



## Lena Christel Crain

November 10, 1949 - June 20, 2024

Lena Christel Crain, aged 74, of Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, passed away on Thursday, June 20, 2024. Born in Stockholm, Sweden, she was the beloved wife of the late Albert R. Crain and daughter of the late Ulla-Lena (Hise) and Lars Örne.

Christel lived a life marked by passion, loyalty, and dedication but above all, she cherished her time with her family, friends and her dogs. Christel and Albert met in Italy and married in Stockholm in 1978 before relocating to the United States where they joyfully welcomed their daughter, Clarissa.

Throughout her career as a Veterinary Technician, Christel was committed to helping pet owners understand and meet the needs of their pets, thereby strengthening the bond between them. She was also an avid and accomplished dog trainer and an active member of the Flat-Coated Retriever Society of America, the Carlisle Dog Training Club, and several other training organizations. Her love for music, ballet, and international travel was profound, and she took great joy in sharing her rich Swedish heritage with her friends and family. In her later years, she relished the time spent with her grandsons, exploring the natural world.

Christel is survived by her daughter, Clarissa Crain-Pugh, wife of Tom Pugh; her adored grandchildren, Anderson Pugh and Owen Pugh; her sister Boel

Önne; and her brother Staffan (Karina) Önne. Additionally, she leaves behind a large extended family and numerous friends whom she considered as family.

Christel will be deeply missed by all who knew her, remembered for her vibrant spirit and enduring love for her family and friends.

Friends and family are invited to a celebration of Christel's life to be held on July 19th at Tatiana's Restaurant in Mechanicsburg, starting at 11:30AM with lunch at 12PM. Burial will take place at a later date in Stockholm, Sweden. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association (<https://act.alz.org>) or to the Flat-Coated Retriever Foundation (<https://www.fcrfoundation.org>).

Christel's family invites friends and loved ones to share memories and expressions of sympathy on her memorial page at [www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com).

# Previous Events

## Friends and Family

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JUL **19**. 11:30 AM.

Tatiana's Restaurant

# Tribute Wall

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“ I worked for many years with Christel, although we actually met probably in the late 1980's when I sutured her dog's ear laceration. We put the story together years later. Christel was kind and generous with her time and knowledge. I had a kind of hyper weird dog and she invited me and the dog to her house to walk through the fields near her home with her dogs. We had a lovely time. She would have an open house during the holidays and serve glögg. She was amazing with her dogs and they were blessed to be hers. Carol Edwards

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**Carol** - October 23, 2024 at 05:07 PM

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“ Christel could make anyone around her happy. She always had a dog treat in her pocket for her furry friends. We all loved her very much. Love Betty (Crain) Lobo

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**Betty Lobo** - July 02, 2024 at 07:36 PM

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“ Christel was gracious, someone I was always happy to see with her Flat-coated retrievers. I had not seen her for years since her illness; may she rest in peace.

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**Tina Borden** - July 02, 2024 at 06:40 PM

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“ Vila i frid kära Christel - Du tog väl hand om mig när jag först flyttade hit. Minns dig med värme. / Helena Dahlen

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**Helena Dahlen** - July 02, 2024 at 03:58 PM