



## Kristi Suttie

June 19, 2009

Kristi Lynn Suttie, age 47, of Springdale, Arkansas began eternal life June 19, 2009 in Springdale after a short battle with colon cancer. She was born October 25, 1961 in Elgin, Illinois to Thomas R. and Jacquelyn Rudow Zehnder. She devoted her life to raising her three girls, and serving her churches in the many places she lived. Kristi had a great love for not only her own daughters, but also for the myriad of teenagers that her girls brought to her home. Kristi bestowed warmth and hospitality on them, giving those children the precious gift of another place to call home. In her church work at Salem Lutheran in Springdale, she used her talents to serve in music ministry and also in leadership roles with the school board and church council.

She is survived by three daughters, Kayla Kristine Suttie, Erin Leigh Suttie, and Shannon Elizabeth Suttie, all of Springdale; her parents, of Baileys Harbor, Wisconsin; a brother, Thomas A. (Leigh) Zehnder of Orlando, Florida; and two sisters, Karen L. (Scott) Williams of Orlando, Florida and Kathryn J. (Dean) Pingel of Marshfield, Wisconsin, along with six nephews and five nieces.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Monday, June 22, 2009 at Salem Lutheran Church in Springdale with the Rev. Mark Q. Louderback, Rev. Ronald Zehnder and Rev. Dean Pingel officiating. Burial will be at Salem Lutheran Cemetery.

Visitation will be Sunday, June 21, 2009 from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at Sisco Funeral Chapel of Springdale.

Pallbearers are Thomas A. Zehnder, Scott Williams, Tyler Williams, Stephen Pingel, Randall Rudow, Jeffrey Rudow, Jeff Bladdick and Dwayne Dutcher.

Memorials may be made to Salem Lutheran Church, 1800 West Emma Ave., Springdale, AR 72762 or Circle of Life Hospice, 901 Jones Rd., Springdale, AR 72762.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kristi Suttie*

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January 21, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ *Kayla, Shannon and Erin - I have not had the pleasure of meeting you, but wanted to extend my deepest condolences. You and your mom have been in my prayers over the past six weeks when I heard that your mom had cancer. I was your mom's roommate in college. When I was a freshman, I requested a Lutheran roommate because I thought it would be something that we had in common....Stetson University assigned your mom as my roommate. I am also a sorority sister (Alpha Chi Omega) to your mom. Kristi was such a great roommate and friend. She was always a very positive person with a great attitude about life. She will be greatly missed. I will continue to pray for you.*

*Tom, Jackie, Karen and Porter, Tom, Kathy - I am so sorry about Kristi's passing. It truly breaks my heart. I know that you will carry her love and memories in your heart forever. Kristi was a beautiful person inside and out. You will all continue to be in my thoughts and prayers.*

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May 29, 2013 at 05:03 PM



“ *Dear family of Kristi- I was saddened to see Kristi's name in the Lyre (the Alpha Chi magazine) as having passed in June of this year. We were suite-mates her first year at Stetson, and sorority sisters. She was a smart, kind, amazing person, and I will keep you all in my prayers. I am sorry for your loss. Sincerely, Cindi Rourk Read*

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November 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *I have not been to church in a long time but was nonetheless shocked to hear about this. My heart and prayers go out to Kristi's family. I loved to hear her sing in the Praise Band.*

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July 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *To Kristi's Family,  
My prayers will be with your family for many many nights to come - for strength and understanding. I went to Stetson University with Kristi - she was a senior when I was a freshman. One reason I pledged Alpha Chi Omega would be because of your daughter, your mom! She made the sorority feel like home - genuine, personable, kind, honest, and fun loving! Whenever we would dance as sisters to Jimmy Buffet's song 'Fins' , there is a special part in the song that we referred to as "do the Zehnder" - if my memory serves me correctly! It was a dance step that Kristi "invented" ! I am sure that many Alpha Chi Omega sisters from our day will 'do the Zehnder dance' for many years to come and have fond memories of Kristi and her beautiful smile. I am so sorry for your loss.  
Love, In the Bond, Kim Nelson Gruber  
Ormond Beach, Florida*

