



## Christa Marie Young

June 18, 1982 - January 13, 2022

Dr. Christa Marie Young (nee Paxson), age 39, was born in LaPorte, Indiana on June 18th, 1982. She died in Kissimmee, Florida on January 13th, 2022. She called Kissimmee, Florida her home. She passed in her sleep from a pulmonary embolism.

She was born to Kenneth and Teresa Paxson. She graduated as valedictorian from LaPorte High School in 2001 and attended Purdue University. She graduated with a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine in 2008. Days after graduation, she married her high-school sweetheart, James Young. Following graduation, she started working in emergency veterinary medicine in the Chicago area. In 2010, she moved with her husband to Florida where she would open her dream practice in Kissimmee in 2014. Christa served as Chief Veterinarian until her death.

Christa was an extraordinary advocate for and lover of animals. She loved her patients as her own. In fact, she loved all animals so much she would often jump from moving vehicles to rescue animals she saw in the street. When she established her hospital, she made advocating for her patients the focus of her medicine. Every decision was made thinking of quality and what would keep her patients happy and healthy. She was extremely proud when her hospital achieved AAHA-Accreditation and was recognized for upholding the highest standards in the industry.

Christa's dedication to her patients did not end when she clocked out. She would often dedicate evenings and weekends to researching and trying to find more information about some obscure medical issue to help patients who could not afford a specialist. Many of her patients loved her and looked forward to visiting her at the clinic. She would sing to them and sit with them to help calm them. Her lab coat pockets were always full of treats which she freely handed out.

In her free time, she also enjoyed quilting, biking, cooking (although she wasn't great at it), traveling, camping, nature, and all things Disney – especially Pluto. She collected Disney pins of Pluto, artwork of Pluto, and other Pluto collectibles which she used to decorate her home. With her husband, she kept hundreds of plants, an obnoxious cat named Io, and a smug tortoise named David. She was strong in her faith and had recently become a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and School in Kissimmee.

Christa was one of the kindest, most caring people in the world. She was quick to share

her infectious laugh and found joy in all things. She was self-giving to everyone: friends, family, patients, clients, and even strangers. At the time of her death, she was working on a large, extra warm quilt for the homeless.

Her many friends, family, patients, clients, and colleagues have all been sharing all the many ways they benefitted by knowing her: her kindness, generosity, laughter, joy, intelligence, beauty, excitement, and positivity. Her family would like everyone to share these stories in the tributes section of this page.

A pet-friendly visitation will be held on Wednesday, January 26th from 4-8pm at Osceola Memorial Gardens, 3175 Pleasant Hill Rd, Kissimmee, FL 34746. A service will be held at 6:30 with Pastor Chris Gentile officiating. He will also be offering blessings to pets.

The family is asking for donations to be made in Christa's name to the Bellalago Veterinary Angel Fund. This fund is being renamed in Christa's honor so that she can continue being an angel for the community's pets. Donations to the fund will be used to help deserving pets receive critical, life-saving treatment. Donations can be made at <http://veterinarycarefoundation.org/donate-today/veterinary-practice/?state=FL&member=FL100665>.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **26**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Osceola Memory Gardens, POINCIANA

3175 Pleasant Hill Rd

Poinciana, FL 34746

[michael.russell@osceolamemgds.com](mailto:michael.russell@osceolamemgds.com)

<https://www.osceolamemgds.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ Osceola Memory Gardens created a Tribute Video in memory of Christa Marie Young



---

**Osceola Memory Gardens** - January 25 at 11:40 AM

LS

*Such a beautiful person gone too soon!*

---

**Linda Soto** - January 26 at 10:42 PM

VH

“ *What a beautiful person! Dr. Young will be sorely missed. I loved how she was professional, but goofy, when caring for Gus & Jake. Always commenting on their muscular legs and mohawks. She always had a treat in her pocket and a smile on her face. Rest in peace.*

*The Hall Family*

---

**Vicki Hall** - February 28 at 08:16 PM

KO

“ *Christa, Was a loving great niece and will be dearly missed. Our thoughts and prayer go out to the family. You are with God now so rest in peace. Love aunt Debbie and uncle Ken.*

---

**Kenneth Ott** - February 06 at 12:01 PM

LS

“ *Thank you for treating my frenchies so good, and brining my first and only liter into the world for me. God bless you and give you peace, you will be missed dearly!*



---

**Linda Soto** - January 26 at 10:55 PM

DC

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Drina Caran - January 25 at 08:11 PM



“ Lynn Hutts lit a candle in memory of Christa Marie Young



Lynn Hutts - January 25 at 07:36 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Christa Marie Young.



January 25 at 06:42 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Christa Marie Young.



January 25 at 06:35 PM

DC

“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Drina Caran - January 25 at 06:05 PM



“ Christa was one of my best friends in veterinary school. She was so incredibly smart and I remember spending so many nights studying with her. She helped me so much along the way. Her and Jim welcomed me into their home and we had some of the best times. She was always smiling and laughing, and she made everyone around her do the same. She was genuinely the sweetest and kindest person I have ever met. The world has truly lost an amazing person. I will never forget you my sweet friend. Until we meet again.



Staci Kish - January 25 at 06:00 PM

KT

“ Kenny Timm purchased the *Pretty Please* for the family of Christa Marie Young.



Kenny Timm - January 25 at 03:22 PM

KW

“ I cannot stop using the word J-O-Y when I speak of Christa. Such a simple, short word with a reverberating impact. The textbook definition is a sensation of happiness and enjoyment. I am hard-pressed to picture Christa's face without a smile (though I do remember her studiously trying to ignore me and my shenanigans during Grand Rounds)! Joy is a spiritual term as well, indicating the graciousness and goodness of God. It speaks of a strength and endurance in choosing to see the love of God, a positive view of the world, and is filled with compassion and gentleness. The true embodiment of Christa's spirit. The most honest memory I have of Christa is one tinged with great sadness, but it is also a testament to her loving nature. Christa came to get me Senior Year during clinics to be with me when the school informed me my father had passed away. Her words are lost in the past now, but her presence, her lack of fear of awkwardness or raw emotion - that has remained in my heart through the years. It is at that time I recognized what a wonderful friend she truly was to me as well as how ready Christa was for the world of veterinary medicine. She radiated joy even in that moment - lending me strength and peace - letting me know it was okay to break down and that I would be able to smile at his memories again. I can only believe that her spirit is doing the same for Jim, her family, and all of those who called her friend as well as doctor still now. She will always lend us joy with her memory. I will miss you old friend. Thank you for gracing us with your love.

Katie Wentworth - January 25 at 01:21 PM

KW

“ 16 files added to the tribute wall



Katie Wentworth - January 25 at 01:07 PM



“ 78 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Osceola Memory Gardens** - January 25 at 11:29 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Christa Marie Young.



January 25 at 11:02 AM



“ *From your HR Family at MBCC* purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Christa Marie Young.



**From your HR Family at MBCC** - January 25 at 10:41 AM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Christa Marie Young.



January 25 at 08:11 AM

MP

“ Mom & Dad Paxson lit a candle in memory of Christa Marie Young



Mom & Dad Paxson - January 24 at 08:56 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Christa Marie Young.



January 24 at 08:43 PM

FY

“ From Dad and Mom Young purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Christa Marie Young.



From Dad and Mom Young - January 24 at 06:43 PM



“ Heartfelt Memories was purchased for the family of Christa Marie Young.



January 24 at 02:48 PM

VB

“ 2 files added to the album Christa Young



Veronica Busick - January 24 at 12:19 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Christa Marie Young.*



January 24 at 09:14 AM

AB

“ *Christa was my great niece and great she was! Always had a giggle and a big smile! Kindness is the word that describes Christa best. I love her forever! Aunt Barb*

**Aunt Barb** - January 23 at 01:18 PM

KF

“ *Kalita Families purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Christa Marie Young.*



**Kalita Families** - January 23 at 08:09 AM

VM

“ *Ken, Teresa and Tony. I am do sorry to hear about Christa. I can't imagine what you are going through. Prayers for comfort and healing.*

**Vicki Paxson Monroe** - January 22 at 08:54 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Christa Marie Young.*



January 22 at 12:15 PM

KO

“ *Christa was a sweet happy and fun loving great niece. She will be missed by many people that new her and loved her. Wish we could have spent more time together but we will me again in heaven. Your loving aunt and uncle Debbie and Ken.*

**Kenneth Ott** - January 21 at 05:52 PM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Christa Marie Young.*



---

January 21 at 01:29 PM

LS

“ *My sincerely condolences to Mark and Family!!! My thoughts and Prayers are with you All!!! May the Love of God continue to Bless and keep you!!! Love Lynn*

---

**Lynn Stinson** - January 21 at 08:37 AM