathy and John Kinkema; Michelle and Michael Nichols; Joanna and Mike Shields; and Scott Nichols and Candace Winslow. Rick's family members include Elaine (nee Mott) and Douglas Kaufman; and Barbara (nee Mott) and Scott Painting; and nieces and nephews Samantha (nee Kaufman) and Andy Lumpkin; Owen and Mason Lumpkin; Bethany Kaufman; Jaclyn and Ryan Painting; Addison, Nathan and Emerson Painting; Tiffany and Matthew Painting; Grace Painting; Andrew Prewitt; Kristy and Cody Prewitt; John Wayne Prewitt; Lizzy and Kenneth Mott; and Ignatius, Vivienne and Genevieve Mott. Kriste now rests with other family including her beloved daughter Brittney; parents Joan and John Butler; uncle Mahlon Nichols; grandparents Margaret (Vandueser) and George Smith; Rick's parents Eleanor M. and Bernard Vincent Mott; brother Paul Mott; sister Ginny (Virginia) Mott Prewitt; and nephew Anthony Prewitt. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations to their church, Columbia United Methodist Church, 25453 Royalton Road, Columbia Station, Ohio 44028. A celebration of Kriste's life and legacy will be shared at a future time when the

family may safely gather with friends.

Tribute Wall

MC

“ Rick, Sorry to read of. your loss. I will keep you and your family in my prayers.Moey Cottom

Moey Cottom - June 13, 2020 at 07:26 PM

BH

“ So saddened to hear of Kriste's passing. She was truly an angel on earth. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time but we know her spirit lives on in the so many lives she touched with her warmth and grace.

Bill and Jeannine Hill - May 17, 2020 at 01:57 PM

RB

“ My long time friend...you will be missed by so many...it's still hard for me to comprehend that you aren't here. So many memories with you ...from when we young Moms, VBS at church, morning phone calls at 7:15 a.m., and working together at Copopa, in the last few years...our trips to Hobby Lobby and antique shops. Your were such a sweet, kind soul...Rick, Brandon and Brooke...keep those good memories close to your heart.

Roger and Vickie Boris - May 15, 2020 at 07:15 PM

CE

“ Our deepest condolences to the Mott Family. I will always remember Kriste with a quick smile and friendly face. She was an incredible ambassador for Copoppa Elementary , greeting each person who walked through those doors with positivity. We shared many a laugh. Her spirit will live on in many people who admired her courage, grace and graciousness. Fly High, Kriste

Christine Elsasser - May 14, 2020 at 10:13 PM

JR

“ Brooke, Rick, Brandon our deepest condolences to the loss of your mom and wife. Kristi was one of a kind lady. prayers of strength and Peace as you go through this time. God Bless you all

Julie Reichard - May 14, 2020 at 05:23 AM

PA

“ Rick, Brandon, and Brook, Our deepest condolences. We loved Kriste as much as we love all of you. You are the best neighbors my parents could have. I'm sorry your wife/mom is gone but I'm glad she is in no more pain. She will truly be missed, she was the sweetest and kindest person I know. Let us know if any of you need anything. Hugs for all of you!!

Patty, Joe, and kids Armstrong - May 13, 2020 at 09:55 PM

TF

“ Our deepest sympathies to your family. Kriste was a very special lady. She is loved all and prayers Your family. Love from the IvesWarren, Judy, Savannah and Jackson

The Ives Family - May 13, 2020 at 07:34 PM

LH

“ Dear Rick and family, Kriste's inner light shone here on earth and will now shine in heaven. She was such a wonderful person, very kind and spiritually strong. I'm going to miss her so much. Sending my love and prayers to all of you.

Laura Hagen - May 13, 2020 at 06:20 PM

RW

“ I am so blessed to have known your Mom. She always had a smile and was so positive. I'm keeping you in my heart.

Regina Wolfe - May 13, 2020 at 01:59 PM

EK

“ Thank you to Kriste's sisters and my family for writing such a heartfelt tribute. My brother's wife was a wonderful addition to our family and will be terribly missed.

Elaine Kaufman - May 13, 2020 at 12:28 PM

RG

“ Brooke, Our thoughts are with you and your family during this time. I never had the opportunity to meet your mother, I wish I had, but I'm glad she had the opportunity to leave the Earth a better place than she found it. Sincerely, Rachel & Nathan

Rachel Radwanski & Nathan Gaffney - May 13, 2020 at 09:52 AM

BK

“ So sorry to hear this. She was an amazing woman. She was definitely one of the sweetest people I've ever met and when she worked in the Copopa office, she was so sweet and kind to the kids. She was always smiling. Sending hugs and prayers to the family. RIP sweet Kriste

Barb Kirkwood - May 13, 2020 at 07:38 AM

CB

“ Rick, Brooke, Brandon and family, I am so sorry to learn of the passing of Kriste. My heart is breaking for you all. I am thankful for the friendship that we had and am going to miss her deeply. She was a positive, kind person who would do anything for anyone....especially those little kiddos at Copopa- they all loved Mrs. Mott! Hugs and prayers from Dave and I.

