



Chrissy E. Cowan

April 30, 1965 - March 10, 2026

Chrissy Elise Cowan, 60

Chrissy Elise Cowan of Staten Island passed away on Tuesday, March 10, surrounded by loving family and friends, after a courageous battle with cancer. She was 60 years old.

Chrissy (nee Mazzola) was born on April 30, 1965 in New York to John Mazzola and Andre (Lisette) Sweek. She lived in Florida, NY during her early years with her beloved "Grandma Mazzola" and later moved to Brooklyn, where she attended Fort Hamilton High School and later, set out for NYU/Stern where she completed the Strategic Steps for Growth program.

In 1991, she married the love of her life, Philip Cowan, and later, the couple welcomed their two children, Joseph and Danielle, the bright stars in their shared stratosphere.

Chrissy was also a shining inspiration for many on the business canvas.

Former President and CEO of North American DF, Inc., a Staten Island based printing and

promotional company, she later brought her sales acumen and talents to Inkwell Global Marketing in Manalapan, NJ.

Chrissy's expertise in assisting companies in creating their own unique brand secured her

clients such as AXA Financial, Pepsi Cola, the Superbowl Host Committee and Scholastic.

Additional clients also included Con Edison, National Grid, MTA and Northfield Bank.

In addition, she believed fervently in fostering new talent and mentoring various entrepreneurs

to grow their businesses with her guidance and advice — based on her knowledge, amassed over almost three decades.

Chrissy was a passionate and dedicated advocate for promoting equal opportunities for both

women and minorities in the tristate area. She spearheaded mentoring programs for the College

of Staten Island, St. John's University and Wagner College. She was a previous member of the

Domestic Violence Task Force and initiated the "Back to Basic Program" for Hurricane Sandy Relief.

She was so very proud to sit as a board member of the Joe Mandarino Foundation, Seaman's

Foundation and the Have a Heart Foundation. Chrissy was also involved with helping young

high school students in the Young Entrepreneurs Academy.

Throughout the course of her career, Chrissy acquired a string of shining accolades: She was named a 2014 Knights of Columbus “Woman of the Year”; was honored with a 2013 Have a Heart Award; a 2013 Staten Island Economic Development Corporation Women of Influence Award; a 2012 SIEDC Leadership Award, and a 2012 Italian Tribune Woman of the Year Award. She was also a proud member of the Facilis Group Achievers' Club, having earned that honor for the past seven years.

Her philanthropy was etched into all her efforts across the professional landscape: From 2021 to 2023, she was instrumental in facilitating the efforts of Project Hospitality, to provide warm clothing, including 500 sweatsuits, for the homeless — those in most dire need. She was acknowledged with volunteer awards in 2022 and 2023 for those efforts. Most recently, she created hands-on campaigns to collect essential provisions, including cereal for Project Hospitality and bread for area food pantries — with an eye toward providing sustenance for those struggling with food insecurity. Last year, due to her efforts, 252 families had fresh bread on their tables for Lent.

Chrissy cared about helping others before all else. When tragedy struck or need was great,

Chrissy sprang into action.

Chrissy attributed her success in business and the community to the unwavering support of her

spouse Philip and her children Joseph and Danielle.

“If I can help one person succeed, I have succeeded,” she said.

A woman of deep faith, she believed, even during her health challenges, that

“God is good,
every day.”

She looked to Padre Pio and her legions of saints and angels for guidance; prayer was her

solace and source of infinite strength.

For the many who loved her, Chrissy is remembered for her exuberant personality, bright smile,

and open heart. No one ever sat alone if Chrissy was in a room — every new acquaintance

became an instant friend, welcomed and embraced by Chrissy’s warmth, empathy, and gentle

spirit.

From her earliest days, Chrissy loved the outdoors, riding horses as a young girl and later,

spending her happiest moments by the idyllic Delaware River at the summer cabin she shared

with her family. Chrissy loved travel, disco music, and nothing more than preparing her beloved

“Feast of the Seven Fishes” every Christmas Eve for the family and friends she treasured beyond

measure.

For Chrissy, food meant love: No one left her home without a bag filled with leftovers, the fragrant aroma of her signature lasagna, cauliflower croquettes, rice balls and other Italian fare conjuring images of warm meals, happy laughter, and shared memories. But most of all, Chrissy loved her family. Her husband Phil was her forever hero, by her side through every storm, truly epitomizing the true meaning of the words “Till death do us part.” Her children were the heartbeat of her life and soul: Chrissy was proud to share the accomplishments of both her son and daughter — and became a familiar face amongst all her children’s friends, bringing trays of food to soccer practices and becoming a second mom to the many young people she loved as her own.

