



Krista Lynn Vaughen

May 22, 2021

Krista Lynn Vaughen, age 49, of Lancaster, PA passed on Saturday, May 22, 2021 at home surrounded by her family.

Krista graduated from Manheim Township High School in 1989, and Millersville University in 1994. A lover of life and people, Krista's spirit will live on forever in the lives of those she touched. Whether it was working with high school students as a color guard instructor in the Manheim Township Marching Band Program, primary students as a Special Education Teacher and Consultant with the Lancaster Lebanon IU 13, friends and worshipers at Trinity Lutheran Church or her large extended family, Krista's smile and attention brought out the best in everyone around her.

Krista loved her morning paper with a cup of coffee, daily devotional readings, gratitude journaling, attending church, happy music, Dave Matthews concerts, neighborhood walks, camping in the woods, the beaches of Wildwood and Cape Henlopen, observing beauty in nature, beating her husband at backgammon, watching the Eagles and Phillies and laughing with colleagues, friends and family.

Krista taught her greatest lessons in her seventeen-year battle with breast cancer. Her determination to enjoy life without drawing attention to her diagnosis made Krista a silent hero to all who knew her, including the team of doctors and nurses responsible for her care. Refusing to complain or slow

down, she exemplified strength, grace and fortitude by lifting everyone around her with a joyful smile, a kind word and genuine interest in them despite her treatments.

Krista is survived by husband, Ed Vaughen, her children, Zachary and Madison, her parents, Tony and June Murse, and her sister, Kim Rivera.

A Public Visitation will be held on Friday, May 28, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at The Groffs Family Funeral Home, 528 W. Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603. Additional public visitation will be held on Saturday, May 29, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 31 S. Duke Street Lancaster PA, 17602 with the funeral service immediately following at 11:00 a.m.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 28. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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MAY 29. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

MAY 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Krista Lynn Vaughen*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *I remember being a rifle with her in marching band. She was one year behind me. We both lived in Belair and even went to some basketball games together. I am shocked. I am so sad to hear she has been dealing with breast cancer all these years.*

Sheri Field - May 29, 2021 at 05:46 PM



“ *So very sorry to hear of Krista's passing. Sending love and peace to your family.*

Debbie Cook Lettich

Deborah Lettich - May 29, 2021 at 02:11 AM



Ed, sending you prayers and thoughts.

Barb Renninger - May 29, 2021 at 02:44 PM



Ed and family, praying for you all. Sending thoughts and my deepest condolences. Barb Renninger

Barb Renninger - May 29, 2021 at 02:45 PM

CA

“ I remember when Krista and Ed met in marching band just after Ed and his family moved in. They started dating and were just the cutest couple. It was no surprise that they went from high school sweethearts to getting married. Ed, my heart goes out to you and your family. I am praying that our God holds you close and comforts you as you say goodbye. May You feel the presence of Jesus as you grieve and know that He is standing with you.
Cristie (Smith) Anstead

Cristie (Smith) Anstead - May 28, 2021 at 10:34 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Krista Lynn Vaughen.



May 27, 2021 at 08:14 PM

HR

“ Ed and family, our hearts go out to you. She fought valiantly and with grace. We will remember her with fondness. Bill and Hope Ross

Hope Ross - May 27, 2021 at 02:17 PM

BR

“ Mr. Vaughen,
I am so terribly sorry for your loss. I will be keeping you and your family in my thoughts.
-Brooke Ross and the entire Ross Family

Brooke Ross - May 27, 2021 at 02:12 PM

LN

“ I am so sorry to hear of Krista’s passing. Your family are in my thought and heart during this difficult time.

Lauren

Lauren Nguyen - May 26, 2021 at 07:41 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Krista Lynn Vaughen.



May 26, 2021 at 07:35 PM

AG

“ Dear Ed, Zachary and Madison,
I wanted to say that I knew your mom in my first grade class at Neff Elementary School. She was a remarkable and sweet person then and I know she was the best Mom any person could have.

