



# Christina Darais Oberbeck

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**C**hristina Marie Darais Oberbeck departed this life peacefully on February 4, 2015, after courageously fighting a rare lung disease for nearly a decade.

Christina was born to Alexander and Norma Darais in Provo, Utah, on January 19, 1955. Christina was preceded in death by her parents, Alex and Norma Darais.

Christina is survived by her husband, Edwin Charles Oberbeck, her son, Alexander Edwin Oberbeck (age 17), her daughter, Isabella Christina Oberbeck (age 11), her siblings, Norman (Judy), Christopher (Vicki), Marcus (Debbie), Thomas (Suzanne), Andrea, and Damon (Stacey), her two brothers-in-law, Steven (Carolyn) and Kevin (Cathy), and many nephews and nieces.

Christina graduated from Provo High School in 1973 and attended BYU with an emphasis in art and English, in which she achieved high marks. While in the art department she met a fellow young artist, Edwin Charles Oberbeck, to whom she was married August 5, 1978; subsequently, they resided in the Salt Lake City Avenues most of their married years.

Christina and Edwin found opportunities to travel, sometimes aided by Christina's employment at Eastern Airlines. Their trips included Greece—with its abundance of artistic and cultural heritage. There she was also able to spend time with her dear cousin Aglaia and other Greek relatives.

Christina had a great love for literature, poetry, music, and the visual arts. On another trip to Europe, she was struck by the beauty of a Bonnard painting and burst into tears. Edwin and Christina's lives fit well together in that they were able to share so deeply in their appreciation of the humanities—they encouraged each other in their art creations. Christina's passion for the arts was exceeded only by her devotion to her beloved Edwin, Alexander, and Isabella.

Like her mother Norma, Christina was an exceptional cook and baker. She was the family member who could most closely replicate Mom's legendary recipes. Happily a



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vegetarian, she had the knowledge and skills to make healthy yet tasty dishes. Guests to her home enjoyed her sweetness, warmth of character, and sumptuous entrees—served complete with antique china, fine linens, and often by candlelight. Christina's quilts and handiwork showed her artistic touch as an interior decorator and seamstress; her creative eye was apparent in her lovely herb, iris and rose gardens as well.

True to her given name, members of the family often commented about her Christlike qualities. She was our family angel. The debilitating illness that would gradually take her life strengthened her resolve to put others first and make their challenges the topic of discussion rather than hers. During many difficult years, she shared what was savory, bright, and delightful. For all these things we hold her in dearest remembrance.

A graveside service will be held to honor Christina, prior to her interment, on Friday, February 13, 2015, at 1 p.m. at Salt Lake City Cemetery, southwest area (near Main Street and 280 North).



## Tribute Wall

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**Lise Sorensen** posted:

Dear Christina, I started baking Christmas ginger cookies tonight, when I was struck by a memory of you... your warm , artistic personality was so strongly sensed, I decided quickly to google your name, hoping to see your latest creations, only to find the heartache of your obituary . Oh, christina, if only you knew what an influence you were and ARE still on everything I try to make. You are a giant ,still. You live on.Love always, your long lost friend,Lise

December 18 at 4:41 PM



**Patty Hart** posted:

I am so verry sorry to know of your loss.

February 21 at 5:51 AM



**Becky Ames** posted:

Dear Ed, Alexander, and Isabella, We were so sorry to hear of the passing of your wife and mother, Christina. I, Becky, will always remember the times we spent talking outside of Lowell as we waited for our sons to emerge from Kindergarten. She truly was one of the most kind and gentle women I knew. She had a quiet presence about her that put people at ease. I know she will be deeply missed. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you all through this difficult time. I know her presence will be felt often through the passing years, just as I have felt the presence of my father after his passing 2 years ago. I hope it will bring great comfort to all of you. Sincerely, Becky Ames and family

February 14 at 6:51 AM



**David Evans** posted:

I'm sure our PV community of neighbors are feeling this loss. As my sister, Ann appreciated, more than any in our family, a dear friendship that she kept kindled throughout the decades. Christina was every bit the embodiment of an angelic being. Growing up with her and her large and interesting family was a unique contribution to my youth. I really enjoyed the visit I was able to make with Ann to Christina's home in SLC some years ago to enjoy her paintings, uniquely decorated home and her warmth and beauty. My heart goes out to her husband and children.

February 12 at 10:24 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Christina by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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