



# **Christine M. Saliga-Sullivan**

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**C**hristine M. Saliga-Sullivan, 70, a Lehigh Acres, FL. resident since 2004, formerly of Chicago, IL, passed away Thursday, June 6, 2019 surrounded by her family. She was born July 5, 1948 in Chicago, IL to Paul and Caroline Saliga, now deceased. Christine attended St. Gabriel Catholic School, and Maria High School in Chicago. Christine worked in her adult life, at the University of Illinois Medical Center in Chicago, IL., for over 33 years in various departments including many of those years as a Administrative secretary in the Division of Plastic Surgery. Christine had a love for music and was a founding member of the Lira Polish Women's singing group and sand with them for many years. The Lira singers continue today as the Lira Ensemble popularizing Polish music and culture. Christine was also a member of the Polish Women's Alliance of America. Christine has also a passion for working with artificial flowers. She took classes at Richard J. Daley College in Chicago. She enjoyed making beautiful creations. Upon moving to SW Florida with her husband, Mike, they became members the then Blessed Pope John XXIII parish. Christine used her musical skills for a number of years by singing in the parish choir. Christine also participated in a number of other ministries, she was a member of the parish Women's Guild and was it's President for a number of years. Another ministry she was a member of was the Funeral ministry. This ministry helps parish families plan the liturgy readings, music and setting up the church for funerals and memorial services. Christine has a very strong faith life at the parish. She was instrumental in helping coordinating the Divine Mercy Sunday prayer service for a number of years. Christine is survived by her loving husband of 43 years, Michael Sullivan of Lehigh Acres, FL; sister, Pauline Saliga (John Gronkowski) of Chicago, IL; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends. A visitation will be held Thursday, June 13, 2019 from 5:00 – 8:00 PM at Ft. Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, 1589 Colonial Blvd., Ft. Myers, FL. A visitation will be held 10:00 –



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11:00 AM, Friday, June 14, 2019 at St. John XXIII Catholic Church, 13060 Palomino Lane, Ft. Myers, FL in the Narthex of the church. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 11:00 AM, Friday, June 14, 2019 at St. John XXIII Catholic Church, Ft. Myers, FL. Entombment will follow at Ft. Myers Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Ft. Myers, FL. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital at [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org) Arrangements for final care have been entrusted to Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, 1589 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers, Florida 33907, (239) 936-0555.



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RW

**Ron Weldon** posted:

Mike, My Brother Knight and Brother Cop, our prayers are with you at this very difficult time in your life. Like you said, Chris is looking down on you and she will always be your angel.

August 6 at 5:07 PM

MS

**Michael Sullivan** posted:

I am Mike Sullivan, Chris's husband. My heartfelt thanks go out to Ms. Jackie Bell and her staff at Ft. Myers Memorial Gardens for their care and compassion in this trying time for our families. To all our friends, neighbors, Knights of Columbus members, members and friends from St. John XXIII Catholic Church, thank you for attendance at he visitation and or funeral mass. To all the Law Enforcement personnel from the Lee County Sheriff's Department, I thank you for leading our procession back to the cemetery. I am a retired Chicago Police Officer, and to see my brothers and sisters showing respect and honor to wife, me and our families Thank You so Much.

June 22 at 2:38 PM

TF

**The Mcdonald Family** posted:

Dear Mike, It was indeed a Blessing for us to meet. Mike you came over immediately when Diedre & I purchased the home across from you. You and Chris were the first to welcome us to the neighborhood. Not only did you welcome us, Mike you were very instrumental in us also being able purchase the home next door so my parents could be right beside us when we relocated them from Maryland. That was indeed a huge Blessing. The world needs more people like you and Christine. She is now with our Lord and Savior and we all have wonderful memories to share and keep her in our thoughts always. We are family Mike and you have a place in our home ALWAYS. Chris will be watching over us from above. Much Love & Blessings Bruce, Diedre, Mom, Dad, Aunt Daisy & The Rest of the McDonald Clan ??

June 14 at 2:13 PM

SH

**Sonja Hansen** posted:

Dear Mike, I am so sorry and my deepest sympathy. I know you have wonderful memories and Chris will always be in your heart. She is free of pain and looking down from Heaven. May God bless you at time. Chris was a wonder women.

June 13 at 7:38 PM



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GM

**Ginny Cronk & Mick Murray** posted:

Mike, We were so saddened by the news of your loss. We hope that your wonderful memories will comfort you. God Bless You.

June 13 at 4:39 AM

CM

**Carol McLaurin** posted:

Dear Mike, It was truly my blessing that you came into my life when you did. But my blessing was doubled because you came as a package and I was afforded the opportunity to meet your wife Chris. The first time meeting her I knew that she was a very special person. Chris was not only intelligent, she was also charming, witty and a very caring individual (especially in addition to putting up with you, LOL). Chris knew how to tell a great story and I loved our conversations when we had them. However, I do find it very hard to believe that she is gone but may there be comfort in knowing that someone so special will never be forgotten. My heart and prayers go out to you and your family.

June 12 at 11:06 AM

JL

**John & Kim Loucks** posted:

Mike, Kim and I are so sorry for your loss. Chris was a real fighter and always had a positive attitude. She now rests in the loving arms of her Lord and Savior. You will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers.

June 10 at 5:13 PM

MC

**Michael & Lucy Combs** posted:

Mr. Sullivan, you are in our thoughts and prayers as you go through this time of grieving. Christine was a great neighbor and a delightful person to talk to. I hope it brings you some comfort knowing she is with our Lord and Savior with her new perfect body and not in pain any longer. We wish you strength, peace and love. God bless.

June 10 at 8:20 AM

KB

**Kendra And Dave Bell** posted:

Dear Mike our prayers and thoughts are with you at this time .Chris is now at peace with the angels

June 10 at 6:27 AM



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PT

**Patricia (Pacanowski) Tropp** posted:

Please accept my deepest condolences. I only had the pleasure of meeting Christine once through Stephen Sullivan. She was a very nice person and I know she will be deeply missed.

June 9 at 8:26 AM

LM

**Lyn & Ken McMahon** posted:

Dear Mike...It was no accident that we met you and Christine in 2006 , we were meant to be friends , "family". Our prayers are with you now at this most difficult time. We are so happy that we had so many wonderful times with you in Florida and St Simon's Georgia as well as at our home in Sarnia(Canada). We will remember Christine for all the games of sequence, her beautiful giving spirit and most of all for her wonderful robust laughter that got us all going, and yes, her fantastic dessert creations. She is in the hands of God, we will miss her always. Love Lyn & Ken

June 9 at 6:17 AM

KF

**Karen Fenyn** posted:

The memories we have shared, my dearest Christine, over nearly 3 decades! I am honored that you were able to rely upon me for emotional uplifting and support, during your difficult journey and am glad we were still able to find some humor, too. I will cherish you in my heart until we meet again, my friend. We will have a grand time catching up on our new adventures! With love, Karen Fenyn

June 9 at 4:49 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Christine by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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