



## Mrs. Christine Lee Algren

April 5, 1946 - May 22, 2024

Heaven gained the most perfect angel on May 22, 2024. Chris Algren was born in Hull, England in 1946. She was the daughter of Wallace E. Owens of Fairdale, Kentucky, and Eve Lee Owens of Hull, England. Chris grew up in Fairdale, Kentucky and attended Kentucky Baptist Hospital School of Nursing, fulfilling her childhood dream of becoming a nurse. A consummate educator at heart, she also earned a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Science in Nursing at the University of Louisville and then completed a doctorate in Higher Education Administration at Peabody College of Vanderbilt University in 1989.

As a nurse and educator, Chris left a remarkable legacy of nurses, nurse practitioners, and nursing educators. Her career in nursing education started at Kentucky Baptist Hospital in Louisville and continued at Kosair Children's Hospital, Bellarmine University, Texas Children's Hospital, and Vanderbilt Children's Hospital. She ultimately served as Dean of the School of Nursing at Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee, until her retirement in 2012. She authored numerous articles and book chapters in nursing publications and received many awards during her accomplished career. Her most prestigious awards include induction into Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society; selection as a University of Louisville Alumni Fellow and recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award for the School of Nursing. She was recognized as one of twenty Outstanding Nurses in Houston and received the Flo Kidd Memorial Award for Outstanding Humanitarian Service. Shortly before her death, she was

informed that Belmont University will honor her by dedicating a new Faculty Lounge at the George E. Inman College of Nursing in her name.

Chris was a philanthropic humanitarian at heart. Along with her husband, John, she travelled to China, Kenya, the Philippines, Peru, Guatemala and Mexico to perform life-saving surgeries for impoverished children, while also providing clinical education to local nurses.

While Chris was immensely proud of her distinguished career in nursing, her most cherished roles in life were as a loving wife, dedicated mother and, most of all, as “Nana.” Nana was the most nurturing soul to her cherished family. As loving companions, she and John enjoyed working together in pediatrics and traveling the world. They travelled to over thirty countries and five continents, making forever memories. Although Nana was an exquisite chef, some in the family say that her most prized cooking was preparing mac-and-cheese and applesauce for the grandchildren.

She was a loyal confidante and best friend to her daughter, Dana, who admired the sacred ground she walked on. She was the loudest cheerleader and best hugger to her sons, Aron and Brian. Her favorite title was Nana to her four grandchildren. She would sit through rain, heat or cold to watch her grandchildren’s sports and school activities, and never missed the opportunity to celebrate a hallmark holiday and use it as an excuse to spoil them.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Wallace and Eve Owens, and survived by her loving husband, John, daughter Dana (Kris), and sons Aron (Erin) and Brian (Erica) and four grandchildren: Jordan, Reagan, Moria and Owen.

A celebration of life will take place on June 22, 2024 at 3 p.m. at UUMAN Unitarian Church 11420 Crabapple Road, Roswell, GA with a reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating in Chris’ name to the Glioblastoma Foundation, to advance research in treatment of this disease.

# Tribute Wall

JU

“ John, it's a long story and a confusing one so I "googled" your last name. We are so sad and sorry to learn of Chris's death, please accept our sincere sympathy. We have fond memories of the two of you, I am sure your happy memories have helped you since her death.

Fondly,  
Judy and Ron

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judy - April 11 at 08:37 PM

KS

“ Kathy, Valerie, and Shelia planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Christine Lee Algren.

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Kathy, Valerie, and Shelia - June 17, 2024 at 05:29 PM

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“ Kathy, Valerie, and Shelia purchased the Enchant ed Cottage for the family of Mrs. Christine Lee Algren.



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Kathy, Valerie, and Shelia - June 17, 2024 at 05:29 PM

BH

“ I knew Chris through Dana. I always admired the mother/daughter love that Chris, Dana and Reagan shared together. And Chris loved her son-in-law Kris like he was her own son. I’m so very sorry for this loss but have loved reading and hearing about the other side of Chris that I never knew - the nurse, leader and educator. She left an impact on so many people in so many ways. — Bryant Hoyal

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**Bryant Hoyal** - June 15, 2024 at 12:52 PM

ET

“ We are so sorry to lose such a wonderful and caring friend and neighbor. Our hearts go out to the family. We will definitely make a donation to help the research of this terrible disease that took her from us.  
- Ed and Kelly Teller

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**Ed and Kelly Teller** - May 28, 2024 at 12:17 PM

JM

“ Our heartfelt condolences to John and the Algren family. Chris was the sweetest neighbor and gentlest soul. May she rest in peace in God's eternal glory. Prayers of healing and acceptance to the family and all those who loved her.

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**Jay & Randa Mansour** - May 28, 2024 at 12:09 PM

EW

“ My condolences to the Algren family. I worked with Chris at Texas Children’s Hospital. We were the best of friends. She served as my advisor for my thesis when I obtained my MSN. I will always be grateful for assisting me. One thing we shared in common was the love of ribs. I taught her how to eat ribs the correct way. I know she is laughing in heaven about that lesson. I love you Chris. Rest in peace

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**Elaine Williams** - May 26, 2024 at 12:59 AM

SG

“ Our Pediatric group with Mrs. Chris Algren. Precious memories 😊  
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Saramma George - May 25, 2024 at 07:18 PM

SG

“ Mrs. Chris Bright Algren was my dearest teacher@KBH in Louisville. My most memorable times were during our Pediatric rotation, her and Mrs. SharonHerndon ! I had the best times in my Nursing School days. I cherish every moment of our three years there.  
We both were Nashville in many years, but unfortunately never saw each other even though we communicated.  
My deepest and heartfelt condolences, Sympathy and prayers to Dr. Algren and Sweet Dana I knew as a little girl. Your mom my hero 😇  
😇. Praying for you for peace and comfort! 🙏😭💕

Saramma George - May 25, 2024 at 02:03 PM

SG

She was such a lovely person and a GREAT instructor!! My sincerest condolences to the family. 💔💔💔

Susan Griffin - May 25, 2024 at 02:10 PM

TR

“ I worked with Chris at Texas Children’s Hospital. She was not only a colleague but a great friend. She was nurturing, supportive and calming to me. I sought her out a few times for support and she was always there for me. I always remember her love and respect for John. It was wonderful seeing them together. Love you Chris.



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**Teresa Rodriguez-Wargo** - May 25, 2024 at 11:03 AM