



## Christy Harris D'Ambrosio

December 29, 1952 - April 8, 2025

Albany, NY-Christy Harris D'Ambrosio was born December 29, 1952, in Phoenix, AZ and died on April 8, 2025 after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Christy is predeceased by her Mother and Father, Christine and Harry Harris, and her sister, Roberta Harris. She is survived by her husband, Ray Newkirk; sons, Michael D'Ambrosio (Ren Tarpley) and John D'Ambrosio (Madeline Tricozzi) and their son, Matthew D'Ambrosio; her step-daughters: Sarah Newkirk (Steve Munch) and their sons, Logan and Orion Newkirk; Rachel Newkirk; and Leah Newkirk (Matt Lang) and their sons, Alexander and Jacob Lang.

Christy was born and raised in Phoenix, AZ. She received a Bachelor of Music Theatre Performance degree from Arizona State University in 1975 and moved to New York City in 1976 where she worked as an Equity actress. She moved to Albany, NY, in 1986, and started a family. Christy worked as the Managing Partner of Alliance Reporting Service from 1989 until 2002, when she decided to pursue a master's degree. Christy graduated from Skidmore College's Master's Program with a Master of Arts in Liberal Studies in 2007, focusing on Social Development through Arts Education.

After receiving her degree, Christy volunteered at Trinity Alliance, St. Anne's

Institute, and New Day Art. She was also the Youth Director at the First Presbyterian Church of Albany for over a decade; served as the Albany Presbytery Coordinator for the National Presbytery Triennium for Youth in 2013, 2016, and 2019, and as Coordinator for the New York State Council of Churches Youth Leadership Conferences in both New York City and Washington, DC.

In 2014, Christy coordinated a GroupCares national work camp in Albany, organizing over 400 youth from across the nation, to paint and/or repair 30+ homes in the South End, Arbor Hill, and West Hills neighborhoods, as well as the PYHIT Schuyler Inn facility in Menands. Christy was honored by the NYS Council of Churches in 2017 for Excellence in Christian Formation and received a Community Service Award from the Cameroonian Association of the Greater Capital District in 2019. Christy also worked as an Administrator for Albany Pro Musica and volunteered at Music Mobile, Wizard's Wardrobe, and Children at the Well (With Our Voices).

Christy loved her family and friends, singing, dancing, theatre, children and youth, traveling, and helping others.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Christy's family on Friday, May 2, 2025 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm at McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206. Please enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot entrance only.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2025 at 2:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church, 362 State Street, Albany, NY 12210. Interment will follow at Our Lady of Angels Cemetery immediately following the Service.

To leave a message for the family please visit [www.McveighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com)

Donations can be made in her memory to Wizard's Wardrobe, PO Box 61, Albany NY 12201 ([wizardwardrobe.org](http://wizardwardrobe.org)) or With Our Voices, PO Box 271, Latham, NY 12110 ([withourvoices.org](http://withourvoices.org)).

# Cemetery Details

## Our Lady of Angels Cemetery

1389 Central Ave  
Albany, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 2.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.  
208 N Allen St  
Albany, NY 12206  
(518) 489-0188  
[info@mcveighfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@mcveighfuneralhome.com)  
<http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com>

## Service

**MAY 3.** 2:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church  
362 State Street  
Albany, NY

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Ray and Family,

*I am so sorry for your loss. May her memory always be a blessing.*

—Tom



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**Thomas Carrigan** - May 04, 2025 at 09:53 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Christy Harris D'Ambrosio.*



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May 02, 2025 at 08:50 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Christy Harris D'Ambrosio.

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May 02, 2025 at 08:50 AM

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“ *Paul, Anna, Julia, and Grace D'Ambrosio planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christy Harris D'Ambrosio.*

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**Paul, Anna, Julia, and Grace D'Ambrosio** - May 01, 2025 at 06:55 PM

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“ Paul, Anna, Julia, and Grace D’Ambrosio purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Christy Harris D’Ambrosio.



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**Paul, Anna, Julia, and Grace D’Ambrosio** - May 01, 2025 at 06:55 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Christy Harris D’Ambrosio.

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April 26, 2025 at 11:46 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Christy Harris D’Ambrosio.



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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Christy Harris D’Ambrosio.

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April 18, 2025 at 03:37 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Christy Harris D'Ambrosio.*



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April 18, 2025 at 03:37 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Christy's passing. Although I only worked with Christy for a few years, I will always remember her as a kind, considerate, loving person. My sincere condolences to Ray and family. RIP, Dear Christy.*

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**Sue Fischler** - April 18, 2025 at 11:25 AM



“ *Christy was a dear friend and neighbor with an effervescent personality. She had a deep commitment to assisting young people and working for social justice. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to her family. She will be missed greatly.*

*Suzanne and Paul Murray*

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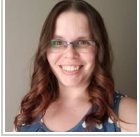
**Paul Murray** - April 18, 2025 at 10:19 AM



“ *I remember Christy coming to our home in Phoenix, Arizona. I still keep a poem she wrote about her sister in my Bible. Kathy Lomeli Handsaker*

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**kathy Handsaker** - April 14, 2025 at 12:33 PM



“ *Dear Ray and Family,*

*We are so sorry for your loss. May her memory always be a blessing.*

*Love Janelle Favata (Salada) and Sandy Salada*

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**Janelle Favata** - April 10, 2025 at 08:50 PM

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“ *Dear Ray and family, I am so sad for your loss. My heart is with you all. Christy was a shining light who will live on in the hearts of so many people whom she touched.*

*It was an honor to be Christy's advisor when she was pursuing her Master of Arts in Liberal Education at Skidmore. She was an exemplary student and an exemplary person.*

*I will miss her and remember her with love.*

*Peace to you all this time of sorrow.*

*Anne Turner*

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**Anne Turner** - April 10, 2025 at 08:42 PM