



## Kristi Lee Ortega

November 18, 1971 - September 24, 2022

Kristi Lee (Chance) Ortega passed away from this life on Saturday, September 24, 2022, in Centerville, TN, at the young age of 50, after a short battle with cancer. Kristi was born on November 18, 1971, in Dickson, TN.

She graduated from Dickson County High School in 1990 and received a Bookkeeping Certification from TCAT in 1991. She married Phillip Aaron Ortega in 1990, and together they had 5 children and 2 grandchildren. Kristi was a stay-at-home mother and part-time tax preparer for the majority of her adult life, later working as a Retail Assistant Store Manager, Home Health Aide, and Nurse's Assistant during her final decade.

Kristi enjoyed arts and crafts and had a particular passion for crocheting. She crocheted many beautiful scarves and beanies for her loved ones throughout the years and was also known to donate her handmade items to nursing home residents. Kristi was an avid music lover that enjoyed experiencing live concerts with her children. She was a collector of ink pens and any item associated with her favorite animal, the mighty elephant. Kristi had an affinity for numbers and learning new information, but it was her love for her children and grandchildren that she spoke of most often. She will be forever loved and missed.

Kristi was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents Harry and Myrtle

(England) Sanders and her paternal grandparents Leon and Irma (Brown) Chance.

She is survived by her 5 children Nicholas Ortega, Anné Ortega (Tommy Demorest), Victor Ortega, Tomas Ortega, and Melina Ortega, and her husband Phillip Ortega, all of Centerville, TN, her 2 granddaughters Nova and Saphyra Hoemig of Colorado Springs, CO, her mother Sheila (Sanders) Chance of Burns, TN, her sister Kisha Chance (Jody Russell) of Dickson, TN, her father Charles Edwin Chance of West Tennessee, her closest friend Disa (Curtis) Gibbens of Denver, CO, her beloved dog Chomper, as well as several aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Memorial arrangements will be made at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations are suggested to Vanderbilt Ingram Cancer Center and Vanderbilt Children's Hospital.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Kristi you were the first sunshine of my life.* ”



Sheila Chance - May 11, 2024 at 11:46 AM

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“ *Mama loves you.* ”



Sheila Chance - July 31, 2023 at 12:39 PM

MA

“ *MaelynnCampbell sent a virtual gift in memory of Kristi Ortega* ”



MaelynnCampbell - November 15, 2022 at 05:43 PM

TT

“ *Tina Tidwell lit a candle in memory of Kristi Lee Ortega* ”



Tina Tidwell - October 18, 2022 at 11:36 PM

MW

“ *My condolences and prayers to all family and friends My moma adores her and we all did!  
Rest in peace*



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**Millie williams** - October 12, 2022 at 05:16 PM

SC

“ *My precious daughter, Kristi. The most difficult thing I have ever been through is the death of my child. Mama will miss you until the end of my time.*



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**Sheila Chance** - October 02, 2022 at 06:15 PM

KC

“ *You are will be forever loved and sorely missed, tot-tee. May you Rest In Peace, sweet sister*



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**Kisha Chance** - September 30, 2022 at 02:26 PM

BI

“ *Brenda Isbell lit a candle in memory of Kristi Lee Ortega*



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**Brenda Isbell** - September 29, 2022 at 08:41 PM



“ *Ronald Gammons lit a candle in memory of Kristi Lee Ortega*



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**Ronald Gammons** - September 29, 2022 at 11:05 AM



“ *Betty Love lit a candle in memory of Kristi Lee Ortega*



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**Betty Love** - September 28, 2022 at 10:25 PM



*I met Kridti Thru Disa, Disa Was My Best Friend too. RIP..*

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**Aimi Van Kampen** - September 30, 2022 at 07:22 PM