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June 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Family,

*I am one of Kristi's college sorority sisters. We didn't stay in touch over the years, but she made an impression on me that has lasted over the years. I am so sorry for your immeasurable loss. I know Kristi's faith was strong in college. She was beautiful inside and out. Kristi was fun loving, fair, direct, inclusive and had a keen sense of right and wrong. Once Kristi called me on the phone and asked to meet to discuss our senior paper that a group of us were working on together. She was determined to be fair and hear all sides of the situation, before making any decisions. Even back then, she was a rare jewel among sisters. More than a few sorority sisters were psychology majors, but Kristi always set the benchmark for excellence. It was always Zehnder's answers to the essay questions that Dr. Hale and other professors read aloud to the rest of the class. She was very bright and wrote beautifully. She stood apart from the rest of us in this capacity, but she didn't ever want us to think of her differently or smarter than the rest of us. Most of all I'll remember her as fun loving and laughing. We all had fun dancing together at our get togethers, especially Buffet's "Fins." When I heard just a few weeks ago that Kristi was very sick and not expected to live, I cried out to God to heal her. Without even talking to her in so many years, I know as a Mother she would have wanted to see her lovely daughters graduate, marry and help them through all the many obstacles that life brings. Each day I'm learning to trust in God more and more and know he has a purpose for each of us. I know Kristi's faith was strong in college, and from correspondence understand even stronger in her adult years. In the Bible, faith is described as "the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." I truly hope our faith in God, His grace and the love for one another will allow all of us to accept Kristi's purpose here on Earth was completed. She is with Him, where there is no pain and I like to think God has a new purpose for her in His kingdom. Maybe she'll be an angel watching over His flock. Continue to love one another and know that your daughter, sister or Mom was always a special person to whomever was fortunate*

*enough to have known her. Most sincerely, Raison Lee Stern*

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June 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Erin, Kayla, and Shannon My thoughts and prayers are with you as you go through this difficult time. I pray for Gods comfort and grace over you and that the happy memories you shared with your mom will carry you through this season of loss. She was always so kind to open her home to Corbin and I along with all your other friends. I am so happy to know she is with her Jesus now in heaven. many hugs and prayers, Lauren*

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June 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Tom,Jackie, Kayla, Erin and Shannon,  
My prayers are with you and the whole family.  
Kristi was the epitome of a Christian.  
How proud her family should be that she was exemplary every day of God's word and love.  
May God comfort you during this time.*

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June 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Tom, Jackie, Kayla, Erin, Shannon and all of Kristi's family, Some of you I have not met and others I feel I know so well, but none as well as Kristi. Kristi and I worked on so many projects together and I loved her. I loved her for her sense of humor, for her dedication to her church and to her God and for her love of family and people. I will miss her terribly and it is so hard to believe that someone who I didn't even know just a few short years ago could be someone so important in my life now. I will never again sing in the choir (or in church either for that matter) that I won't be able to hear her beautiful voice--what a wonderful addition to God's holy choir she is and what a tremendous loss to ours. I will never sign another check at SAlem without thinking about how we planned what checks to write. Will I ever again attend a council meeting without hearing Kristi saying, "Well the reality of the situation is ....." Oh how I wil miss her and yet I'm sure your memories run deeper and I can't imagine.....What joy it is to know that we'll see her again some day and what a wonderful reunion it will be. Thank you to all of you for sharing your Kristi with us. We are so very blessed!!!!

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June 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ To Kathy,Dean and family,  
Sending prayers, sympathy, and lots of hugs from  
Marshfield. You are in my thoughts every day! Love you, Shelly

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June 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *To Kristi's family,*

*I was one of Kristi's AXO sisters way back when at Steton Univ. Boy did we have fun. The thing that was great about our sorority was we really felt we were each other's sister and loved each other as such. It was and is a honor to call her my sister. My thoughts are prayers are with you all. Loyalty in the Bond and love in Christ,*  
*Catherine Eller Martin*

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March 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM