



## Christine "Chris" Canfield

October 27, 1954 - May 12, 2008

Christine Lucinda Canfield, 53, of Topeka passed away peacefully surrounded by friends and family early Friday morning, May 9, 2008, from complications of cancer. Chris, as all knew her, was born in Topeka , Kansas on October 27, 1954. She is a lifelong Topeka resident and a graduate of Topeka High School in 1972. Her passion in life was sales and she owned Canfield Ad Specialties. She is survived by three children, Daniel, of Overland Park , Kathryn of San Rafael, CA and Courtney, of Topeka . She considers her children to be her greatest accomplishment. She is also survived by her mother, Margaret Canfield, Topeka, brother, Courtney Canfield, Staten Island, NY; daughter-in-law, Ellen Canfield, Overland Park, her beautiful grandson, Cooper, Overland Park, Taylor the dog, Penny the penguin and numerous friends and family. Her father, Donald "Moe" precedes her in death. Chris helped organize numerous golf tournaments for a wide variety of charitable foundations. She also served as a member of St. Matthews Catholic Church, the Greater Topeka Chamber of Commerce, Leadership of Greater Topeka, American Business Woman's Association, Junior League of Topeka, Sales & Marketing Executives, Topeka Homebuilders Association, Topeka Arts Council, Republican Party of Shawnee County and Shawnee Country Club. As a volunteer, she contributed her time to the Capper Foundation, Sheltered Living Foundation, American Heart Association, Cub Scouts troop leader, Girl Scouts troop leader and room mother for all of her children. Chris and Penny the penguin founded The Penny Foundation to assist individuals who have received a diagnosis of

cancer in removing obstacles, which can inhibit their quality of life. Funeral services will be held at 4:00 p.m. Monday, May 12, 2008 at St. Matthew Church. A visitation will be Sunday, May 11, 2008 from 6-8 pm at St. Matthew Church where her friends and family will celebrate her life. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be sent to The Penny Foundation in care of the Topeka Community Foundation, 5431 SW 29th Street, Suite 300, Topeka, KS 66614 or Hospice Care of Kansas, 2900-H SW Oakley Ave, Topeka, KS, 66614.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Christine "Chris" Canfield*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Chris's passing. I will always have the very fondest memories of Chris. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Mike Broemmel** - June 07, 2008 at 03:11 PM



“ *Margie and Family: I have just found out that Chris passed away. My thoughts are with your family at this time. I remember all of the good times that we had in the Campbell Avenue neighborhood. If there is anything that I can do to help let me know.*

*Karen*

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**Karen Kilker Brown** - May 31, 2008 at 12:23 PM



“ *Dear Dan,  
I was so saddened to hear of your loss. Reading about your mom helps me to know where you got your sass from...you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Shannon Polly*

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**Shannon Polly** - May 19, 2008 at 10:12 PM

CP

“ *Katie,  
I was saddened to read of your Mom's death. It's hard to deal with,  
even when you know it's coming. My heart aches for you and your  
brother and sister. Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Carole Mize Purdum (D/HH program)*

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**Carole Purdum** - May 13, 2008 at 06:41 PM

DP

“ *To The Family of Chris,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Chris was a client  
of mine with Tradebank and I really enjoyed working with her. I got  
to know her more when she found out about her illness and I just  
visited her a few weeks ago. I didn't find out until today about her  
passing or I would have gone to the funeral. Courtney (please let  
me know if there is anything I can do to help).*

*Dan Pentimone*

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**Dan Pentimone** - May 13, 2008 at 06:24 PM

EF

“ *Dan, Courtney, Katie, Ellen and Cooper,*

*I'm so sorry to learn of your mother's passing. Everything I heard  
about her was that she was a dynamic woman who touched many  
lives. I know she will be dearly missed by her family and many  
friends.*

*With deepest sympathy,  
Ellen Feldman*

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**Ellen Feldman** - May 13, 2008 at 05:33 PM

DM

“ Dear Canfield Family - We are so sorry for your loss. Chris was a gem! We can't think of those summer days several years ago, when Chris and all of you entertained Evan, w/o smiling at all the funny things you all did. Chris was so much fun, and always had stories to share and entertain. She will be missed and you are all in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Debby and Pete Maxon** - May 13, 2008 at 12:06 AM

RV

“ To the Canfield Family, My thoughts and prayers go out to you. I had known Chris for many years as an employee and a friend. We were a "team" way back when at J.F Glenn company and it was my pleasure to be around her. May the lord keep you in his sight Chris and bless your family. With my sympathy and love, you will be missed.

*Ralph*

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**Ralph Vila** - May 12, 2008 at 04:54 PM

DH

“ Dear Canfield Family,  
You are in our thoughts and prayers. Christine was a wonderful woman and we were so blessed to have known her. We visited with her and Penny at her office not to long ago and she was so determined. God bless you.

*Daryl Hendrix & Chris Mehrens*

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**Daryl Hendrix** - May 12, 2008 at 04:14 PM

SM

“ Dear Canfield family, I was truly blessed to have Chris lead me into many 'giving back to community' adventures over the years'; waitressing at Blarney Breakfasts; finding furniture for Junior League; campaigning during Kansas Days; decorating for Festival of Trees; baking gingerbread houses for TPAC. My first trolley ride led to my first of many Collins Park 4th of July parades....her contagious energy and enthusiasm enriched so many lives with a sense of fun but also of purpose. To help ease a bit of the sadness, imagine how she must be turning heaven on its ear with new schemes and ideas - and I know she will be keeping a twinkling eye on all of us left behind. I am glad her pain is over, but I will miss her very much. Sharon McGuire

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**Sharon McGuire** - May 12, 2008 at 03:39 PM

BB

“ Dear Dan, Katie & Courtney,  
We are so sorry to hear about your mom. Chris was always coming up with something fun to do on Kent Street. Whether it was a block party or our "Christmas lighting ceremony" on Thanksgiving night! Her energy and love of life will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you.  
Beth, Eric & Andy

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**Beth (Breeding) Blumreich** - May 12, 2008 at 02:52 PM

BL

“ Dear Margie,

*Rob and I were so sorry to hear of Chris's passing. We know how much she meant to you and how much she will be missed by so many friends and co-workers. Chris gave so much of herself to others in her short time, I know GOD has gained a hard worker in heaven.*

*Chris was such a big help to me when I was Co-Chair for the KS Day plus the assistance she lent me with KFRW was greatly appreciated. It was a pleasure working with someone who I knew not just as a saleswoman but as a trusted friend, who I knew would look after my interest instead of her own. We were all so lucky to have her on our team.*

*Rob and I would just like you to know that our hearts and prayers are with you and your family and please know that if there is anything that we can do for you do not hesitate in letting us know.*

*Love to you Margie,  
Bette and Rob Lessen*

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**Bette, Rob Lessen** - May 12, 2008 at 11:43 AM

SS

“ Dear Court and family,

*Just wanted to say how sorry I am to hear about Chris. Haven't seen her since high school but I remember her well. You lost her way too young.*

*Take care and know she's always in your heart.*

*Sincerely, Sandy*

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**Sandy Singer** - May 12, 2008 at 10:29 AM

SS

“ Christine "Chris" Canfield

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**Sandy Singer** - May 12, 2008 at 10:26 AM

JS

“ Margie, Dan, Katy & Courtney,

*I am happy to count myself among one of the many fortunate people your daughter/mother touched and truly made a difference in my life. She was my mentor for Leadership Greater Topeka, and there could not have been a more perfect match - at least for me. She taught me much about caring for our community and introduced me to people I consider my dearest friends. For all she did for Topeka and her friends she will never be forgotten. I hope your memories of her are always dear.*

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**Jeanie Schuler** - May 11, 2008 at 09:24 PM

JP

“ Dear Margie, and all the family of Chris:

*I want to express my sympathy on the loss of Chris. She was a joy to so many and so enthusiastic in whatever she was involved with. I know you all have wonderful memories of her.*

*Words can say very little at a time like this, but knowing people are thinking of you and caring, maybe helps. I hope so.*

*Sincerely,*

*Jackie Campbell Petersen*

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**Jackie Campbell Petersen** - May 11, 2008 at 03:32 PM

SM

“ Dan, Katie, Courtney, Margie, and Court,  
I feel so blessed to have been able to share closely these past several months with Chris..to laugh and remember junior high and high school days. I know Chris was at peace, surrounded by her family, when the end came. Hold onto each other during this difficult time, and I know it was Chris's greatest wish that you all continue on as a family, be there for each other, and know that your mom lives on through each of you.

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**Stephanie, Brad Miller** - May 11, 2008 at 10:56 AM

SW

“ Dan, Katie, Courtney and family,

Mit and I want you all to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. We have such fond memories of you growing up across the street from us on 25th Terrace. We are always here for you if you ever need anything. Please don't hesitate to call.

We know how proud your mom was of all of you and she will continue to be present in your lives in spirit. May your many great memories of your mom sustain you in this very difficult time in your lives.

With sympathy and love,

Susan and Mit Winter

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**Susan Winter** - May 11, 2008 at 12:35 AM

JE

“ *Canfield Family,*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I have been blessed to have spent the past weeks with Chris. We came into this world very close to each other, and God, Chris, and you all, allowed me to be there at the end.*

*Dan, Ellen & Cooper, Courtney, and Katie, be there for each other and hold on to the deep love that your mom had for each of you.*

*Please always remember that you are her greatest accomplishment, and blessings.*

*If there is anything I can do please let me know.*

*Jackie*

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**Jackie Eocrd** - May 10, 2008 at 12:51 AM