



Ms. Christine Leilani Bernotas

March 2, 1956 - April 15, 2016

Christine Leilani Bernotas Born 3.02.56, Died 4.15.16

Preceded in death by loving parents Fred and Less Bernotas; survived by sister, Toni Deborah Bernotas. Born in Honolulu, Christine Leilani (Hawaiian for “heavenly flower”) was a free spirit with an infectious passion for nature and lifetime love of the sea. With her willowy frame and naturally curly red hair, Christine was as stunning physically as she was charismatic.

Blessed with intelligence, creativity, compassion, wit, and humor, Christine enchanted others. Graced by talent, resources, diverse interests, and the curiosity of a naturalist, she fully embraced life. An expert in birding, gardening, photography, sewing, and in the kitchen; equally at home in the board room, the barn, and the back yard, Christine loved family, friends, her beloved pets, sailing, and the beach.

Vivacious, spirited, and fiercely independent, Christine’s travels to exotic places captivated friends and family. She embodied the life well-lived as if she knew she was not blessed by gift of years. Her courage, intrepid spirit, and tenaciousness could not reverse the odds, in recent years, against her prospects for a healthy, vigorous life.

Her bright light extinguished unexpectedly, and too soon. Aloha, heavenly

flower, beloved silver girl, sail on by. Our lei are in the water in your wake. Your spirit is free, you remain unforgettable, and you dwell within our hearts forever. Private service. Memorials to Open Door Animal Sanctuary, 6065 Duda Road, P.O. Box 870, House Springs MO 63051, are gratefully appreciated.

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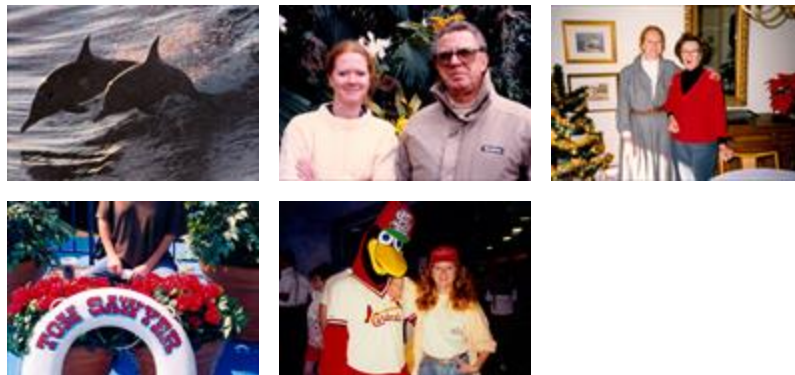
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Toni, I am just now seeing your sister's obituary. I am so sorry . I dk any words to heal your grief. I just know she was lucky to have you as your sister.

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