



Crista Grant Reese

January 17, 1965 - September 8, 2021

Crista Grant Reese, 56, went home to be with her Heavenly Father in the early hours of Wednesday, September 8, 2021 in Tallahassee. She was born on January 17, 1965 to parents Joie and Florence Grant in Thomasville, Georgia. Crista loved music, the great ocean, her family, and had a burning passion for helping others.

She resided in Thomasville through her graduation from Thomasville High School in 1983. Crista was an active member of the Thomasville Music & Drama Troupe, where she and her sister, Kim, spent weekends and summers at rehearsals for upcoming performances. The discipline, confidence, and love of music and theatre that Crista gained from this experience was reflected in the way she lived her life. Her love of music was apparent to all who knew her. Crista went on to sing with contemporary worship bands at church, sing to her chickens, and eventually, married a music man.

When Crista landed in Tallahassee, she attended Florida State University for her Bachelor's and Master's degrees. She graduated with her Master's degree in Emotional Disturbances/Learning Disabilities in 1992. She met and fell in love with her husband of 27 years, Scott. They were married on April 23, 1994. Crista and Scott's love for each other was recognized by strangers. They loved fiercely and faithfully, without ceasing. After they were married, they welcomed their daughters (Ashlyn and Brenyn) into the world. Together, Crista and Scott created a safe place at home for their daughters and many of their friends. They spent countless nights hosting large groups of kids, playing

guitar and singing, cooking, and praying over their futures. Crista and Scott were a beautiful example of a God-centered marriage that was admired by all the young people they selflessly welcomed into their home through the years. Crista truly loved each of them like her own.

Following her graduation from Florida State, she began working as a Special Education teacher at Pathways Educational Program, where she worked for almost 30 years. After perfecting her understanding of the “why” behind behaviors she observed, Crista became the Behavior Specialist at Pathways where she mentored, assisted, and trained teachers who loved the kids like she did. Posted in her office was one of her favorite quotes: “The kids that need the most love ask for it in the most unloving ways.” She preached this motto to countless co-workers, family, and friends over the years in an attempt to explain the passion and calling she felt for her work. In the days following her passing, it became evident that everything Crista poured into the students she worked with was heard. On their own accord, several students asked their teachers if they could put together a memorial to honor Mrs. Reese. Crista loved these students, even when they asked for love in the most unloving ways.

Crista was preceded in death by her father, Joie Grant, as well as many uncles and grandparents. We can only imagine the Grant reunion in Heaven that was had on Wednesday. She is survived by her loving husband (Scott), her mother (Florence), her sister (Kim), her daughters and son-in-law (Ashlyn, Brenyn, and Chris), her beloved aunt and uncle (Ron and Donna), nieces, nephews, cousins, and many, many friends.

Crista’s memorial service will be held at the Killearn campus of Four Oaks Community Church in Tallahassee, FL on Sunday, September 19, 2021 at 4:00 pm. Todd Wahlquist with Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193, www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the Reese family with their arrangements. The family will be wearing casual attire with shirts sporting positive life mantras that Crista loved to live by. They invite you to join them if you feel led.

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Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP **19**. 4:00 PM (ET)

Four Oaks Community Church
4500 W. Shannon Lakes Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32309

Tribute Wall

SR

“ Dearest Florence and Family, Sending prayers for God's comfort for all of you. I will be watching the service on-line today. Erik and I are so sorry for your loss. In deepest sympathy, Sallie Robinson

Sallie Robinson - September 19, 2021 at 02:57 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Crista Grant Reese.



September 17, 2021 at 04:02 PM

TF

“ The Evans Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Crista Grant Reese.



The Evans Family - September 17, 2021 at 03:46 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Crista Grant Reese.



September 17, 2021 at 02:24 PM

MW

“ Mike and Nancy Weglinski purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Crista Grant Reese.



Mike and Nancy Weglinski - September 17, 2021 at 01:17 PM

SC

“ The angels are singing in heaven. Peace and comfort to the family. Mava, Ann, Jan, Susan and Steve. Children of Fletcher Hardy.

Susan Colquitt - September 17, 2021 at 11:10 AM

SR

Sending deepest sympathy to all of you. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are being lifted up daily to ask for God's comfort for all of Crista's family and friends at this sad time. Especially thinking of her sweet Mom, Flo. With much love, Sallie Robinson

Sallie Robinson - September 17, 2021 at 03:44 PM

MH

“ Mava, Ann, Jan, Susan & Steve Hardy purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Crista Grant Reese.



Mava, Ann, Jan, Susan & Steve Hardy - September 16, 2021 at 03:44 PM

SD

“ I am so sorry. I knew Crista through her work. She was a kind, loving teacher. May her memory be a blessing.

Sandra DeMuth - September 14, 2021 at 04:48 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Crista Grant Reese.*



September 14, 2021 at 04:03 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Crista Grant Reese.*



September 14, 2021 at 01:49 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Crista Grant Reese.*



September 13, 2021 at 12:50 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Crista Grant Reese.*



September 11, 2021 at 10:37 AM

BC

“ Scott - We are shocked and saddened with this news ! What a sweet soul ! Your girls and ours coming up at St Paul's seems like forever ago. We know that Jesus has welcomed her into His Kingdom - Rest easy Crista !



Brent and Stephanie Coughlin

Brent and Stephanie Coughlin - September 10, 2021 at 06:19 PM

SH

Dear Scott & family. We are so sad to hear this news of our beloved Crista, she was always so kind to me. I have such fond memories of staying with Kim & Crista & Aunt Florence & Uncle Joie's home many times growing up!!

All of the Grant family reunions her smile and joyfulness were the highlight! Praise God for our eternal salvation. Love and our sincerest condolences to your family.

Suzy Grant Harden

Suzanne Grant Harden - September 11, 2021 at 05:35 PM

KM

Praying for this dear family; I have so many great memories at St. Paul's, Mexico Beach, singing with Selah and cross eyed. What a beautiful person inside and out. God bless!

Karen Simmons Mazzola - September 12, 2021 at 01:06 PM

NS

I send our condolences. Love, The Stacey's in Thomasville, Bob and Nancy

Nancy E. Stacey - September 13, 2021 at 07:22 PM



Dear Scott and family, we are shocked and saddened. Crista was such a beautiful soul. Be comforted as she rests on the bosom of the most high. May God keep you all in the palm of His hands.
Okenwa & Elizabeth Okoli.

Okenwa & Elizabeth Okoli - September 15, 2021 at 12:58 AM