



## Kristin E. Swanson

November 18, 1947 - December 23, 2024

Kristin E. Swanson, 77, of Palenville, passed away on Monday December 23, 2024.

She was born on November 18, 1947 in Gowanda, NY, the daughter of the late Hobart and Margaret (Kelly) Setter.

At one time Kristin was a dedicated Registered Nurse at Benedictine Hospital.

Kristin is survived by her 2 sisters.

A full obituary will be forthcoming.

To leave condolences for the family please visit the tribute wall above.

# Tribute Wall

AM

“ 15 files added to the album Kristin



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**Alexander Morris** - February 21, 2025 at 11:44 AM

JC

“ *Kristin and I were friends for many years. I met her when she volunteered as a tour guide at Clermont State Historic Site . We joined the Master gardener program together and ended up spending a lot of time visiting historic places all over the Hudson Valley and enjoying the richness of local cultural events. She was passionate about history and learning new things as well as her job as a hospice nurse and educator. She gave a home to many stray cats and spent time and money having them fixed and feeding them and welcoming them into her home. Her kindness, intelligence and enthusiasm is a beacon for all of us to follow. I will miss her.*

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**Jean Campbell** - January 13, 2025 at 06:47 PM

SK

“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



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**Sue Kehoe** - January 06, 2025 at 10:38 AM

SK

“ Kristin has been a dear friend for over 40 years! As a young nurse at Benedictine, she mentored me teaching me so much about seeing the patient as a person & how to recognize their true needs. She was compassionate and taught so many how to provide comfort especially in final hours, making Hospice educator role perfect in her career path.

She played so many instruments with Grace & beauty- so excited to refine her bagpipes studies in Scotland. Those pipes echoed in the hills as she joined in the Hunter Mountain March, the pipe & drum band and delighted us at our wedding in the Catskills. In good spirit, Kristin enchanted friends & community with Renaissance revelry. I never experienced Pachelbel's Cannon in D as deeply as when Kristin fluted it as our wedding march.

Some of my favorite hikes were with Kristin. Drawn to nature & determined to also learn more, it is no surprise that Kristin became a master gardener and forester. She shared her love of history by volunteering at the New York State Capital Museum. She was also proud of her military service and grateful for Vet medical support in later years.

With strong convictions and insight, we shared many hours in political conversation about the state of affairs of our great nation. Kristin was kind and loving and took in many strays.. mostly cats, that gave her great pleasure and them a safe and comfortable refuge.

The 40 years I knew Kristin were only a glimpse of the many chapters in her life. She will always be a part of us. Sue & Keith Kehoe

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Sue Kehoe - January 06, 2025 at 09:47 AM

JT

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



jean thomas - January 03, 2025 at 02:57 PM

JT

*Kristin was a musician, whether in NYC, on the Isle of Skye or at West Point. She will be missed.*

jean thomas - January 03, 2025 at 02:58 PM

DL

*A very kind-hearted person. She will be missed by all who knew her. Kristin- May Tir Nan Og bring you Love and Peace*

Donald Lindsay - January 03, 2025 at 04:23 PM



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Joel Mandelbaum - January 02, 2025 at 05:29 PM

DM

“ I knew Kristin from my Brother Alex. They made special times together. They brought many people together in a beautiful way. I am so honored to have been there for some of those times. I got to know Kristin when visiting them and was always greeted kindly and made to feel comfortable. Over the years I got to know her a little bit more each time. She had a sage like wisdom that gave others a place to be themselves without judgement. Her way of being was a relaxed great way to be. She taught others by example and they learned by watching her. Then if they wanted she helped them practice finding their way. A teacher who never demanded perfection or pressured for greater achievement than just where you were. A gentle mothering kindness. What a beautiful way to be. She touched many people's lives and I feel her kindness and good natured way come out of me some times here and there. She really gifted these parts of her heart and soul to others. I feel so lucky to have known her!

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**Dan Morris** - January 02, 2025 at 02:33 AM

AM

“ I lived for many years with Kristin in Palenville. I have shared some photos here of those times.

*Words cannot express the sorrow I feel.*

*And, I won't attempt a description of how kind or good person a person she was. It would be inadequate.*

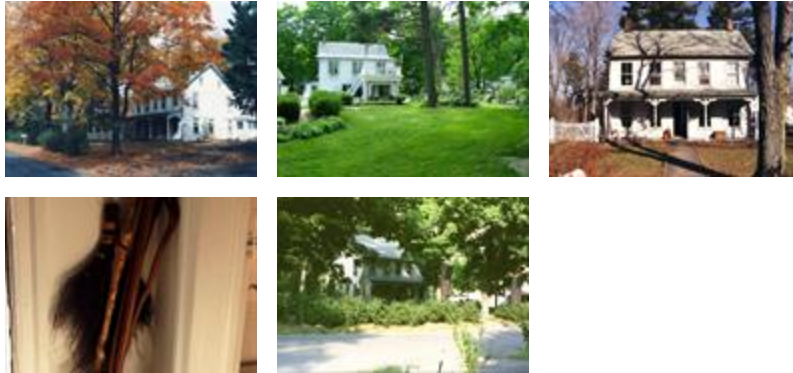
*You reading these words knew Kristin and how fortunate we were to share moments of our lives with her here on this earth. Our memories of those moments are what is left now. Let us frequently recall them and remember her and times past. For she shall always be an example to us of how to live life well.*

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**Alexander Morris** - January 02, 2025 at 12:09 AM

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**Alexander Morris** - January 01, 2025 at 11:47 PM

DM

*These pictures brought back so many great memories.*

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**Dan Morris** - January 02, 2025 at 01:43 AM

RM

*I have known Kristin for over thirty years. Our nursing career paths overlapped through hospital, homecare, and then Hospice. Following Kristin's retirement, we stayed in touch with periodic phone calls and visits. Our last visit was an impromptu stop at her house this past summer and our last conversation was just before Thanksgiving. Kristin was and is one of my role models. She was a dedicated nurse. She was quirky. She was independent. She embraced learning and taking on new experiences. Following her retirement from nursing, she became a master gardener. She volunteered as a docent at the Clermont Historic Site. That was something that gave her great pleasure. Covid put an end to that. I know that in the last few years, pain and mobility issues made things difficult. Still, Kristin was fiercely independent and despite obstacles, with the support of friends and neighbors, managed to remain in her own home with her beautiful garden and cats. Kristin inspired me in many ways. I will miss her and remember her always.*

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**Ruth T Mandelbaum** - January 02, 2025 at 01:07 PM

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**Alexander Morris** - January 01, 2025 at 11:42 PM

DM

*Oh, my! I really went down memory lane. I tried to comment as these pictures helped me recollect just what a Wonderful Soul Kristin was to my family. She really made me a better person having known her and been around her for a relatively short amount of time throughout the years. But there is an indelible mark of decency and kindness she imprinted on all.*

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**Dan Morris** - January 02, 2025 at 01:51 AM

PK

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**Peggy Kuras** - December 31, 2024 at 12:55 PM

GB

“*Kristin was a valued member of the Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Gardener program for many years and will be greatly missed. Kristin had a great sense of humor and was a lovely person.*”

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**Glenda Berman** - December 31, 2024 at 08:12 AM