



## Christine B. Batkowski

November 30, 1943 - May 18, 2022

BATKOWSKI; Christine B. (nee Ziemba)

May 18, 2022 of Depew, NY. Beloved wife of the late Charles Batkowski; loving mother of Jennifer Walter and David Batkowski; cherished grandmother of Derek, Hayden and Addison; devoted sister of the late Patricia Ziemba; also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins. The family will be present to receive relatives and friends on Friday from 4-8PM at the DANIEL R. SMOLAREK FUNERAL HOME, 2510 Union Rd., Cheektowaga (2 blocks south of William St.) where a prayer service will be held at 7:30PM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Christine's name to SPCA Serving Erie County or Guide Dogs for the Blind, San Rafael, CA. Please leave condolences online at [www.SmolarekCares.com](http://www.SmolarekCares.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 20. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Daniel R. Smolarek Funeral Home - Cheektowaga  
2510 Union Road  
Cheektowaga, NY 14227

## Prayer Service

MAY 20. 7:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

AK

“ Christine was my Mother’s first cousin. I will always remember her kind words and bubbly personality that she expressed whenever I would see her. She made it a point to call every year on my mother’s birthday after my mom passed away to share wonderful thoughts and memories that she had of my mother, father and grandmother (Christine’s Aunt Vicky)  
Christine also was a frequent visitor to my parents and my Grandmother’s grave to plant flowers or just to pay a visit to them. Her kindness will be missed dearly.

Anne Kruger  
Daughter of Joyce Gajkowski

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anne kruger - May 21, 2022 at 11:01 AM

CS

“ Aunt Chris is an inspiration. Someone I will always look up to. Love her so much and I’ll miss her terribly. She was always so kind and generous. Had a wonderful sense of humour and such a zest for life. One of the strongest woman I have ever met. Saying goodbye today was so hard. Thanks for all the great memories. Always in our hearts.

Caroline Stelmach 🥰🙏

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Caroline Stelmach - May 20, 2022 at 11:53 PM

JG

“ Technically Butch and Christine were my uncle and aunt, even though I'm older. My mother, Florence was the oldest child of Grandma Nowatzki, husband passed, and Grandma B. remarried- thus Uncle Butch!

When Butch and Chris married, I always admired them-Christine full of "vim and vinegar." Butch proudly standing quietly by his lovely wife's side. Just talking with Chris about her busy life would find me in awe of her energy and spirit! This woman loved life deeply- especially her family, Butch, David, Jennifer, Michael and her beautiful grandchildren-she would just glow talking about them and in their presence.

May family and friends find comfort and peace with beautiful memories of Christine.

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**Janice Gawel** - May 20, 2022 at 07:21 PM

MT

“ Moog Corp Accounting & Finance Team purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Christine B. Batkowski.



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**Moog Corp Accounting & Finance Team** - May 20, 2022 at 10:41 AM

LB

“ I am very grateful for all the love and support I received from both my Aunt Chris and my Uncle Charlie growing up. After the loss of my own father when I was very young their house practically became a second home to me, and I had so many great memories of all the weekends and holiday breaks I spent with them and my cousins. From making forts with blankets in Jennifer’s room, to going with my cousins to decorate Aunt Pat’s classroom (and playing tricks on her like hiding her keys in the fridge). My heart is heavy knowing that both of them are no longer with us, but hope they are together again in heaven. Lynn Bonn (nee Stelmach)

Lynn Bonn - May 19, 2022 at 08:50 PM

LP

“ As a fellow KB Instructor of Dave's I want to share my condolences on your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with Dave and the family. Len Przewozny

