



## Kristin P. O'Connor

September 24, 1972 - September 29, 2019

Kristin Paul "Kris" O'Connor, age 47 years formerly of Cairo, N.Y. presently residing in Pearce, Arizona, passed away suddenly on September 29, 2019. Kristin was born on September 24, 1972 and was the son of the late Judith "Judy" McKenna O'Connor who passed away in 2011, and Joseph O'Connor, Sr. of Florida.

Besides his father, survivors include his loving, long term partner Colleen Hara, sister Terry Lynn Mauriello (Dan Callihan), his brothers Robert O'Connor (Deb) and Joseph O'Connor, Jr. (Kari), and his sister Karlee Callahan (James). He is also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews and nieces.

Kristin proudly served his country in The U.S. Army, serving his country bravely during Operation Desert Storm. He also served his community as a registered nurse.

Kris enjoyed ham radios, hiking and spelunking. He also loved animals having dogs, cats, and chickens, even having a ram at one time. Kris, being a very intelligent man, was also a computer whiz with great mechanical skills. He was a very intelligent and passionate man.

At Kris' request, there will be no services.

Donations in Kris' memory may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas, 66675-8516.

Messages of condolences may be expressed at [www.richardsfuneralhomeinc.net](http://www.richardsfuneralhomeinc.net).



# Tribute Wall



“ *Marlo Parker lit a candle in memory of Kristin P. O'Connor*



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**Marlo Parker** - October 28, 2019 at 03:33 PM

“ Dear Kris,

*I needed some time for this wrenching sadness to pass before I could share. I know you know what I am feeling right now which makes it so hard for me to accept and understand.*

*I was merely 9 years old when my beautiful sister Judy brought you into this world. You were full of spunk and determination and we could easily see that you were going to be a tough one. At times, you were a pain, especially to your siblings, Terrylynn, Robbie and Joey put up with your teasing, your persistent presence lol, but they loved having you as their little brother. You grew quickly and strong and before you could fully walk, you would put the fear in us as you continually attempted to climb the stairs. Yes, you were a terror but you were so confident, a bit annoying at times but full of love, life, energy, laughter, and determination.*

*As time passed, we could see you were becoming a man of distinction, someone others would yearn to know. You hand-picked the best of friends and rarely made those tempting adolescent poor choices. You had the ability to do anything you put your mind to, and you did just that.*

*From the early years of bike riding, hiking, camping, and cave spelunking to the war-torn battlefields of Desert Storm, you showed teamwork, leadership and ingenuity and you always persevered. We will never forget that portable shower you designed for your brothers-in-arms. After the Gulf War, you continued to show us your resilience, your selflessness, and your warmth. This surely became apparent as you committed your life to become a nurse. You answered your calling to use your life experience to help those in need and those who were suffering from nearly endless pain. You did this not ever knowing that you would one day be faced with similar struggles as your patience once did. Although you have left us much too early, you did accomplish much more than most and I will eternally miss you.*

*I will miss our long-winded talks about life, history, politics, science, and technology*

*I will miss your late-night voice-generated text messages when you  
were excited to just share something  
I will miss being someone to lean on when you just needed to talk  
I will miss the "me" I was in your life  
But most importantly, I will miss you.*

*Yesterday is filled with memories of knowing you  
Today is not the last day I will mourn  
Tomorrow will never come where I won't remember you  
Forever is just the beginning of how long  
~ Pisarri*

*An excerpt from a song written about you from your uncle Pete  
40 pounds of dynamite  
A devil in disguise  
A bit mischievous  
But an angel otherwise  
For now, I will just patiently wait to see you again and maybe  
someday, I will learn how Pete knew so early in your life the impact  
this song's lyrics would have on us.*

*Love your uncle Mark*

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**Mark Pisarri** - October 11, 2019 at 12:35 PM

TM

*Mark that was absolutely beautifully written 🧡🙏😭💔 RIP Kris , I  
miss you my little baby brother 💔😭*

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**terrylynn mauriello** - October 13, 2019 at 07:56 PM

MP

“ *Mark Pisarri lit a candle in memory of Kristin P. O'Connor*



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**Mark Pisarri** - October 11, 2019 at 12:35 PM

DP

“ *What can I say, I am heartbroken. Kris and I were buddies since we were little kids, we grew up together, we shared so much. Kris was more like a brother to me than a nephew, we did so many things together. I will miss our long talks on the phone and I will just miss Kris so very much. I wish I had known how to help him more. Terrylynn, Robbie and Joey, I am very sorry for you too. I will love and miss you forever Kris XOXO Dion*

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**Dion Pisarri** - October 09, 2019 at 07:02 PM

JK

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**Jennifer Kolnacki** - October 09, 2019 at 05:39 PM

JS

“ Dear Terrylynn, Robbie & Joey,

*I am deeply saddened by your loss. You will always have a special place in my heart.*

