



## Christine Considine Kovach

July 26, 1942 - August 10, 2020

On the evening of August 10, 2020, surrounded by her family, Christine Frances Considine Kovach slipped peacefully from this world. A celebration honoring her life will be announced at a later date.

Over her 78 years, she successfully played the roles of daughter, sister, wife, mother, aunt, cousin, friend, and the world's one and only "Grinkie" to Katelyn and Jack. She was much more - teacher, mentor, reader, writer, traveler, chef, volunteer, golfer, interior decorator, music and theater fan, and a lover of the beach, water, and nature. Above all, she was a generous gift giver - of her time, a warm smile, a heartfelt hug, a kind note, a thoughtful phone call, a fun souvenir from her travels, or a valuable piece of instruction. She always fought with grace and love – for the underprivileged, her students, her family, and friends.

Christine was born July 26, 1942 to John and Lucy Considine in Fall River, MA. She was raised in Bridgewater along with three sisters, Virginia, Amy and Mary Jane. Following a wonderfully memorable childhood with her sisters, cousins, and friends, she graduated from Bridgewater State College and began her teaching career in Weymouth, MA. She moved south to Alexandria, VA on a whim and began teaching at Fort Washington Forest Elementary in Oxon Hill, MD where the New England girl met Michael Kovach. They were swiftly devoted and married on August 6, 1966 and she gained three more

sisters – Anita, Carole and Marcella. Children John Michael and Anne Micaela soon followed and were raised among trees, fields, farms and close neighbors in rural Aquasco, MD. The family grew as John married Lynda Marie Takagi and they were blessed with Katelyn Marie and Jack (John Andrew). Anne married Charles John Froke.

Chris spent her esteemed career teaching in Charles County from 1978-2005 at Malcolm, Matula, T.C. Martin, W.J. Mitchell and Dr. Higdon elementary schools. She was a Classroom Teacher, Gifted Resource Teacher and after retirement served as a mentor for new teachers.

As empty nesters, Chris and Mike moved to Charles County eventually settling (more like basing) in Swan Point where they thrived in the retired life among several close-knit friends. A writer, reader, teacher, truly the Head of the Class, Christine Kovach is an inspiration to us all. Her absence leaves a void in the hearts of the many whose lives she touched. May she rest in peace.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that any donations in memory of Christine be made to Holy Ghost Church (<https://holyghostissue.org/>), the Maryland Book Bank (<https://www.mdbookbank.org/>), or the Southern Maryland Food Bank (<https://southernmarylandfoodbank.com/charles-county-pantries/>)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Christine Considine Kovach*

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October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Christine Considine Kovach*

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October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *Chris, and Mike, were kind next door neighbors to us when we moved to Swan Point. I am so glad they both attended my daughter's wedding in 2015. Chris was so welcoming to us. I will never forget her smile and warm kindness & thoughtfulness toward us.*

*Kim Stroud*

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**Kim Stroud** - January 23, 2021 at 08:11 PM

KA

“ Aunt Christine was my favorite aunt of all. She was the "cool aunt" (and also my favorite) who I was always excited to see. It is difficult to narrow down the many memories I have of her. Most of them are fragments, but here are a few:

*I loved going to the house in Aquasco. It was so cool! One summer, I was there with Grandma Lucy and my cousin Laura. She took us to the beach. She was so fun, generous, and always on top of the newest trends (east coast was always one year ahead of us in Colorado)- like JAMS and jelly shoes- my cousin was on top of.*

*She was the hostess with the mostest. She made me Top Ramen, and remarked how her son John sometimes ate it without soup- just noodles with the seasoning sprinkled on top.*

*There was one ill-fated attempt at rice. It came out soupy, but the effort she made did not go unnoticed.*

*She took us to cool restaurants and promised to take me to the nearest La Baguette before I returned to Colorado (I wanted to bring a baguette home to my mother).*

*What else? She had a really cool comforter that had (can you imagine!) 2 colors and was reversible. She changed it inbetween seasons. I remember seeing her do this and thought it was the coolest thing I'd ever seen. Who knew that reversible comforters existed?*

*She visited Colorado once and talked about this new movie with Julia Roberts that had just come out called "Pretty Woman" and how great it was, and how she had also recently gone to eat Mexican food at Chi-Chis. Strange what a child remembers.*

*Finally, as I grew older and detached from the family, she always made the effort to check in occasionally. She would ask if I had enough money, how I was doing, and offered a sympathetic ear on more than one occasion.*

*Rest in peace, Aunt Christine.*

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**Kate Agathon** - August 19, 2020 at 08:19 PM

KC

“ *Chris was a sweet lady. Always enjoyed talking with her at the club. We're so sorry to hear of her passing. You and your family are in our hearts and prayers.*

*Mike & Karen Collins*

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**Karen Collins** - August 17, 2020 at 12:11 PM