I am sending my most heartfelt sympathies at this time.

May your wonderful memories and God’s love hold you all close at this time.

Averril Royer Good

Averril Royer Good - May 25, 2021 at 04:59 PM

KO

“ Ed, so sorry for your loss. Most sincerely, Kate

Kate Orban - May 25, 2021 at 04:03 PM

CS

“ *Krista was a shining star! Always upbeat and engaged. I feel blessed to have been touched by her. ~ Christina Seldomridge*

Christina Seldomridge - May 25, 2021 at 03:24 PM

JB

“ *I worked with your mother at the IU. She was a positive beautiful person who loved you very much. I loved to hear about how you were doing with your music and school. I am so sorry for the loss.*

jennifer Benton-Rowe - May 25, 2021 at 03:00 PM

CE

“ *Ed,
It's rare to find two people as nice and as wonderful as you and Krista. From the time you first met in High School, it was easy to see that you were meant for each other and would lead a beautiful life together. I am so saddened that your time together was cut short. I have been thinking about you and your family and wishing you peace during this difficult time.*

Chris Ebersole - May 25, 2021 at 02:02 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss! I went to high school with Krista and remember her being such a sweet girl. I am sorry she passed away so young. Prayers for your family during this difficult time.*

Tina Hooven - May 25, 2021 at 01:39 PM

RH

“ growing up I saw in marching band, Krista brought positive energy that motivated everyone to engage and do their best. My condolences to Ed, June, Tony, family and friends.
Roger Herr

Roger Herr - May 25, 2021 at 01:39 PM

SD

“ I first met Krista as a member of the Manheim Township Marching Band staff, but had the wonderful opportunity to reconnect with her at the IU in the last couple years. I will miss her friendliness and our occasional chats in the office.

Ed, Zach and Maddie - praying for you all. Sending care.

Sarah Ditzler - May 25, 2021 at 01:31 PM

LS

“ Dear Ed, I am so sad to hear that Krista passed away; she was truly a wonderful wife, mother and friend. I will treasure the memories of her. My prayers are with you, Zach, and Maddie; may God's love and peace surround you as you grieve. Sending hugs and love to you,
Linda Seiger, for Ron, Scott, and Amy also

Linda Seiger - May 25, 2021 at 12:50 PM

NM

“ I lived across the street from the Vaughen's for a period of time. I remember when dear Krista first had cancer and Krista showed fortitude and positivity to fighting the disease. Krista loved her family and her trust in God gave her the strength to continue to fight the good fight. I am so deeply sorry for your loss of a precious woman and loved one. What wonderful memories you share of Krista's life! May God, who is holding Krista in His loving arms, grant you comfort and peace during this time of sorrow. You remain in my prayers. Nancy Marshall

Nancy Marshall - May 25, 2021 at 10:48 AM

JW

“ So sorry for your loss, Ed. Prayers of comfort and strength for your family during this difficult time.
Jody White

Jody White - May 25, 2021 at 10:42 AM



“ *Krista's light was so special.*

It shined brightly from the days I first knew her in high school to the last few years when she would come check in on Maddie as Maddie helped my dad in the garden.

Kindness was Krista's default mode. I admire the work she did, the family she raised and the way she made her parents feel loved even when days were hard for Krista.

We are all going to miss being in her presence.

Much love to the Murses and Vaughens.

Beth (Herr) Collier

Beth Collier - May 25, 2021 at 08:41 AM

JW

“ *I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Krista. I always looked forward to working with Krista when she came to my classroom. She was so helpful and easy to work with. I feel blessed to have known her and I will keep your family in my thoughts and prayers. My heartfelt condolences. Jane Witwer*

Jane Witwer - May 25, 2021 at 08:22 AM

RE

“ *I am a subscriber to the LNP. I read just now the obituary of Krista Lynn. She must have been an incredible person. The obituary describes a lovely, caring and giving woman, one that was “a silent hero”. I love her without knowing her at all. My sincere condolences to you, her family. I only wish I had known her. She’s in a better space now, pls know that. ❤️ rengel6796@ail.com*

Richard Engel - May 25, 2021 at 07:53 AM

MS

“ Dear Ed & family,

So sorry to see the passing of Krista. Sending my thoughts and prayers your way.