When her first grandson Frankie was born last year, Chrissy finally earned the title she’d yearned for all her life — she was finally a Nonna, and the beautiful sparkle in her eyes and joy for life will echo on forever with every step her grandchild takes as he carries her with him forever in his heart.

Chrissy was also a devoted friend, whose loyalty and love meant those bonds endured for decades.

Even in the darkest of days, Chrissy continued to face life with optimism and her forever mantra of “patience, positivity and prayer.”

She will be missed forever.

Chrissy is survived by her husband Philip, her children Joseph (Colleen) Cowan and Danielle

Cowan, her grandson Francis Patrick Cowan, her nephew Jay Cowan and great-niece Oni

Cowan. She is also survived by her mother Andree (Lisette) Sweek and stepfather Ollie Herz, as

well as numerous cousins and other loving relatives and lifelong friends.

Should you wish to honor the memory of Chrissy with a donation , Memorial Donations may be made to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center online at: https://secure2.convio.net/mskcc/site/Donation2?mfc_pref=T&df_id=22214&22214.donation=form1&utm_source=Bing&utm_medium=Paid+Search&utm_term=&utm_content=Evergreen&utm_campaign=Evergreen+2026&s_channel=evergreen2026-search&gclid=aw.ds&gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=15983141233&gbraid=0AAAAADr-3UoSs29kpSjCpnenKHSEZ8KdJ&gclid=CjwKCAjwyMnNBhBNEiwA-Kcguyb5HS3cX_OHutBrBhqFvDKLcZPnyxD8MVWCCW8sHAWLWgsQIK4d8xoCZ_gQAvD_BwE

Donation forms for mailing will be available at the funeral home during visitation.

Visitation will be held at John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals, located at 28 Eltingville

Boulevard, Staten Island, NY 10312 on Friday, March 13 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9

p.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, March 14 at 10 a.m. at Holy Child Roman Catholic

Church, located at 4747 Amboy Rd, Staten Island, NY 10312. Interment will

follow at

Resurrection Cemetery, located at 361 Sharrot Avenue, Staten Island, NY
10309.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

361 Sharrot Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10309

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 13. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc.
28 Eltingville Blvd
Staten Island, NY 10312

Visitation

MAR 13. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc.
28 Eltingville Blvd
Staten Island, NY 10312

Service

MAR 14. 10:00 AM (ET)

Holy Child Church
4747 Amboy Road
Staten Island, NY 10312

Tribute Wall



“ John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Chrissy E. Cowan



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - March 12 at 03:51 PM

DA

I met Chrissy through Seamen's Society for Children and Families. She was truly a bubbly and caring person. My deepest condolences to her family and many friends.

Dorri Aspinwall - March 13 at 12:44 PM

AD

“ Adriana D. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Chrissy E. Cowan.

Adriana D. - April 07 at 09:43 AM

KT

“ Krissy M., Ian I., Mark R., and Moira T. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Chrissy E. Cowan.



Krissy M., Ian I., Mark R., and Moira T. - March 14 at 03:35 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Chrissy E. Cowan.*



March 13 at 11:06 PM



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

March 13 at 11:06 PM



“ John D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Chrissy E. Cowan.

John D. - March 13 at 01:31 PM



“ *May God Bless you Chrissy and show you His Devine Mercy, now you will be in Heaven with your Beloved Grandma and Family!! All my prayers are with you. Rest in the peace of our Lord. With Love always, Your Cousin John D'Angelo, 4th Degree Knight of Columbus.*

JOHN DANGELO - March 13 at 01:29 PM



“ Terri T. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Chrissy E. Cowan.

Terri T. - March 13 at 11:32 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Chrissy E. Cowan.*



March 13 at 09:49 AM



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

March 13 at 09:49 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Chrissy E. Cowan.*



March 13 at 08:07 AM



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

March 13 at 08:07 AM



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

March 12 at 11:47 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Chrissy E. Cowan.



March 12 at 11:47 PM



“ Dearest Chrissy, we will never forget your smiling face and your encouraging voice. I will miss you Chrissy. I send love to you and your beautiful family and I will miss you with all my heart and i will never forget your amazing strength. God love you Auntie

dolores carabillo - March 12 at 07:57 PM



“ David and Joanne Grammer purchased the Joyfu I Memory for the family of Chrissy E. Cowan.