TT

“ *I have great childhood memories with Anne and her lovely mother. Mrs Kovach was always sweet and welcoming and I know she will be sadly missed. Anne, John, and Mr Kovach, you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Tara Zidek Thompson** - August 15, 2020 at 07:50 AM

 Adam  
Bender

“ *We have such warm memories of Chris and how welcome she made us feel at family reunions. She was always very supportive of us. We wish that Rishi could have met her. We'll miss her very much.*

*-- Adam, Mallika and Rishi*

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**Adam Bender** - August 14, 2020 at 03:47 PM

PJ

“ *Michael,  
There no words to convey how sorry I am for you in loosing your wife, best friend, buddy, and pal in all the world. May GOD give you the strength to carry you through this time of grief. Our prayers are with you.*  
*Paul K. Jensen*

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**Paul K. Jensen** - August 14, 2020 at 10:06 AM



“ *Will always treasure our time with Mike and Chris and family. Chris and Mike so generously helped me celebrate my retirement in Hilton Head. Will miss her tremendously.*

*Love  
Rich and Blanche*



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**Richard Dymond** - August 14, 2020 at 09:59 AM

CS

“ *We really enjoyed the week we spent with Chris at Hilton Head she was a great planner and hostess*



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**connie Slezak** - August 14, 2020 at 09:31 AM

ML

“ I was so sorry to hear of Chris’s passing. I have so many memories of our time together at Walter J. Mitchell in the early 2000s. She had all the qualities mentioned in her obituary, and she was also one of the funniest people I ever met. In fact, to this day, an inside joke I shared with Chris and Carla Gritzmacher remains the hardest I’ve ever laughed in my life! Here are a few photos-with Meighan Hungerford at Mitchell, on the beach at Ocean City with Carla, and at my retirement party in 2018. Sending my deepest condolences to Mike, John, and Ann. Goodbye, Chris, and thanks for the sweet memories.

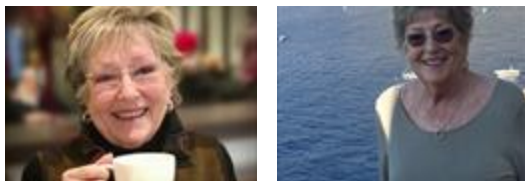
Mary Kate Long



Mary Kate Long - August 14, 2020 at 05:26 AM

John Kovach

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John Kovach - August 13, 2020 at 03:12 PM

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John Kovach - August 13, 2020 at 01:11 PM

LH

*I was very sorry to hear of her passing. She was a sweet lady with a bright smile. My condolences to all of her loved one. God bless!*

Loraine Hennessy - August 13, 2020 at 02:11 PM

JS

*I know how much your husband loved you, and how much he will miss you.*

Jayne Settle - August 13, 2020 at 02:58 PM

BB

*Bill and I were so sorry to hear of her passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family  
Bill and Barb Biddle*

Barb Biddle - August 13, 2020 at 03:01 PM

LC

*So happy to have known Chris when we were young. Adventures at college and summer on the Cape. Time passed and we lost touch until 2 years ago. So happy to have had a special night with Chris and Mike. Thought and prayers to the whole family at such a difficult time. Linda Crosby*

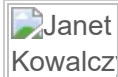
Linda Crosby - August 13, 2020 at 03:50 PM

SN

*Linda & I send our deepest condolences! I always enjoyed the conversations and time spent with her at reunions and other family gatherings. She had a special kindness and spirit that always showed though. Sorry for your loss. She was a special person!!*

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**Stan Nasiatka** - August 13, 2020 at 08:42 PM

 Janet Kowalczyk

*Sending our deepest condolences, Chris's smile was always so warm and genuine. I always enjoyed talking with her at family occasions. Prayers for the Kovach family in this most difficult time.*

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**Janet Kowalczyk** - August 14, 2020 at 09:41 AM

LZ

*Michael,  
John and I are so sorry for your loss. Chris was such a warm, friendly person and a pleasure to be around. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers through this sorrowful event.  
Hugs*

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**Laynee Zipko** - August 14, 2020 at 10:47 AM

KV

*Michael, I am deeply sorry for your loss, my heart aches for you. Believe I know what you are going through. It seemed the only time we would get to see each other is at the All School Reunions. I would always enjoy my chats with Chris when we were there. She was a wonderful wife, mother and sister to Anita, Carol, and Marcie whom I know will miss her so much. She fit into your family like a glove. Many thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
God Bless!  
With much love,  
Kathie Clark Vidunas*

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**Kathie Clark Vidunas** - August 14, 2020 at 12:57 PM

MG

*Chris's obituary was a Statement of a Life Extraordinaire. She had a great Joie de Vivre. Playing golf, discussing books, getting ready for a SPSC event or just having a glass of wine with her was a blast. She was always a knockout at every celebration or fancy party. THE smile was always a knockout. Her fight was fierce. Missing Chris is a major understatement.*

*Mollie and Earl Gieseeman*

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**Mollie Gieseeman** - August 15, 2020 at 07:34 AM