



Christa Purello

November 21, 1936 - April 23, 2018

Albany- Purello, Christa. Clifton Park. Christa, 81, entered eternal life and passed away peacefully at her home on Monday, April 23, 2018, surrounded by her loved ones.

Christa was born and raised in Bremerhaven, Germany in 1936 during World War II. She was the third child born to Anna and Friedrich Muckelberg. She survived incredibly difficult times during the war. Christa earned her degree in Germany and later met Alfred C Purello, a young United States Air Force Captain who was stationed in Germany after the war. Alfred and Christa were wed in 1957 and moved to the United States where Alfred attended law school while Christa worked as assistant to two state senators to support their growing family. As Alfred began a successful law career Christa took time off to devote to her family. She later continued working in various positions with New York State until she retired in 2013.

Christa was unconditionally devoted to her family. She will be remembered by all who have met her as the kindest, most caring and elegant person imaginable. Christa was an avid traveler, frequently visiting Germany with her two children. She and Alfred traveled extensively throughout Europe and the United States. In addition to travel, Christa was bilingual, enjoyed literature,

history, theater, the arts, classical music, and fashion.

Christa was predeceased by her older brother, Wilhelm, and her older sister, Annaliesa, as well as her stepsister, Thea Gunther, and her stepbrother, Erich Gunther. She is survived by her loving children, Kurt Purello (Connie) and Karin Wren (David) as well as grandchildren Chloe, Kylie, and Jack. She is also survived by a nephew and a niece in Germany.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Christa's family Monday, April 30, 2018 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm in McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY.

Funeral services Tuesday at 9:30 am in McVeigh Funeral Home, Albany, thence to St. Edward the Confessor, Clifton Park, NY at 10:30 am where her Funeral Mass will be celebrated.

The interment will be held at 1:00 pm Tuesday following the Funeral Mass in Gerald BH Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Children's Hospital at Albany Medical Center, 43 New Scotland Ave, Albany, New York 12208.

To leave a special message for the family, light a candle, obtain directions, view Christa's Life Tribute, or see other helpful services please visit www.McVeighFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

Gerald BH Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery

200 Duell Road
Schuylerville, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 30. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.
208 N Allen St
Albany, NY 12206
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Service

MAY 1. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Edward the Confessor Church
569 Clifton Park Center Road
Clifton Park, NY 12065

Tribute Wall



“ *Christa Purello*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *Dear Karin, Kurt & Family,
It was shocking news to hear that your mom passed away. I'm at a loss for words because losing your parents makes it difficult to express the feelings you are going through. Knowing that you just lost your Uncle Joe as well is a lot for your family to go through at the same time. My heart goes out to you. My dearest and sincerest condolences to you, Karin and Kurt as well as the grandchildren who Christa adored.
We were good friends and your dad and my husband, Arnold, did have some wonderful times together. Good memories will always be there. On behalf of my husband, who just recently passed away, you will be in my thoughts and prayers at this very difficult time. May God's blessings be with you. June Busold*

June Busold - May 03, 2018 at 03:12 PM



“ *I Worked with Christa, she was a wonderful, kind and caring friend. I enjoyed our lunches at the reel seafood and red lobster. R.I.P My Friend. Our thoughts and prayers to Christa's family.*



Mabel Leak - April 29, 2018 at 06:22 PM

GF

“ So sorry to read of Christa’s passing. I remember her well from family get togethers. May she Rest In Peace with her beloved Al.

Fondly,
Gayle Faughnan

gayle faughnan - April 29, 2018 at 09:29 AM

SH

“ i had the pleasure of working with christa and we were friends. condolences to her family

sherry - April 26, 2018 at 03:51 PM

LE

“ Christa was a dear and cherished friend for many years. She will be greatly missed. Extending our heartfelt condolences to the family. -Barbara Elkin (and family)



Lisa Elkin - April 25, 2018 at 09:42 AM



“ Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of Christa Purello.



April 24, 2018 at 10:06 PM