David and Joanne Grammer - March 12 at 05:18 PM



“ David and Joanne Grammer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Chrissy E. Cowan.

David and Joanne Grammer - March 12 at 05:18 PM



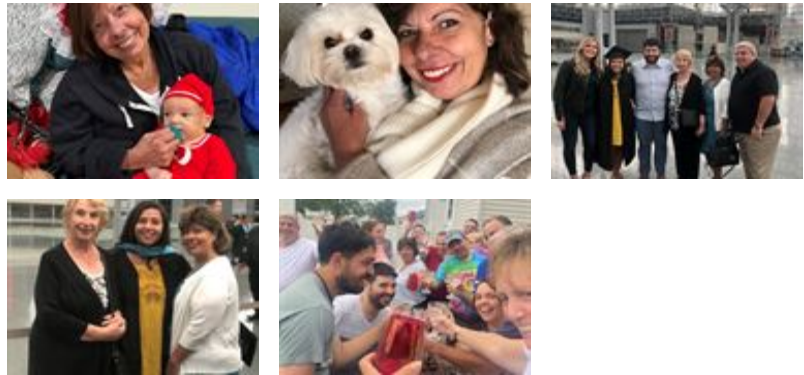
“ Chuck Polomcean purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Chrissy E. Cowan.



Chuck Polomcean - March 12 at 04:57 PM



“ 106 files added to the album LifeTributes



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - March 12 at 03:46 PM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Chrissy E. Cowan.



March 12 at 03:29 PM

WF

“ With all of our love, The Nash Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Chrissy E. Cowan.



With all of our love, The Nash Family - March 12 at 02:55 PM

WF

“ With all of our love, The Nash Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Chrissy E. Cowan.

With all of our love, The Nash Family - March 12 at 02:55 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Chrissy E. Cowan.



March 12 at 02:23 PM

TF

“ The CORE plus family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Chrissy E. Cowan.

The CORE plus family - March 12 at 02:17 PM

LA

“ Love Ray and Diane Wilson,Pat Acquavella purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Chrissy E. Cowan.



Love Ray and Diane Wilson,Pat Acquavella - March 12 at 09:01 AM

LA

“ Love Ray and Diane Wilson,Pat Acquavella planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Chrissy E. Cowan.

Love Ray and Diane Wilson,Pat Acquavella - March 12 at 09:01 AM

BF

“ Boyer F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Chrissy E. Cowan.

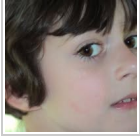
Boyer F. - March 11 at 08:50 PM

RC

“ Roger & Kristina Conceicao purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Chrissy E. Cowan.



Roger & Kristina Conceicao - March 11 at 08:34 PM



“ My first memory of Chrissy was about 35 years ago. My brother Peter told my parents, Connie and I that Phil just met a girl named Chrissy. About a month later we were so excited to finally meet her. She was sitting on my parents couch and had big beautiful eyes, a pretty smile and had long hair in a side ponytail (that was her signature look back then) She had the best laugh and I've been fortunate to hear that laugh for all these years. She will be greatly missed! Rest in Peace.. Love You.

Angela Marie - March 11 at 06:47 PM



“ Kelly McCowen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Chrissy E. Cowan.

Kelly McCowen - March 11 at 06:27 PM



“ Kelly McCowen purchased the *Fairest of All* for the family of Chrissy E. Cowan.



Kelly McCowen - March 11 at 06:27 PM



“ Im so sad to hear of this terrible loss. Chrissy was an unbelievable women. I always respected her . She was a hustler , great friend amazing mom and wife. She will be so missed by so many people . May she be at peace and God be with her family.

Crystal Giardina - March 11 at 06:04 PM

MD

“ Mom and dad purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Chrissy E. Cowan.



Mom and dad - March 11 at 05:55 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Chrissy E. Cowan.



March 11 at 05:32 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Chrissy E. Cowan.



March 11 at 05:24 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Chrissy E. Cowan.



March 11 at 05:05 PM



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

March 11 at 05:05 PM



“ My first memory of Chrissy was when we met on our honeymoon. From the moment we met her, she was so personable and engaging. She immediately made such an impression on Gina with how kind and genuine she was. From that day forward, a beautiful friendship was formed that lasted forever. ❤️



Ronald Russo - March 11 at 04:26 PM