



# Christin "Tina" Connolly

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Christin "Tina" Ann Connolly, age 56, passed away in Muskegon, MI, on Sunday, January 14, 2024, after a short battle with cancer. Tina was born on June 29, 1967, in Dayton, OH, to George and Lucille (Halm) Fisher. She graduated from Muskegon High School and went on to receive a degree in criminal justice from Ferris State University. She proudly served in the United States Army and National Guard, deploying with the 1436th engineering company to Balad, Iraq, and back home she was very involved in WINC, an organization that supports female veterans. On December 17, 1993, she married Kevin Connolly after meeting him while stationed at Fort Eustis in Virginia, and the two of them spent 30 wonderful years together. Family was everything to Tina and she loved spending time with them whenever she could, especially her grandchildren. She enjoyed hosting family events that brought the family closer together. She enjoyed listening to musicals, especially Phantom of the Opera, and one of her favorite places to be on their boat out on Lake Michigan in the summer.

Tina will be lovingly remembered by her husband, Kevin Connolly; four children: Melissa (Andrew) Tyler, Frederick (Jennie Eastling) Fitzgerald III, Sean Connolly, and Eric Connolly; seven grandchildren: Byanka Kemp, Breanna Kemp, Billie Hale, Lillie Ann Sumlin, Frederick Fitzgerald IV, Riley Fitzgerald, and Jamie Fitzgerald; parents, George and Lucille Fisher; three brothers: Peter Fisher, Paul (Tameka) Fisher, and Benjamin Fisher; three sisters: Rebecca Ogradowski, Mary (Jeffrey) Whitlow, and Sarah Fisher; two nieces, Tamera and Athena Fisher; uncle, Larry (Susan) Halm; and many other extended relatives and friends. Tina was preceded in death by her brother-in-law, Matthew Ogradowski.

A FUNERAL SERVICE will be held for Tina at 2:00 PM on Saturday, January 20, 2024, at The Sytsema Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 737 E. Apple Ave, Muskegon, MI, 49442, with VISITATION taking place an hour prior. Memorial Contributions may be made to



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The Michigan Veterans Trust Fund (3423 N. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Lansing, MI, 48906).  
Please sign the family's online guestbook and share memories at [sytsemafh.com](http://sytsemafh.com).




# Events

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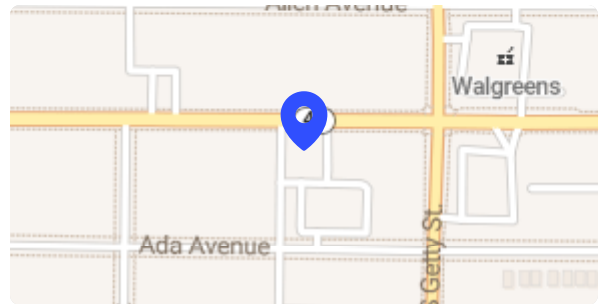
## Visitation

 **Saturday**, January 20, 2024


 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET


 **Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Sytsema Chapel**

737 E. Apple Ave., Muskegon MI 49442



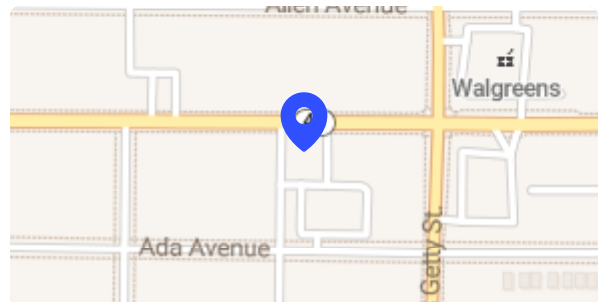
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 2:00 PM ET

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## Tribute Wall

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**Your Family At Penske Truck Leasing** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Christin.



January 19 at 4:15 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Fairest of All to the Connolly family.



January 19 at 4:15 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Connolly family.



January 18 at 3:41 PM



**Mike, Doug, Ken, Vicky (Vollet)** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Christin.



January 18 at 3:01 PM



**Mike, Doug, Ken, Vicky (Vollet)** sent a Serene Retreat to the Connolly family.



January 18 at 3:01 PM



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**Lawrence C Halm** posted:

To whoever is responsible for the obituary information, Susan and I very much appreciate that you included our names in the list of surviving relatives. It meant very much to us considering how many relatives she has that were not mentioned. We are sorry that we can not attend at this time. The last time I saw Tina was in 2021 for her parents 55th wedding anniversary. After the remembrance at the church we were all over at Tina and Kevin's house for a bite to eat and some enjoyable conversation. After awhile it became necessary for me to leave because I had to go to Saginaw to visit some friends before I headed home to Georgia. It was maybe the only time all 7 kids and their spouses and the parents were all gathered in one place at the same time since they became adults, and I thoroughly enjoyed it. Rest peacefully Tina and remember Uncle Larry and Susan love you very much. Sincerely, Lawrence and Susan Halm, Sparks, Ga.

January 18 at 11:45 AM



**Wendy** posted:

My favorite times in the military have been the many parades just a few of us volunteered for, before everyone expected to be paid for them. Tina and Kevin could always be counted on. Sadly, when Tina left the unit, everyone stopped volunteering. When no one volunteers, morale for us full timers goes down. At least it did for me. I was definitely sad to see her leave the Army. As I was very sad to hear of her passing. She brought a lot of joy to others and I know she will be missed by many. Sending my condolences to Kevin and the rest of her family. I know this pain will take time to heal.

January 17 at 4:27 PM



**Lawrence C Halm** January 18 at 11:32 AM

Kevin, that sounds like something that would be perfect for 'Humor in Uniform' in Readers Digest. Uncle Larry.



**Anonymous** sent a Sacred Duty Spray to the Connolly family.



January 17 at 4:18 PM



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**Kevin Connolly** posted:

Tina and I met in the summer of 1993 while we were both on active duty stationed at Ft. Eustis, VA. She was an 88K Watercraft Operator and I was an 88L Watercraft Engineer. My previous MOS (Method of Service) was as a 94B Food Service Specialist. My first 2 1/2 years was spent being a cook for the mechanised infantry in Germany. For a time when we first got together it was just the 2 of us. She was doing the majority of cooking. She of course came from a large family, there were 7 brothers and sister plus her parents. She was cooking a lot of food when we were first together, which led to a lot of leftovers and waste. I finally told her one day that she needed to pare down her recipes because she was cooking too much for just us. Her reply was "You know I come from a large family, you just don't understand what it's like trying to cook for an army then just having to cook for one or two." my mouth kinda dropped open a little and I just stared at her for a second. "Do you realise what you just said to me?!?! ....i was a cook.....literally.....in the army!! I miss her more than words can say

January 17 at 1:20 PM



**Lawrence C Halm** January 18 at 11:47 AM

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# Memories only last if you share them

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



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