



## Christine Sharon Blaser

March 28, 1972 - March 27, 2024

No obituary found for this tribute.

# Tribute Wall

MH

“ I approved the hiring of Christine for the team I supervised, children's services at Kern County Mental Health, around 2006. She was a valuable and well accepted member of our team and caring toward the minors we served. After a while she transferred to a different team in the department, and later returned to manicuring. I believe Christine was left fragile by the events of her own childhood. It is really sad to hear that we have lost her. Marshall Hamilton  
9/1/2024

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**Marshall Hamilton** - September 02, 2024 at 12:54 AM



“ We were both in our twenties when I met Chris. Me late and her early. I honestly cannot remember which mutual friend introduced us, but in time we ended up having many mutual friends, some we did not know we had already. The friend that introduced us was either Laura Cuffe or David Nathan. Then again David and I may have met her at the same time because we spent a lot of time together back then. The four of us, Chris, Laura, David, and I went to quite a few concerts together both locally and down in LA throughout the 1990s. I need to find some black and white photos of Christine and Andrea Judd. The pictures are from outside the Bakersfield Civic Auditorium when we were visiting before the show started. I am fairly sure it was *Suicidal Tendencies* because I had my camera with me, and I shot pictures of that show. Sorry but it was before digital, so I need to scan it to show it. They were both young and beautiful and dressed like sexy rocker chicks for the show. Chris never lost her beauty inside or out.



I had an internship with the Bakersfield Californian newspaper as a photojournalist in 1993. Joseph Danks, a man who was already in prison for murder. Either the authorities or news outlets had dubbed him the Koreatown Slasher. He was a bizarre man. He had killed his cell mate and was on trial for this new crime. Christine was fascinated for reasons of her own with the trial and the convict. She began going to most of the hearings. Covering the case was Steve Swenson, a veteran reporter with the Bakersfield Californian and a friend. Steve noticed her in the gallery at many of the hearings and started talking with Chris. He was curious as to why she was there so often and began getting to know her. He became fascinated with her interest in the case. Steve considered doing a story on her, but she declined, she was not interested in drawing attention to herself. Steve and Chris still became friends, and he would talk with her outside the courtroom. When he interviewed Danks he asked him a few questions for Chris. One question was if she could exchange letters with him. She and Danks began writing, I do not know how many letters were exchanged between them. She showed me one

*of the letters he wrote to her, and it looked like the letter of a mad man. If you look him up it was April 1993 when Danks was on trial for the murder of the cellmate. When Steve found out Chris and I were friends he started telling me about his newfound friendship with her. He was excited to have her as a shared friend. After that, every time he seen her Steve would tell me about it and how lovely and interesting a person she was. And she was both.*

*I loved talking with her about everything, our hopes, our dreams, our crushes or what our favorite musician were doing and where they may be next. (Mostly we liked the same music but her and David were Slayer fans, me not so much). She had huge crushes on a few rock stars, but Dave Navarro was the one she always talked about the most and I am sure she was still crushing on him up until the day she passed. She was so much fun. She had an enthusiastic sense of humor, and I do not recall seeing an unhappy Chris that often. I am sure she had those times of sadness. I know her life was not always great. She lost her mother when she was young and lived with her grandmother and an aunt. I did not know her during the 1970s but during that time she lived in a capital A shaped house right down the street from me.*

*David Nathan, Christine, and I also took day trips down to LA to hang out, do, and see stuff. On one trip when we were on our way back to Bakersfield, we stopped at a car dealership in Valencia. Chris knew she could get the best quote from a larger market area than Bakersfield. She had already done the research and knew exactly what she was after. I cannot remember what model car it was, but the maker was Toyota if I am remembering it correctly. It has been a minute. I may have gotten this wrong. Chris really liked*

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**Larry Pruett** - July 08, 2024 at 04:44 PM

LB

*Awww yes, Chrissy ❤️ I was a client that loved our manicure days & conversatins...and I remember her telling me a little bit about that time in her life when she attended those trials...  
I will always remember Chris with such fondness. Thanks for sharing your story & memories.*

Linda Bispo - August 02, 2024 at 07:00 AM

EP

*“ I’m just now finding this out. I loved Chris dearly and I can only pray that she is with her mom and out of pain from her earthly life.*

Elise Pizarro - June 02, 2024 at 09:47 PM

LB

*“ My mom introduced me to Chris as her manicurist. I can’t recall how long I was a client but I had the most fun ever being her client & picking out stamps & colors & talking about girl stuff. I will always remember my conversations with Chrissy & Her smile & her gentleness in many ways. I will miss her very much as I go along in my life. She was born the same year as my eldest daughter & the same month. I hope I see her again someday 💕Linda Bispo (little Bee) that was her nickname for me💕*

Linda Bispo - May 04, 2024 at 02:18 PM

HS

*I met Chris at the salon when I had my hair done. She was amazing at caring for my nails. We used to joke it was because her OCD streak insisted that my nails be perfect. She totally spoiled me for accepting anything less from someone else. We were both thrilled when she realized her dream and enrolled in school to study to become a mental health therapist. She was going to be such an empathetic and nonjudgmental therapist. I am deeply saddened her life was cut short. I miss her.*

Harriet Schaad - May 06, 2024 at 09:06 PM

LB

*Harriet you expressed exactly how I felt about Chris - she was gentle & n another manicurist would have a tough time matching her abilities to care for our hands & nails. Will miss her always 💕💕*

**Linda Bispo** - May 08, 2024 at 01:08 PM

LC

*I met Chris right out of beauty school, we became fast friends. I followed her wherever she went , she was with me through the most trying times of my life . I loved her and will forever miss my little sister friend. If you see this Aunt Kay , could you find me on Facebook? (Elle Cross)  
Rest in paradise Kittums*

**lisa craig** - May 20, 2024 at 01:45 PM

TM

*PLEASE!!! can someone let me know WHAT the hell happened...PLEASE...P.M. me on facebook Thomas Magsam.....I have known her since 1988 we were going out back in 2000...Me and one of her best friends just found out about this about 2 hours ago...June 2-2024 PLEASE let me know what happened....PLEASE*

**thomas magsam** - June 02, 2024 at 11:10 PM