



## Christine Shallow

November 27, 1960 - March 30, 2026

Christine Shallow passed away peacefully, surrounded by the love of her family.

Christine was a vibrant, outgoing soul whose presence brought warmth and energy wherever she went. Known for her unforgettable laugh and kind spirit, she brought joy and comfort to everyone who knew her. She was a devoted and loving mother—always supportive and endlessly proud of her children. A proud hockey mom, she could often be found cheering from the stands, fully invested in every game and every moment. Whether at the rink or in the quiet routines of daily life, Christine's love for her family was unwavering.

She is survived by her beloved husband, Jim; her father, Richard; her daughter, Samantha (Justin); her son, Robert (Jena); her sisters, Julie (Daryl) and Cheryl (Randy); and her nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her mother, Marcia.

Christine had a creative and caring spirit that shone through in her work as a hairdresser and floral designer, where she made people feel beautiful and helped celebrate life's most meaningful moments. Her favorite role, however, was working at the Disney Store, where she truly felt at home. She had a deep love for all things Disney—it was a constant source of happiness in her life. She cherished family trips to Disney, delighting in the magic, the

memories, and the joy it brought to her loved ones. Whether planning the next visit or reliving favorite moments, Disney was always close to her heart, and she loved sharing that magic with those around her.

Above all, Christine will be remembered for her kindness, her laughter, and the deep love she had for her family. Her legacy lives on in the hearts of those who knew and loved her. She will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

Visitation will be 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 9, 2026 at Ringa Funeral Home. A funeral service will begin at 1 p.m. on Thursday. Burial will follow.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 9. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Ringa Funeral Home  
122 S. Milwaukee Ave.  
Lake Villa, IL 60046  
(847) 356-2146  
info@ringafuneralhome.com  
<https://www.ringafuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

APR 9. 1:00 PM (CT)

Ringa Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall

LP

“ My friend Chris, you had the most infectious smile that I know of...you will be missed. Seems like yesterday we were stabbing wallpaper books with scissors in our Interior design class and laughing so hard we were in tears! I know that I will see you again in heaven ❤️ Lee

Lee Ann Petri - April 09 at 07:54 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Christine Shallow.



April 09 at 08:53 AM



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

April 09 at 08:53 AM

BN

“ Beth N. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Christine Shallow.



Beth N. - April 08 at 08:37 PM

BN

“ Beth N. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christine Shallow.

Beth N. - April 08 at 08:37 PM

KT

“ I was completely heartbroken to hear of Chris’s passing. She was such a staple in my family—my God-family—for so many years. There are so many wonderful memories, but one stands out in particular.

Back in the '90s, my husband Rick and I traveled to Florida three or four times a year and always made time for Disney. One year, while we were at a water park, I spotted Jim, Chris, and their two little ones playing in a shallow area. I couldn’t believe my eyes. It was such a joyful surprise. We hugged, laughed, and shared our mutual love for Disney.

The Shallow family is the only other family I’ve known who loved Disney as much as we did. That moment has stayed with me all these years, and I’ll always treasure it.

Keep the memory of her laughter, smiles and love with you always. This is how she would want it.



Katie "Zaruba" Tomaszewicz - April 08 at 06:31 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Christine Shallow.



April 08 at 06:21 PM



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

April 08 at 06:21 PM



“ Danny, Megan, Emma Courtney and Amy purchased the *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* for the family of Christine Shallow.



Danny, Megan, Emma Courtney and Amy - April 08 at 11:04 AM



“ Danny, Megan, Emma Courtney and Amy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christine Shallow.

Danny, Megan, Emma Courtney and Amy - April 08 at 11:04 AM



“ Your big sister and your nieces n nephew purchased the *Fairest of All* for the family of Christine Shallow.



Your big sister and your nieces n nephew - April 08 at 09:03 AM

YN

“ Your big sister and your nieces n nephew planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christine Shallow.

Your big sister and your nieces n nephew - April 08 at 09:03 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Christine Shallow.



April 07 at 05:24 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Christine Shallow.



April 07 at 12:54 PM

AC

“ Anderson/Bauman Chiropractic purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Christine Shallow.



Anderson/Bauman Chiropractic - April 07 at 12:29 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Christine Shallow.



April 07 at 10:33 AM



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

April 07 at 10:33 AM



“ Lisa C. purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Christine Shallow.



Lisa C. - April 07 at 08:31 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Christine Shallow.



April 06 at 10:45 PM



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

April 06 at 10:45 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Christine Shallow.



April 06 at 06:49 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray* was purchased for the family of Christine Shallow.



April 06 at 01:55 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Christine Shallow.



April 06 at 10:21 AM



“ 1 file added to the album *Disney Store*



David Alonzo - April 06 at 10:14 AM

PO

*Beautiful photo ... Thanks fir sharing*

Patricia O'Dishoo - April 08 at 06:56 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Christine Shallow.*



April 05 at 11:07 AM



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

April 05 at 11:07 AM

MV

“ *You were my first best friend in life. Living across the street from each other made it easy to spend time together. Your quick smile and contagious laugh had us in giggles constantly. All my first memories involve you. From playing in the snow of 1967 to having picnics and “camping” in the back yard. When I moved away, it was you I missed most. We finally reunited when we moved back in high school. You and Jim were the first people I knew to get married and I could see how in love you were. When I got married you did my hair for me and it was perfect! I look forward to seeing you one day in heaven. Hugs to Jim and your children! My prayers are with your family*

Maggie Zaruba Villwock - April 05 at 09:56 AM

PO

*Maggie this is a great tribute to a childhood friend. I was one of those with Chris too. Same time frame. So sad.*

Patricia O'Dishoo - April 08 at 06:55 PM

PV

*“ I worked with Chris for many years. I am so sorry to hear of her passing. Much too soon. My heart goes out to her family. I know she will be missed.*

Pamela Vlink - April 04 at 09:43 PM

RM

*“ Chris was my go to hairstylist since 1979 when we were both newlyweds and I had moved here from downstate. We enjoyed each others company each time I came in for a cut or perm (yikes). As I got older, she let me know in no uncertain terms when it was time to get rid of the gray! We always talked nonstop sharing events in our lives and our kids lives. We shared a love of anything Disney. As our kids grew up and started getting married, we discussed wedding details and plans. When she retired, I really missed our visits every 8 weeks. My deepest sympathy to her family during this difficult time. Chris was such a positive and kind person. She will be sorely missed by all who had the privilege to know her.*

Robyn Magnuson - April 04 at 03:52 PM

PO

*“ Chris you were my childhood friend. My best friend. We did everything together. Being 8 houses apart , I would tell my dad I was walking you home and he would reply can't she find her own way home. We would still talk more and more. We talked for hours. I will miss you my best friend. My heart aches. So many warm thoughts sent to Jim, Samantha and RJ. Many hugs. We will see each other again friend.*

Patrica O'Dishoo - April 04 at 01:45 PM

JJ

“ James Schlage Jr purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Christine Shallow.



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**James Schlage Jr** - April 03 at 03:04 PM

JB

“ ”How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard. You are the sister of my heart and I will carry you there forever

*Jana Buchholz*

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**Jana Buchholz** - April 02 at 09:19 PM

BB

“ My deepest sympathy to everyone in your family. I'm heartbroken to hear about Chris, she was always so caring, helpful and a great sense of humor. It has been a rough time for your family the past several months and my heart aches for all of you. Just know that Chris and your mom are together now and not alone. I will advise my family members. My heart goes out to all of you. Love Barb

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**Barbara Bartz** - April 02 at 07:57 PM