



Christine Wong

March 29, 1960 - March 11, 2021

Family and friends near and far are mourning the passing of Christine Wong of Alexandria, VA, who died unexpectedly of natural causes on March 11, 2021. Born and raised in Port-Louis, Mauritius on March 29, 1960, Christine resided in the DC area since 1990. The second youngest of 13 children, she is survived by family members Paul in England; Marie Lourdes, Denise, Pauline and Ursula in Canada; and Christiane, J Laval, Simon, Freddy, Lily, Lise and Joseph in Mauritius as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and godchildren in Mauritius, Canada and the US.

Christine was a faithful daughter, sister, aunt, godmother and true friend to many, including those in the Mauritian community of Washington, DC and those of the Community of Sant'Egidio, a Catholic organization to which she belonged and volunteered much of her time. She founded a branch of the community in Washington, led regular prayer services and tirelessly served those less fortunate in a DC nursing home since 1994. Her faith and membership as part of the Sant'Egidio community brought her regularly to Rome and to international inter-religious gatherings for peace as well as to founding a regular public prayer end to gun violence in Washington. Through her service at the nursing home, Christine closely accompanied many elderly friends over the years, with friendship, generosity and love. She was there for many of them in their last moments, and she lovingly ensured they were

memorialized after their passing. Known for organizing the community's Christmas lunch with the elderly at the nursing home, Christine personally ensured each person received a meaningful gift and mentored other volunteers with an inclusive and encouraging style. On a regular basis she also lovingly prepared meals for people experiencing homelessness in Washington. In all her service, hospitality and friendship Christine always added an extra touch of love.

Growing up in Mauritius, Christine attended the Bon et Perpetuel high school and worked at the St. Croix Parish and the Labourdonais sugar estate before being recruited in 1990 to work at the World Bank in Washington, DC. In Mauritius, she had a special relationship with the Carmelite sisters of the Carmel de Bonne Terre convent where she spent many formative moments in prayer and contemplation. Before retiring from the World Bank in 2017, Christine had forged a 27-year career in international development, traveling extensively and working as a procurement and financial specialist on projects in various countries, including for many years in the Middle East, East Asia, and most recently in Myanmar. After retiring, Christine dedicated herself fully to volunteering with the Community of Sant'Egidio and to living a contemplative life through prayer and service.

While contemplative in nature and never seeking the limelight, Christine also possessed a spirited zest for life. Her friends and family knew her to be a true "bon vivant" as she thoroughly enjoyed traveling to new places, attending theater shows and concerts, and appreciating good food and drink. At the time of her passing, she and friends were dreaming of future gatherings after the pandemic. All those who love her remember fondly the laughs and special moments they shared with Christine, the elaborate and delicious dinners she hosted at her apartment in Alexandria, the delightful meals in restaurants, the

trips they took and the adventures they shared.

Throughout the years Christine supported and mentored friends and family through her deep generosity, fun spirit and prayerfulness. She made an imprint of love on everyone who knew her. She will be deeply mourned and missed.

*This viewing is private and may also be viewed via livestreaming due to COVID-19 restrictions. If you would like to follow online please join us via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/93030707355?pwd=Zy9MSXdvdjJrVTk0K3RnMHpleFRrUT09>.

We appreciate your understanding during these extremely difficult times.
A funeral mass will take place Friday March 26, 2021 at 6 pm

St. Stephen Martyr Catholic Church 2346 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC

Those who cannot make it in person to the funeral mass or viewing and would like to follow online may join via Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/93030707355?pwd=Zy9MSXdvdjJrVTk0K3RnMHpleFRrUT09>.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Christine's memory to the Community of Sant'Egidio.

Contact: santegidiousa@gmail.com.

Paypal link: <https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/santegidiousa>

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAR **26**. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

St. Stephen Martyr Catholic Church
2346 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20037

Tribute Wall



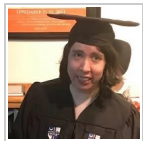
“ *Christine Wong*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ *We never met but just learned of your dedication to Sant'Egidio. A true inspiration. You will be in prayers.*

Chris S - June 27, 2021 at 02:33 PM



“ *She was such a bright, giving, and happy spirit!*

Margaret Breihan - March 27, 2021 at 02:31 PM

KG

“ Ma Chere Christine, c'est avec un choc terrible et une immense tristesse d'apprendre ton depart soudain. Tu as toujours ete une vraie perle pour nous tous. Je me souviens toujours de ton arrivee a notre division peu de jours apres ton arrivee a Washington, DC. Tres reservee, tu nous a tout de suite impressionnes de ton professionalisme, ton courage, ta curiosite, ta gentillesse sans borne et ton desir si profond d'aider. Outre le travail, notre amitie s'est developpee et on a eu des moments intenses de partage, de rires et d'excellents repas gastronomiques. Quand nous nous sommes de nouveau retrouvees plus de 10 ans apres dans la Region d'Asie du l'Est de la Banque Mondiale, c'etait comme si on ne s'est jamais quitte et a toujours collabore tres etroitement ensemble. C'etait merveilleux d'etre en mission avec toi a Bangkok et Phnom Penh et tu continuais a m'epater avec tes connaissances et ta soif de partager et servir les autres. Tu vas me manquer enormement. Mais te voila donc finalement delivree de toute souffrance. Repose en Paix ma chere Christine!

Kunthary de Gaiffier - March 26, 2021 at 03:57 AM

RR

“ Christine, I learned so much from you during the early days of the World Bank's projects in Laos. Your teaching, patience and determination made such a difference to our clients. Rest in Peace.

