

Christine S. Noel

May 2, 1940 - December 15, 2019

Brattleboro - Christine S. Noel, 79, of Hillwinds Road in Brattleboro, died Sunday, December 15, 2019 at her home surrounded by her family.

Chris was born May 2, 1940 in Manistique, Michigan to Walter and Rose (Rubique) Sube. She graduated from St. Mary's Academy in Little Falls, NY in 1958 and from Central City Business Institute in Syracuse, NY in 1960.

Chris worked for several years as an executive secretary at the former Sprague Electric Company in North Adams, Mass. Later she worked as an airline hostess for United Airlines based in Chicago.



In April 1964 she married Richard L. Noel in North Adams and had two daughters and a son. In 1972 she and her family moved to Rutland where she became an active volunteer at the Vermont Achievement Center and started VAC's first girl-scout troop. She also established a catholic youth group to support missionary work in a poverty stricken area in Bangladesh.

In 1977, Chris and her family moved to Brattleboro where Chris eventually worked as a paraprofessional at Academy School until her retirement. She was also an active volunteer at St. Michael's Catholic Church where she gathered together a group of disabled young adults and oversaw their activities.

Chris was a devoted wife of 55 years to her husband, Richard, and a devoted mother to her two daughters and her son, and a devoted grandmother to her two grandsons. She gave every part of her heart and soul to raising her children and insuring they would become the very best they could be. The same could be said for the love of her two grandsons. Family was everything to her.

Chris was an avid reader of fiction and read the majority of the local library's mysteries. She also loved arguing about major national political issues with friends and family.

Chris was predeceased by her parents, Walter and Rose Sube of Fredericksburg, VA and her brother, Michael Sube of Governor, NY.

Survivors include: her husband, Richard L. Noel of Brattleboro; her daughters, Suzette Noel and

Renee Noel Farr, both of Brattleboro; her son, Richard C. Noel of Balston Lake, NY; her two grandsons, Ricky Noel and Billy Noel of Balston Lake; her son-in-law, Bradley LaFarr of Brattleboro; and several nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her sister, Becky Heufner of Monroe, ME and her brother, De Sube of Virginia Beach.

The Liturgy of Christian Burial will be celebrated Saturday at 11:30 a.m. at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church with Fr. Justin Baker, pastor, celebrant.

Friends are invited to call at the Atamaniuk Funeral Home Friday afternoon from 4 to 6 p.m.

Memorial contributions in Chris's name may be made to St. Brigid's Kitchen, 38 Walnut Street, Brattleboro, VT 05301.

To sign an online guestbook with messages of condolence please visit www.atamaniuk.com
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EULOGY

Christine Noel

My wife Chris was the kindest and the most unselfish person I have ever known. She spent every waking hour devoted to her family---thinking only of them and never about herself. She was the consummate mom always going the extra mile for her children. She found the best educational opportunities for each of them----even when it meant uprooting the family from our home in Massachusetts and moving to Vermont so that our daughter Renee could enroll at the Vermont Achievement Center.

She was in constant communications with Renee, Suzette and Ricky. Easter baskets, Christmas stockings and birthday gifts were always delivered on time--- well into adulthood – and well past the borderline beliefs in Santa and the Easter Bunny. Phone call checks also persisted --in some cases daily ---actually right up until she got HER final call from above last week.

Chris was also the champion of the less fortunate and the underprivileged. In Rutland where we lived when our children were grammar school age she worked with the Catholic Church to start a youth group to help support missionary work in a poverty stricken area in Bangladesh. It was one of her many lessons on how fortunate we were to live in this country.

Chris also worked hard all her life at helping the disabled. In Brattleboro she worked here at St. Michaels to establish a group of disabled young adults and organized various activities for them to socialize.

Also, when she worked as a para at Academy School she was always on the lookout for the youngsters who were being bullied and had some meaningful chats with the children who were doing the bullying. A few of them would run into her later in life in the Supermarket and thank her for the extra time she spent with them.

How do I personally feel about my wife of 55 years? I think I can best express my feelings with some lyrics I recently wrote for a simple folk song. Although I have never had any singing lessons or never was in a choir I am going to attempt a brief solo acapella to show you how I feel about Chris

WHEN TOMORROW NEVER COMES

Of course tomorrow on this earth will never come for Chris. But her tomorrows have already started in her eternal peaceful loving home with Christ. She always had an unshakable faith which was evident in a short note she wrote a couple of weeks ago while a patient at Dartmouth Hitchcock. One of the nurses was kind enough to write down her brief message.. Chris had made the courageous decision to have no more surgery and or tests but to just go home and spend her few remaining days surrounded by her loving family. Her note read simply "Dear Dick, Ricky, Suzette and Renee. I love you all. I'M JUST TRYING TO DO THE RIGHT THING AND I'LL BE WATCHING YOU FROM HEAVEN EVERY MINUTE. Love mom

Chris also told me personally that she would save me a seat next to her in heaven. I told her that would be a TALL ORDER given my history of past mistakes.....and my occasionally very bad behavior. I am also particularly concerned about my future behavior on the golf course when I throw my clubs and curse at the occasional shots disappearing into the woods. I am afraid I will see the clouds part and the stern finger of my wife point down at me telling me to shape up if I want to join her in the loving hereafter. I know I have a ton of work to do to and I will do my best in my remaining years so I can someday return to her

So today Chris it is not GOODBYE----But as my French Canadian relatives would say---it's au Revoir ---till we see each other again.