



Christine "Chris" Lynn Ott

August 22, 1961 - July 6, 2014

Christine "Chris" Lynne Ott

Chris lost her long, courageous, roller-coaster war with pancreatic cancer on July 6 at home with family and in the excellent care of the Upland Hills Hospice team. She was born in Belvidere, Il on August 22, 1961 but moved to the Excelsior, Wi area with her family when she was 13 years old. On the "farm", she hiked the hills and loved the woods and tended to a variety of animals. Later in life, she became a 4H small animal judge. A graduate of Riverdale HS, she became a US Army diesel mechanic and, upon discharge, she found her gradual vocations in health care. She attended South West Technical College for her EMT, CNA, LPN, and finally Registered Nurse training. She worked at the Richland Hospital and Boscobel Hospital. For the last few years she was a Travel Nurse with her husband throughout the country but mostly on the Navajo-Hopi reservations in Tuba City, Az.

She is survived by her husband of 10 years, John Rigby, and mother Joan K. (Andresen) Ott who lived with them in Muscoda, Wi. She had 2 daughters, Kerri Corcoran of Milwaukee, Wi and SSgt Katherine (Corcoran) Pyka (husband Jeremy) in the US Army in Colorado Springs, Co who has 2 daughters, beloved grandchildren Magdalena "Lena", Mikayla "Mika" Curtis, and grandson Jayden Pyka. Chris had 2 sisters; Marlene (Russell Tilsner) of Waukesha, Wi and Karlene (Neil Broesch) of Hartford, Wi who were indispensable during her long illness. She was also very close to, and

appreciated the love and support of all of her family including her Aunt Judy Andresen, cousins Mike and Scott Andresen of Richland Center, Wi, and Niece Katie and Nephew Jonathon Broesch of Hartford, Wi. Many other dear Andresens include her Aunt Sandi in Rockford, Il Uncle Bob (and Elaine) in Chicago,Il, cousins Rick (and Elisha) in Rochester, Mn, and Rob (and Joe) of Denver, Co. She spoke German and has relatives there as well. She is predeceased by her father Karl Ott and her Uncle Hans Andresen as well as her grandparents. The warm and caring support and companionship of her many friends, coworkers, and colleagues at the Richland Hospital was much appreciated. She also wanted to acknowledge the excellent care she received from the Madison VA and UW hospitals who helped her wage her war; providing competence, confidence, and hope through so many difficulties and complications. In lieu of flowers or gifts, please make any donations to the South West Technical College healthcare vocations dept.

A Celebration of Life visitation for Chris will be held at Clary Memorial Funeral Home, Hwy 14 East, in Richland Center on Thursday, July 10, 2014 from 5:00 to 7:30PM with a short service at 7:30. All friends and family are invited. On line condolences can be made at www.clarymemorialfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

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“ Praying that God will comfort you and carry you through this difficult time to a place of peace. You have my sincere sympathy.

Bobbie Ebben - Hartford, WI - Friend of Russ & Marlene Tilsner - July 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ I started work I working with Chris years ago at the Richland Hospital. I always loved the compassion she had for her patients she took care of and if I ever needed how to spell a word or the definition she knew it and could she ever read a book fast that always fascinated me I will miss her so much

Renee Hayes - mount horeb, WI - friend and former co-worker - July 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ May the grace of God always provide a bright memory of Chris with all of her family. While I did not know Chris for long, she inspired me through her strength and grace through her illness. Chris' love of family was obvious.

I will never forget the examples made by Chris and her loving family.

Sincerely,

Shelly

shelly Mayer - Slinger, WI - family friend - July 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

HC

“ Blessings of sympathy to you John, and the rest of the family, in the loss of your very precious love one. So glad I got to work with her, and stopped in to see her at the house as well. Take care.

Love and Hugs

Helen Sheafor, CNA at the Richland Hospital

helen sheafor - richland center, WI - co-worker - July 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ So sorry for the loss of Chris. The family is in my thoughts and prayers....

Amy Kaiser - Dallas, TX - friend of Marlene Tilsner - July 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM