



Christine May Peterson

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Christine May (Crunkleton) Peterson was born in Highlands, North Carolina. Her family was a very large, close southern mountain family. As a child, she helped her grandparents with their farm. At 14, she took a bus, by herself, to Staten Island, NY to visit her brother, Tom, who was on leave from the Navy and staying with relatives. She liked NY so much she decided to stay. Having relatives living here already, she stayed with her favorite Aunt and Uncle, Pearl and Edward Schine, who owned Schine's Confectionery store, located between Scalia's Meat Market, Stoutland's Grocery Store and Vincent's Barber Shop in Westerleigh.

While she began her education in the mountains, she completed it in Staten Island. Christine attended PS30 in 8th grade then Port Richmond High School. She went to school with her husband-to-be, Kermit Peterson, he sat behind her in Science class. He affectionately called her Tina May to the very end. In High School, she took typing and stenography classes so she was able to enter the workforce. After graduation, she went to work at WR Grace in Manhattan.

Tina May married Kermit in 1959 and started their family in Great Kills. After retirement, they enjoyed square dancing, traveling and spending time with their grandchildren.

Inspired by her Grandmother who was "a pillar of the church", she sought out and attended Baptist churches as she did in the south. However, Great Kills Moravian eventually became her final home church. She followed in her Grandmother's footsteps teaching Sunday school, youth group, vacation Bible school, serving as Elder, women's groups, book club, and crafting group. She initiated a new tradition at Great Kills Moravian, "A Moravian Christmas" in 1997 that became their annual Christmas fair.

Christine is survived by her husband of 65 years, Kermit, and their five children:

Elizabeth Reres (Michael), Charles Peterson (Betty), Margaret Grace (Michael), Edward Peterson (Susan) and James Peterson (Deanna); 17 grandchildren, and 9 great grandchildren with 2 more on the way. She will be deeply missed by her family and many friends.

A Funeral service will be offered at 9:30 AM on Saturday at Great Kills Moravian Church located at 74 Hillside Terrace Staten Island, New York 10308. Interment will follow in Moravian Cemetery, Staten Island, NY.

The family will receive friends from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Friday, September 27, 2024, at John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd, Staten Island, New York.

Should you so desire Memorial contributions in loving remembrance of Christine may be sent to the American Cancer Society, PO Box 6704 Hagerstown, MD 21741.

Cemetery Details

Moravian Cemetery

2205 Richmond Road
Staten Island, NY 10306

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 27. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

SEP 27. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Service

SEP 28. 9:30 AM (ET)

Great Kills Moravian Church
74 Hillside Terrace
Staten Island, NY 10308

Tribute Wall



“ Love, Bruce and Debbie Wolf planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christine May Peterson.

Love, Bruce and Debbie Wolf - September 27, 2024 at 09:41 AM



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



September 27, 2024 at 09:41 AM



“ Veronica peterson Veronica Wakeham planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christine May Peterson.

Veronica peterson Veronica Wakeham - September 26, 2024 at 05:31 PM



“ Veronica peterson Veronica Wakeham purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Christine May Peterson.



Veronica peterson Veronica Wakeham - September 26, 2024 at 05:31 PM

AJ

“ Angela Jordan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christine May Peterson.

Angela Jordan - September 26, 2024 at 05:06 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Christine May Peterson.



September 26, 2024 at 05:06 PM

AF

“ Alatzas Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Christine May Peterson.



Alatzas Family - September 26, 2024 at 01:07 PM

LC

“ Love, Kenney Clarke planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christine May Peterson.

Love, Kenney Clarke - September 26, 2024 at 01:04 PM

LC

“ Love, Kenney Clarke purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Christine May Peterson.



Love, Kenney Clarke - September 26, 2024 at 01:04 PM

WG

“ With love from Lynn & Keith Gilliam purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Christine May Peterson.



With love from Lynn & Keith Gilliam - September 26, 2024 at 01:00 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Christine May Peterson.



September 26, 2024 at 11:22 AM

CD

“ Christian Logan and Laney Dahl planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christine May Peterson.

Christian Logan and Laney Dahl - September 26, 2024 at 10:08 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Christine May Peterson.*



September 26, 2024 at 10:08 AM



“ *Vinny and Donna Errigo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christine May Peterson.*

Vinny and Donna Errigo - September 26, 2024 at 09:12 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Christine May Peterson.*



September 26, 2024 at 09:12 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Christine May Peterson.*



September 26, 2024 at 09:10 AM

JL

“ Joseph & Mary Logan purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Christine May Peterson.



Joseph & Mary Logan - September 25, 2024 at 06:32 PM

JL

“ Joseph & Mary Logan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christine May Peterson.

Joseph & Mary Logan - September 25, 2024 at 06:32 PM

TF

“ The Bellomo, Cosgrove & Novotny Families purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Christine May Peterson.



The Bellomo, Cosgrove & Novotny Families - September 25, 2024 at 06:23 PM

LJ

“ Love Jane purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Christine May Peterson.



Love Jane - September 25, 2024 at 06:19 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Christine May Peterson.*



September 25, 2024 at 06:10 PM



“ *Buy Rite Matawan Staff purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Christine May Peterson.*



Buy Rite Matawan Staff - September 25, 2024 at 05:51 PM