



Chris Churney

April 1, 1953 - September 12, 2025

Chris Anne Theresa Churney, “Cat C”, 72, passed away peacefully at home in Rogers Park on September 12, 2025.

Born in Denver, CO, the first daughter/second child of seven born to a traveling jingle writer/restaurant owner and a homemaker.

Chris graduated from Rich Central High School in Olympia Fields, IL and earned her cosmetology certificate from Truman College. She worked as a technician at Hair Club for Men, and also at several salons. Chris held various other jobs as a single mother, including lunch lady at her son’s school (St. Ignatius Catholic School in Rogers Park) where she also taught art to K-8 students. She cleaned houses, worked at the High Ridge YMCA, and served as a nanny to an autistic child.

A sensitive person, Chris was deeply impacted by the state of the world around her. She was affectionate with her children and took them to protests and also to church, where the family found community. Recently, she worked on Bernie Sanders’ political campaign. Chris experienced times of struggle and thus took her own mental health very seriously. She worked hard to achieve her peace. Chris had a strong faith in God, re-used the same annual calendar of daily prayers, and led her children in prayer over dinner: “Thank you God, for this day. Bless this food in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

She was very generous to several non-profits, including veterans' organizations, the Boys and Girls Clubs, and PBS/WTTW. Chris was creative and talented. She took guitar lessons well into her later years. She also enjoyed connecting with people—she would talk to anyone and often adopted random older people without family.

Devoted mother of Jon Eric Churney and Jade Marie (Serhii) Rybalko.

Dear daughter of Mary Francis Churney (nee Hensley), sister of Mark (Mary) of Minnesota, Steve of Texas, Leslie and twins Max and Matt, all of Illinois; and Bill, also of Texas.

Preceded in death by father Robert John Churney and infant sister Judith Geryann Churney.

Celebration of life, Wednesday October 15, 12-3pm (eulogies begin 12:30pm) at Bohemian National Cemetery Chapel, 5255 N. Pulaski, Chicago, Illinois, 60630.

For those unable to attend in person, the service will be live-streamed via this Facebook event: https://www.facebook.com/events_invite_off_fb/link_sharing/1875072003366124/?inviter_id=100002856451643&token=elf54wOtC-rk3vmEWIFTg-v2gD45elQLqldFET5LUTk&mibextid&dl_redirect=1#no_universal_links

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to Gilda's Club Chicago <https://www.gildasclubchicago.org/ways-to-give/donate/>.

arrangement by inclusive Funeral Care 773-318-1305 or www.inclusivefuneralcare.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Celebration

OCT **15**. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Bohemian National Cemetery
5255 N. Pulaski
Chicago, IL 60630

12noon guest arrival; eulogy service begins 12:30pm sharp. Light reception to follow

Tribute Wall



“ *Inclusive Funeral Care created a Chris Churney memorial streaming in memory of Chris Churney*



Team Inclusive Funeral Care - October 13, 2025 at 03:51 PM



“ *the sex offender is gone*

Mack Smythe - November 24, 2025 at 05:49 PM

JA

My mom is dead. The only people this hurtful comment is affecting is her children. Shame on you, my mom didn't sexually assault anyone. Please seek professional help.

Jade - November 28, 2025 at 12:02 PM

JB

“ *A sweetheart of a lady!!! I'm all the better for knowing you. Rest Well my friend. JBrissett*

Jacqueline Brissett - November 13, 2025 at 07:28 PM

SK

“ I have fond memories of Chris: cutting my hair, showing up at potlucks, and always saying hi on the street when we met. I hope the service went well and that the memories that are flooding you are a blessing.

Thanks to Jade for your care of Chris in her last weeks!

Susan Kauffman - October 20, 2025 at 01:20 PM

DJ

“ Doug & Joy Jones purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Chris Churney.



Doug & Joy Jones - October 13, 2025 at 10:04 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Chris Churney.



October 13, 2025 at 04:37 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Chris Churney.



October 12, 2025 at 11:32 PM

TF

“ My friend Chris 30+years. My friend you are gone but you will never be forgotten. Im gonna miss the calls from you wishing me a happy birthday and our coffee get togethers every now and then, sitting on your back porch watching the fish swimming in the pond at the house next door. You was a amazing friend, parent and a pillar in the Rogers Park Community.

Teresa M Faceson - October 12, 2025 at 09:59 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Chris Churney.



October 12, 2025 at 07:27 PM



“ We met in art group and became friends 10+ years ago. You are always in my heart, I will miss you so very much. Love you, my friend!

Audrey Webb - October 12, 2025 at 04:36 PM

RM

“ Chris you will be missed but not forgotten by the family we all created at the pratt Ashland co op rest in peace my friend 🙏🙏❤️

robin mcpherson - October 11, 2025 at 08:32 PM

CW

“ I remember starting to get to know Chris around the time I moved back into the neighborhood. We would play gin rummy and she also painted a picture of my cat. I still have that picture and I framed the picture. I am going to miss her.



Cameron Walker - October 09, 2025 at 11:12 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Chris Churney.



October 09, 2025 at 11:44 AM