Cheryl Bartko - May 13, 2020 at 07:21 AM

RL

“ I only knew Kriste through the stories and memories shared by Keri. Those stories have given me hope and a love for life. I am so sorry for your loss and my prayers go out to the family. Kriste has been an inspiration to so many and will be missed.

Renee Lamp - May 12, 2020 at 11:46 PM

TF

“ I am so saddened at the loss of this beautiful woman !!! She was the sweeties woman ever !!! It's been awhile since I've seen her , however the last time I did we cried we held each other and cried !!! She was a angel and she was so kind !!! I pray she passed in peace ! Bc peace is what she breather'd , she was the kindest soul I've ever know !! I'll miss you my children will miss you

The lupica family - May 12, 2020 at 10:59 PM

RP

“ Beautiful words about an amazing woman. Kristie made my wife Jackie's wedding veil, did the dress alterations, let us use their Marblehead cottage one weekend and hosted more family gatherings than I can count. She was a fixture of the Mott family. We'll miss her dearly. I pray for Ricky, Brooke, and Brandon as they grieve this special woman. Love you guy.

Ryan Painting - May 12, 2020 at 10:25 PM

KD

“ Kriste was a sweet neighbor on West River! The family and close friends are in my thoughts!

Kristen Demboski - May 12, 2020 at 10:08 PM

HM

“ We were heartbroken to learn of Kriste\'s passing. She has always been such a strong woman in spirit, body, heart, and soul under ANY circumstances. Always a welcome, smiling face. Never a harsh word. One of the kindest souls this world has ever encountered. I can\'t begin to imagine how many lives she made a positive impact in. She has certainly earned her wings. Heaven has gained an incredible angel. Love & Prayers, The Merriman Family Pastor Matt, Heidi, Jennilyn, Anne, Hayden & Amanda

Heidi Merriman - May 12, 2020 at 09:50 PM

DD

“ While I don't think I ever knew Kristi or her family you have my deepest sympathy. Loosing a loved one is such a difficult part of life. It sounds like your family is blessed with many wonderful memories. God Bless you all and may Kristi Rest In Peace.

Dee Duffy - May 12, 2020 at 09:31 PM

KM

“ Sending thoughts and prayers to the family. Kriste is truly a genuine soul. I would love chatting with her when I needed to go up to the school for something, She always took the time to talk, she was always kind, always smiling! Heaven gained one heck of an angel!

Kelly Milluzzi - May 12, 2020 at 09:24 PM

RK

“ Kristy always took Jane under her wing as a choir member. For my sister and I we will miss her beautiful smile. Sending Prayers

Ruth Glontz. Jane Squires. Deb Karlovec - May 12, 2020 at 09:23 PM

HW

“ Kristie had a way of making the newest people to our small town feel at home and comfortable! She was an angel at the office of Old Copopa and my kids knew it. Everyone did. She truly made the world a better, happier place. Bless her family for sharing her with us all, may she rest in peace.

Heidi Wasko - May 12, 2020 at 09:15 PM

SG

“ To Rick and family I will miss talking to Kriste at church and we already missed both of you at Youth Club. You both were so much fun Prayers to the family. Sandy Goodson.

Sandra Goodson - May 12, 2020 at 09:13 PM

AP

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. Your mom was such a bright light. She will be deeply missed. Please accept my deepest sympathies.

April - May 12, 2020 at 09:12 PM

VK

“ Truer words could not have been written. Kriste was in everyone's corner cheering us on to be the best version of ourselves. Her encouragement was uplifting and her guiding hand always helped you arrive at what was right and good. I am so thankful for what I learned from her... loyalty, trust, compassion, humility- most of all I saw how to prioritize what is important in life family, marriage and love. Our thoughts are with you Brooke, Brandon and Rick. The Ketterers love you and your mom. I can't help but think that Myles will be waiting to welcome her.

Vince and Suzi Ketterer - May 12, 2020 at 08:42 PM

CB

“ Sending hugs and prayers, she was the best secretary at our school. She helped save one of our daughters. We will be praying for the whole family.

Carol Beck - May 12, 2020 at 08:34 PM

TM

“ Rick, Brook, & Brandon & Family please accept our deepest & sincerest sympathy. We are so very sorry for your loss.

Tom & Yvonne Matus - May 12, 2020 at 08:31 PM

SD

“ We are so saddened by your tremendous loss. Kriste was a lovely woman, a great friend, an incredible mom, and so much more. All of us who knew her are better for her presence in our lives. We love all of you and send our sympathy and hugs.

Susie and Chuck Dunn - May 12, 2020 at 08:21 PM

MK

“ Dear Rick and Family, I am so sorry to hear about Kriste's passing. I have fond memories of the two years we spent together at Copopa. She was a great lady. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Sincerely, Mike Kostyack

Mike Kostyack - May 12, 2020 at 08:15 PM

RR

“ Brooklyn, our deepest sympathy to you and your family on the loss of such a wonderful person. You all will be in our prayers.

Rose and Rich Roscoe - May 12, 2020 at 08:14 PM