



Christel Colenbrander

July 27, 2020

Christel (Banze) Colenbrander , born May 27, 1939 in Bielefeld, Germany, died peacefully at home in Monroeville, Pennsylvania on July 27th at the age of 81. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. She will be deeply missed. She is survived by her husband: H. G. C. (Hans) Colenbrander and two children: Christien Colenbrander Bass (Jay) and Mark Colenbrander (Carolyn), four grandchildren: Hannah Bass, Harrison Bass, William (Will) Colenbrander, and Margaret (Maggie) Colenbrander. Hans and Christel just celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary earlier this month. Preceding her in death are her parents, Paul and Analiese Banze of Bielfeld, Germany. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, there will be no services. Arrangements entrusted to the GENE H. CORL FUNERAL CHAPEL INC. AND CREMATION SERVICES OF MONROEVILLE. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the following charities: clearthoughtsfoundation.org or ASPCA.org. Please visit www.corlfuneralchapel.com to leave condolences to the family.

Tribute Wall

SE

“ *My deepest sympathy to Hans and his family. I worked with Hans for a couple of years and met Christel a couple of times. She was a lovely person.*

Sharon Ellenberger

Sharon Ellenberger - October 17, 2020 at 01:29 PM

CH

“ *To Cristel's family, Cristel and I were friends from the International Womens Club for many years and I enjoyed her company and sharing news of our families. She was very distressed about Hans not being with her. She talked of her family with great joy. I always was startled by her vibrant blue eyes when I saw her and she will be greatly missed by all who knew her. With great sympathy, Carol Hoyt*

Carol Allan Hoyt - August 06, 2020 at 03:41 PM

SK

“ *Christien and Mark and families, Our neighborhood will never be the same. For over 50 years, your parents were known for their love of being outside, walking around the block, working in the yard, tinkering with the Porsche, or just sitting in the driveway. Your mom always asked about our kids and grandkids...and then bragged on her own, as she was so proud of all of you! Years ago she gave us a box of beautiful handmade straw ornaments, and we'll remember her fondly as we hang them on our Christmas tree in the years to come! You all have our deepest sympathy.*

Sue and George Kenyon

Susan Kenyon - August 05, 2020 at 11:06 AM

MT

“ *Hans, Christien, Mark and families,
My deepest sympathy to all of you with the loss of Cristel. It has
been many years but I still fondly remember all of you. Cristel's
kindness and love will be truly missed.
Mary Nugara Tarney*

Mary Nugara Tarney - August 04, 2020 at 12:31 PM

PH

“ *Christien, Jay, Hannah and Harrison - so sorry for your loss. Our
condolences. Phil & Michelle*

Phil - August 03, 2020 at 04:58 PM

MS

“ *This was very sad news and my deepest sympathies to Hans and
his family. I always enjoyed talking to Christel either at a car show or
when I would come to visit Hans and talk 'shop'! I can see her rolling
her eyes when we would sit there and discuss our hobby. I can
imagine how silly she thought we were, so enthralled over those
little toy cars. You will be missed more than you know. Take care
Hans.*

mike schoss - August 03, 2020 at 10:05 AM

JM

“ *Cristel always wore a smile and had kind words for everyone. I
personally will always remember how kind she was to my children
and her delicious deviled eggs.
Condolences,
Janet Mathews*

Janet Mathews - August 02, 2020 at 05:35 PM