Richard Record - March 24, 2021 at 10:41 PM

GB

“ Chere Christine, que c'est triste de te voir partir. Je me rappelle ton professionalisme, les longues reunions, et ton engagement a toujours fournir un effort exemplaire pour aider nos countreparties. J'ai beaucoup appris, et beaucoup ris, a tes cotes. Bon voyage, Le coeur serre, Genevieve

Genevieve Boyreau - March 24, 2021 at 03:42 PM



“ Oh my dear Christine, I an so sad to hear about you too late.....
I met Christine in 2007 in Laos when she was helping us to set up a
PIU for PFM project implementation.

*I and Christine were a very close friend, we spent our holiday during
the weekend when she was in mission in Laos*

*Christine, you will be in my heart and my memories for ever.....Pls
Rest In Peace*

Sifong Oumavong - March 24, 2021 at 02:44 AM

AF

“ 18 files added to the tribute wall



Athena Mison Fulay - March 23, 2021 at 08:09 PM

ML

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



ML - March 21, 2021 at 11:10 PM

SA

“ Pour ma part, je retiens de Christine son attention aux autres. Je me rappelle comment elle me demandait des nouvelles des personnes en situation de pauvreté, qu'elle a connues à travers moi (alors qu'elle les a perdues de vue pendant des années) . Dieu était au cœur de sa vie, elle était une grande priante et sa foi l'a toujours conduite à se mettre très activement au service des autres, n'ayant pas peur de prendre des risques. J'appréciais sa manière franche de dire les choses vraies. Son sourire & sa bonté vont nous manquer 🙏

Soeur Marie Ange - March 21, 2021 at 11:07 PM

SL

“ Quelques souvenirs sur Christine Wong. D'abord ce fut un choc pour toutes les soeurs d'apprendre son decès si soudain. Christine avait fait un stage chez nous au Carmel de Bonne Terre. Au bout d'une année elle a pris conscience que ce n'était pas sa place. Au bout de quelque temps elle a rejoint la communauté de San Egidio ou elle a découvert que le Seigneur l'appelait là.

A chacune de ses vacances à l'île Maurice elle venait nous rendre visite car elle avait gardé le lien avec nous. On la sentait heureuse et épanouie dans sa vocation. Elle nous partageait sur son travail à la Banque mondiale, ses voyages et ses projets de financement pour les pays pauvres en Asie, etc.

De Christine nous gardons le souvenir d'une personne dynamique et pleine de joie, soucieuse et attentive d'aider les personnes dans le besoin. Tout cela découlait de sa vie de prière et sa relation profonde avec le Christ.

Elle a su faire le lien entre prière et charité active.

Chère Christine nous ne te reverrons plus à l'île Maurice mais par la prière nous sommes en communion avec toi.

Que Jésus soit la plénitude de joie de ton cœur.

Avec toutes mes soeurs,
Sr Chin lan

Sr Chin Lan - March 21, 2021 at 11:05 PM

LM

“ Un 17 novembre 1984 débarquait à l'aéroport de Gillot de la Réunion 5 jeunes filles, Monique, Karen, Marie-Ange, Yola et Christine. De cette rencontre est née une très grande amitié en particulier avec Marie-Ange, Karen et Christine (un point commun sans doute elles sont chinoises). Nous avons aussi un ami commun qui est Jésus et cela a permis de cimenter cette amitié. Lorsque nous nous retrouvons lors des congés, nous passons de heures à discuter, et parfois jusqu'au petit matin. La mer, les distances, le décalage horaire, ont rendus difficiles parfois ces échanges, mais dans nos esprits, nos coeurs, nous étions là. J'ai un album de photos qu'elle m'avait confectionné en 1985 quand je suis venu à mon tour les retrouver à Maurice, elle a mis une carte de Michèle Emesse : "L'amitié vraie, c'est comme la mer. Elle s'en va, s'en revient ; mais elle est toujours là."

En septembre 2005, profitant des congés elle est venu à Maurice voir sa famille et a pu inclure un séjour pour la Réunion. Ce fût une très grande joie de la retrouver, elle souhaitait que je vienne moi aussi la voir dans son pays d'adoption ; nous avons programmé cette année la France, mais voilà tu es partie trop vite ma chère amie....

A bientôt, un jour nous nous retrouverons.

Monique.



LAW IP MONIQUE - March 19, 2021 at 03:27 AM

PJ

“ I also rejoined the Bank in 1990, and met Christine in the early 1990s through St. Ego dip and my daughter, a Boston member. Christine was such a lovely, spiritual, generous and friendly person. I shared meals with her, both at her apt and the Bank, and always felt happier from the encounter. This is a great loss to the Community and her friends. Rest In Peace, my dear Christine, after an exceptionally well-lived life. You changed many lives for the better; what greater gift?

Peggy Portner Johnston - March 18, 2021 at 05:52 PM

MA

“ We fondly remember Christine Wong,
A noble woman – upstanding and strong.

*As friend, sister, aunt, godmother and friend,
Christine helped those in need, we can only commend.
She was always a force for the holy and good.
For the elderly and homeless – she did all she could,
For those whom society set apart,
She reached out with kind spirit and open heart.*

*There is much to celebrate and thank,
About her years in service at the World Bank,
In whatever financial duty or station,
Across multiple regions, roles, and nations,
The Bank might well have fallen short,
Without Christine’s capable support.*

*But surely one memory transcends—
How she was caring and fun with her friends.
She cheerfully led us all to do more.
Mobilizing us to cook for the poor.*

*In a world filled with coldness and animosity,
Here was warmth and generosity,
In a world of relationships sometimes expendable,
Here was a true friend, loyal and dependable.*

*We remember Christine with love and affection,
She lives eternal in spirit and in our recollection.*

Marylou - March 18, 2021 at 03:53 PM

AC

“ 3 files added to the album *Christine*



Aaron Charlton - March 18, 2021 at 08:59 AM