Len Przewozny - May 19, 2022 at 02:49 PM



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May 19, 2022 at 08:16 AM

“Christine Batkowski was a ray of sunshine in this world. Her gift was kindness, and she shared it with everyone she met. She prized friends and family the most, doting over them and always making time for them. Her heart was so big, however, she had so much more to give. She donated her time to animal rescue groups, especially Dogs for the Blind and the Greyhound Rescue Group. She volunteered her time at a local Hospice center bringing her joy and comfort to strangers in their darkest hours. If anyone should be a greeter at the pearly gates, it should be her. I already miss her terribly. She glowed with energy and never seemed to tire, a true worker bee. She was an avid gardener and loved to show me the changes she made to her landscape whenever we visited. She’d always ask my opinion even though she didn’t need any help; she just liked making me feel important. I suspect she did that with everyone. She volunteered to take her grandkids all the time, allowing Jennifer and I time to decompress. She’d take each one for a “grandma day”, on their birthdays and let them pick the activity. Each one loved her so much and looked forward to their special one-on-one day with Grandma. My parents lived too far away to spend that kind of time with their grandkids, but loved that they had a super Grandma close by who showered them with attention. My father especially admired Christine’s energy and passion. Christine was as adventurous as she was kind. In her later years, she took vacations to hike and see the world- sometimes joining groups where she knew nobody else. I suspect at the end of those trips, everyone knew “the crazy bubbly lady”, and felt like she had breathed new life into their worlds. She joined gardening and hiking clubs, and even became a member of the Red Hat club. She was never afraid to be the first to try something, to jump on a trampoline or dance in front of strangers. It was as if she had no need for the little walls we all build to make us feel safe. Christine hosted most of our holidays at her house. It was always special because she made it that way. Although I’ve heard all her stories many times, I wish I could hear them all again if I could hear her tell them. She loved me and treated me like her own. I will always think of her as my mom, too. I love you Christine. I’ll miss

*you always.*

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**Michael Walter** - May 19, 2022 at 06:02 AM

GS

“ *I will always remember what a caring sweet person Chris was and the fond memories of Garden Club our trip to the Canadian Rockies. We will all miss Chris. Rest in peace my friend.*

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**Gail Scharmach** - May 18, 2022 at 11:32 PM

CS

“ *Lancaster Garden Club has and will truly miss not seeing your Mom at our monthly meetings & social events. It has been a long difficult journey for Chris and now a new one begins. May you find comfort in the precious memories you and your Mother shared and knowing the loving bond you feel will live on forever.*



*With Sympathy  
Carolyn Sigeti LGC.*

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**carolyn Sigeti** - May 18, 2022 at 10:59 PM

PB

“ *Dear Chris was a wonderful loyal member of the Lancaster Garden Club and will always be remembered for her beautifull garden that she so generously shared with so many of our members! Phyllis Besch, Past NYS Federated Garden Club President*

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**Phyllis Besch** - May 18, 2022 at 09:44 PM

DV

“ Mrs. B had such a way of making you feel special in her presence. When I was Jen’s roommate after college I would love when she would visit because she always had a homemade pierogi care package for me too!! I have great memories of her wonderful parties and how she loved seeing the kids in their Halloween costumes. Thank you Mrs. B for always including me and my family May You Rest In Peace

Deena Vanderbosch - May 18, 2022 at 08:35 PM

BB

“ Chris was a wonderful lady and will be missed. We shared quite a few laughs everytime we got together. be it at Garden Club or socially. Rest in peace Chris.

Barbara Bart - May 18, 2022 at 05:17 PM

CN

“ My Dear Auntie Chris, thank you for all your love and support you have given me throughout the years. Now it's your turn to fly and enjoy your golden wings. Be at peace and know you will be deeply missed and one day we will all be together again. Love you to the moon and back. Rest In Peace Sweet Lady.

Charise Nowat - May 18, 2022 at 04:30 PM

DB

“ So very glad Chris and I could share a friendship by being members of the Lancaster Garden Club. We always enjoyed working on committees and our time together. She was a caring, thoughtful person that we will all miss. RIP, Chris.



dawn brennan - May 18, 2022 at 03:37 PM