



Kimmie J. Christianson

December 20, 1955 - February 25, 2024

Kimmie J. Christianson, 68, of East Peoria, passed away on Sunday, February 25, 2024, at OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home in Peoria.

She was born in Peoria on December 20, 1955, to Donald and Alice (Whitfield) Shryock. She married Melvin Christianson on May 27, 2006, in Groveland; He preceded her in death on April 3, 2022.

Surviving are her four children, Jessica Doerr of East Peoria, Troy Heuck of Chillicothe, Shawn Jaynes of Pekin, and Shane Heuck of Chester; her four stepchildren, Melinda Sue Webb of Giddings, TX, and Marci Marshalek, Kristin Christianson, and Jazmine Christianson all of East Peoria; one brother, Donald Shryock; two sisters, Kathleen Ward and Rose Tyler; 14 grandchildren; 7 step grandchildren; and 8 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her mom and dad and one brother, Richard Shryock.

In 2009, she and her husband Mel opened Mel's Café in East Peoria and operated it together until Mel's passing in 2022.

Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. on Thursday, February 29, 2024, at Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services in East Peoria. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. at Camp Butler National Cemetery in Springfield. Memorials may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project. Online condolences may be left at www.GaryDeitersFH.com.

Cemetery Details

Camp Butler National Cemetery

5063 Camp Butler Road
Springfield, IL 62707

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **29**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services Inc. - East Peoria
444 E. Washington Street
East Peoria, IL 61611

Graveside Service

FEB **29**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Camp Butler National Cemetery
5063 Camp Butler Road
Springfield, IL 62707

Tribute Wall

CS

“ *Kimie was a friend from high school. Sorry to hear of her passing. May she have eternal rest with Jesus and may his peace and comfort surround you all.*

Cathy Stenger - February 29, 2024 at 10:09 PM



“ *Divine Light was purchased for the family of Kimmie J. Christianson.*



February 28, 2024 at 12:30 AM

ME

“ *May she rest easy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kimmie J. Christianson.*

May she rest easy - February 28, 2024 at 12:30 AM

CV

“ *I first met Kim and worked with her at the Madison Theatre in 1973. I've still her high school photo she'd given me. I got to talk to her off and on through the years; last seeing her at Steak N Shake on University. She met my newly married husband and we talked a bit. I'll never forget the friendship we shared. R.I.P. my friend.*

Christina Vogel - February 27, 2024 at 11:57 PM

SJ

“ I remember my mom always working as hard as she could to provide the best for us four kids. She always loved us whether it was tough love or understanding love. Her whole life was family and she tried to keep us close as best she could. She will be truly missed by all that knew her but always loved forever in our hearts.

Shawn Jaynes - February 27, 2024 at 11:23 PM

LS

“ Your family and Mel's was a second home to my dad. I will always cherish how much you cared for him and treated him like your own. You and Mel were very special to Dad. He love you and your family very much.

Lilli (Fields) Seaton - February 27, 2024 at 09:55 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Kimmie J. Christianson.



February 27, 2024 at 07:02 PM

FM

“ From Jonathan McIntyre purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Kimmie J. Christianson.



From Jonathan McIntyre - February 27, 2024 at 04:56 PM



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