*Jack Solomon*

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**jack solomon** - October 09, 2019 at 01:40 PM

JK

“ *I found this picture of Kris at the Grand Canyon in 1999. He was my first boyfriend and I have a lot of memories from when we were young. My deepest condolences to all of his family. May he Rest In Peace with his mother. He will remain forever in my heart* ❤️🌈



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**Jennifer Kolnacki** - October 09, 2019 at 12:00 PM

TM

*Thank you Jenn*

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**Terrylynn Mauriello** - October 09, 2019 at 02:18 PM

JK

*I have not seen Kris in 19 years but in 2017 he contacted me out of the blue and we would sometimes talk over messenger after that. He told me that he was completely disabled for many years and that he was in a lot of pain. It's all very sad. I remember him being so strong and tough.*

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**Jennifer Kolnacki** - October 10, 2019 at 09:44 AM

PP

“ I am very sad for our loss, I just keep envisioning what a cute little guy Kristin was, with that beautiful blonde hair, that smile, his long eye lashes and gleaming teeth. I would be remiss if not to mention how smart and talented he was, he could do just about anything I think. A technical and mechanical genius, he always blew my mind with what he could accomplish. Memories of childhood and young adulthood flood my thoughts and I laugh and I cry. Let us not forget the flag costume Judy made for him to march in the Cairo parade (I think he was only 3 years old - cutest thing ever). The O'Connor and Pizarri clan could not wait for this little baby Kristin to be born, him and the other brat Dion, we just adored them. I recall too the mighty spelunkers - what a site; Kris, Dion, John, DJ and others would brave those caves and have a blast. As he got older Kristin became more of a serious type and went off to war. We were so proud of Kristin when he left to serve his country and he was too, a fine and brave young man. Sadly, it took a toll on him, as it does many, many others. If we do nothing at all, let us reach out to a wounded warrior, salute him, offer friendship or help of any sort! They deserve our honor!

*My heart aches for Kristin's sorrows and for the sorrows of Terrylynn, Robbie, Joe and the rest of our family. Love to you all.....xoxo*

*I will carry a special place in my heart for Kristin.*

*Lovingly, Aunt Pam*

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**Pamela Pizarri-Gallagher** - October 08, 2019 at 02:06 PM



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Richards Funeral Home of the Mid Hudson Valley Inc. - October 08, 2019 at 09:27 AM



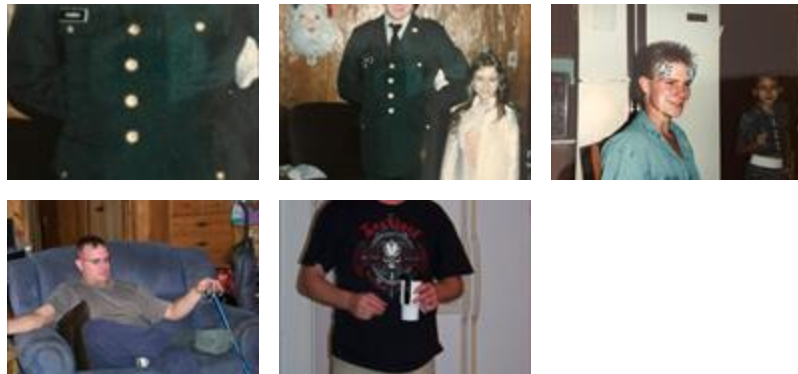
“ Linda Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Kristin P. O'Connor



Linda Lawrence - October 08, 2019 at 09:26 AM



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Melissa Mauriello-Hoke - October 07, 2019 at 12:39 PM



Great pics 😊 the good old days❤️

Pamela Pisarri-Gallagher - October 07, 2019 at 02:08 PM



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**Richards Funeral Home of the Mid Hudson Valley Inc.** - October 07, 2019 at 11:57 AM

PP

*Thank you Richard and Linda for the amazing website and the honorable flag. Pam Pisarri-Gallagher*

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**Pamela Pisarri-Gallagher** - October 07, 2019 at 02:07 PM

LL

*Dear Pam and Family,  
You are all more than welcome!  
We are thinking of you all in this most difficult time.  
Richard and Linda ( Richards Funeral Home of the Mid-Hudson Valley, Inc. )*

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**Linda Lawrence** - October 08, 2019 at 09:32 AM



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**Richards Funeral Home of the Mid Hudson Valley Inc.** - October 07, 2019 at 11:54 AM

MM

*I love you Uncle Kris!!*

*I'm going through pictures of us and will post some soon. We had so much fun going to the creek every summer! You were an awesome, funny, smart, loving guy and will be terribly missed. You're up in heaven with your mama now. R.I.P*

*-Melis*

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**Melissa Mauriello-Hoke** - October 07, 2019 at 12:23 PM