Marianne Sheely

Marianne Sheely - May 25, 2021 at 06:25 AM

KN

“ Great memories of Krista when teaching at Donegal School District! What a wonderful lady who was so kind and personable. Her caring for children with special needs was extraordinary. We will miss her!

Wishing peace for Ed and family! We had some great times together.

Doc Norris & Luci Steele

Kermit M Norris - May 25, 2021 at 06:16 AM

SN

Ed, I'm so sorry for your loss. Krista was so wonderful and you guys were a great couple. Sending prayers for you and you kids, and your extended family. Sandy Neill

Sandy Neill - May 25, 2021 at 08:58 AM

CP

There is not a day that I don't pass Manheim Township High School and not think of Krista, Kim and Connie. I spent a lot of my most impressionable years twirling silks with them as our coaches and to read this obit this morning makes my heart sad. Condolences to her family. She was a great color guard instructor and she was also a wonderful example of a nurturing, kind, human being.

Christa (Yeager) Prutzman - May 25, 2021 at 11:43 AM

AS

So sorry for your loss. Krista was an exceptional person, kind, caring and always willing to help others. condolences to her family and friends.

Ann Spinner

Ann Spinner - May 25, 2021 at 12:42 PM

SC

Ed, Zachary, Madison, Tony, June , and Kim ---

Our deepest Sympathy and prayers to you all. Krista will be remembered for kindness and inner strength. May your memories help you through this time of sorrow, knowing she is in God's heavenly home..

Barry, Sheryl Cushman family

Sheryl & Barry Cushman - May 25, 2021 at 02:47 PM

JH

Clearly Krista was a lovely young woman whose gifts were shared with family, friends, co-workers, students, Church and community. We send our love to all who were part of her life. Peace.

Jack & Jean Hoffman, Hanover PA

Jack & Jean Hoffman - May 25, 2021 at 03:02 PM

KS

Ed, Zachary, Madison, Tony, June, and Kim---

My deepest sympathy and prayers to you and your family. Krista was a shining light in this world. Her smile and friendliness made her so approachable and very well loved! May your memories help give you comfort in this very difficult time.

Kim (Groff) Sterner

Kim Sterner - May 25, 2021 at 08:20 PM

DR

*Dear Ed and Family,
I was shocked to read of your wife's passing and thought back to how much the two of you were in love at some of our school gatherings years ago. My thoughts are with you at this difficult time. Dave Rentschler*

David Rentschler - May 26, 2021 at 08:05 AM

KH

Simply stated, there aren't enough words to relay our sorrow and empathy for the entire family at this time. I met Krista for the first time for clarinet lessons at Bucher School when she was in 4th grade, and my wife taught her in the HS Chorus at Manheim Twp HS. Our families have remained extremely close over the years. Suffice it to say that this is a tremendous and sad loss on every possible level. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the entire family! Ken & Linda Husler

Ken Husler - May 26, 2021 at 02:13 PM

CK

We extend our deepest sorrow for the loss of your sweet and special daughter, sister, wife and mother. Krista's fight was so brave and she fought hard for every moment. As a childhood friend of Kim's I knew Krista from a very young age and spent many happy times at the Murse's house. My heart breaks for Tony, June and Kim and Ed, Zachary and Madison - may your family be comforted by the warm memories of the time you spent with Krista. Her smile and spirit were something special. Our deepest sympathy - Cindi & Craig

Cindi Kimmel - May 26, 2021 at 05:05 PM

SO

Dear Ed and family,

I am so deeply saddened to hear about the loss of Krista. She fought a long battle and remained strong with great support from her family. My heartfelt sympathy to all of you in losing such a young and beautiful person.

Sherry Ober

Sherry Ober - May 27, 2021 at 04:32 PM