

IN THE WORDS OF KRIS...

Note: Kris, her sister Tanya, and their mom were part of a large Mount Olive group to tour The Holy Land in 2000, led at the time by Pastor Kathie Nycklemoe. Kris was



Kris on top of Masada by the Dead Sea in Israel.

"Through Confirmation, you learn about people in the Bible, their stories, Jesus and God. Those stories were written over 2000 years ago. Today you begin your own faith story. I want you to know that you are FOREVER connected to your family and your God. "Forever linked-forever loved."

"You are moving forward on a JOURNEY. A journey of a 1000 miles begins with a single step. The beauty of your faith is that even though you may veer off your path throughout life, your faith is your compass that will lead you back when you are ready. Thank you for choosing me to spend this amazing day with you!

Love you!"

impressed by Israel's Biblical places and history that became "so real" to her, commenting after taking communion at the garden site of Christ's tomb near Golgotha that she wished "every Confirmand could take this trip". Perhaps that trip influenced her when, years later, she wrote the following note to a friend's daughter at her Confirmation.



Kris at her confirmation in 1983.

Kristen Lea (Fosdick) Guy was born July 8, 1969 in Minneapolis, MN and in Rochester was Baptized, Confirmed, and Married at Mount Olive Lutheran Church and welcomed into God's loving embrace Thursday, September 7th at 7pm.

She was a happy baby and even as a toddler, showed rare perception of the world around her. She taught her parents that every full moon was a ***“moon-cookie.”*** In 1974, After hearing in Vacation Bible School a story about a teddy bear, she interrupted Mount Olive's Pastor, chirping “I don't have a teddy bear.” Gasps were heard. *Pastor Beaver and her parents quickly provided new teddy bears.* Her mother told her they were "special deliveries from God".



As a student at John Marshall High School, she played baritone in the Marching Band and competed on the Girl's Swim Team. Through a program that paired RCC and Winona State, she earned BA and MA degrees in Elementary Education. For 28 years she taught school in District 535, first at Holmes and 25 years at Riverside Elementary, teaching second or third grade.

Her love for teaching had a lasting impact on students, their parents and her colleagues. She was known as a “teacher's teacher.” Her gentle caring for the needs of each student spread beyond basic curriculum into “life lessons on treating others.” Each student received a book every month from Scholastic via donations solicited by Kris.

Many former students kept in touch with her, some sending *their* children to Riverside for her to teach.

She was that rare Minnesota native who loved ALL our seasons. Personal activities included skiing, hiking, fishing, camping—especially in The North Shore/Lake Superior area. A huge wall map in her home office has pins marking camping vacations with her three “Guys” to State and National Parks all over the U.S. She especially enjoyed campfires if they involved s'mores and music. She was a fan of the Grateful Dead, more recently won over by Trampled By Turtles.



Relax mode for Kris meant comfy clothes, a comfy chair often shared with one of her cats, a good book to read or a movie to watch. She also enjoyed playing games or cards and tended her plants and flowers with green thumb talent. The birds around her home and outside her classroom window were as well fed as her beloved cats and chickens.

Kris was devoted to Aaron, the love of her life she married in 1995. She was proud of her beloved sons, Noah and Charlie. She valued time spent with family members and nurtured long-time friendships like flowers in her garden. All reciprocated with loving support in her final battle with cancer and shingles. Her ICU room was crowded by loving visitors, perhaps to the amazement a hospital staff she continually thanked for her care.



This was our girl. Full of love, always grateful...a role model of a life well-lived and a rare light that for 54 years shined through darkness like the “moon cookie” vision of a toddler. For some of us a bright full moon will forever be a tribute to the daughter, wife, mother, sister, teacher, aunt and friend who will be deeply missed. Her wish for everyone would be to spread lovelight and joyful kindness to others. "Fozitude" was what a dear friend called her positivity.

Kris is survived by her Guys-- Aaron, Noah and Charlie, her parents Eric and Carol Fosdick, sisters Tanya (Tyler) and Theresa (Ross), mother and father-in-law Jim and Pam Roth, mother-in-law Julie Guy, as

well as nieces, nephews, a recently-found wonderful birth family, and a battalion of those she called “friend.”

Memorial Suggestion: Riverside Elementary for the new “Kris Guy Otter Book Fund” to expand the Scholastic Book-a-Month gift to ALL Riverside students.

****The funeral service will be available on YouTube.
Visit <https://molive.org/index.php/funeral-services>***



2022 Concert at Red Rock in Colorado



Kris afloat in the Dead Sea - 2000.