



## Christi Wentland

January 28, 1968 - November 18, 2011

Christi Wentland left this world to be with her Lord on November 18, 2011 after winning her battle.

Christi, 43, was born in Roswell, New Mexico on January 28, 1968 to Bill and Alice Graham. After graduating from Roswell High School, she attended UNM in Albuquerque where she met her soul mate Tom Wentland. Christi then graduated from San Jose State University and after an internship at Stanford University, she began a selfless career as an Occupational Therapist.

Christi and Tom started an adventurous fairytale and a wonderful family, having three sons and a daughter. Together they raised their family to be God-fearing Christians and attended Church on the Move.

She is survived by her husband Tom and her children Skye, Christian, Cole, Christine and Mojo. She is also survived by her brothers Chuck Raulerson and his wife Tessa, Eric Graham, Damon Graham and his wife Betty, Aaron Graham and his wife Christy, Devin Graham and his wife Priscilla and sister Karolyn Frazier and her husband Josh, numerous nieces, nephews and The Squirrels.

Through her faith, work and caring ways, Christi touched the lives of countless people. She loved God, her family and her friends. She enjoyed reading the Bible, reaching out to people and hanging out with her children. Attending her kids' sporting events was a favorite pastime and she was proud to have taught her sons the fine art of deer hunting. Christi was sure to get everyone to participate in her annual family Christmas Cookie Day and you could always

count on bringing home the best decorated cookies of the Holiday Season. Pallbearers will be her brothers and sons. Honorary pallbearers are Jim Fleming, the Parkview Girls, the Betty's, her family at Church On The Move and Doctors Pena, Valliant and Bollanos.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, November 22, 2011 at Church on The Move with Pastor Troy Smotherman officiating. Interment will follow at South Park Cemetery. Viewing will be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, November 21, 2011 at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home.

But Jesus turning and seeing her said, "Daughter, be of good cheer; thy faith has made thee whole." And the woman was made whole from that hour.

Matthew 9:22

# Tribute Wall



“ *Christi Wentland*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to the Graham-Wentland Family. I will always remember her natural beauty-inside and out. Christi will continue to shine...her light will never go dim...Rest in peace my sweet friend...*

**Elizabeth Crotzer** - November 23, 2011 at 10:46 PM



“ *God has a plan....we always pray, "Thy will be done".....except by the grace of God, that's difficult (if not impossible) to accept in all situations. Our thoughts & prayers remain with Tom & Christi's family. May their faithfulness be an encouragement to others to trust in God's providence of forgiveness, life & salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who freely paid the price, as He died on the cross, for all our sins.*

**Hugh Taylor** - November 23, 2011 at 03:17 PM



“ *We are So very sorry for the Loss of Christi....She touched many many lives with her Faithful Loving Heart. She was a True Angel on this earth...She will always be Remembered. Love Tim, Julie, Chelsi and Taylor*

**Tim and Julie Hodges** - November 22, 2011 at 11:47 PM

ML

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Christi was such a precious person and I have such wonderful childhood memories with her.

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**Mishawn Leadingham** - November 22, 2011 at 04:09 PM

MM

“ Tom & Boys, Your loss is unimaginable. I do not have the words to tell you how badly I feel for you all. I want you to know Christi was one of the toughest, most fearless patients I have ever known. She did not dwell on what was upon her but on the battle ahead. She had a faith that was unbreakable, and in a recent conversation with her she had no regrets and was thankful for all her blessings, naming her family as her most precious one. She had a timeless soul, one that I am sure is watching over you guys right now and forever. I can only hope that we can learn a lesson from her on how to live our lives, how to carry ourselves and how to be a Christian soldier to the end. I will look out down the third base line at baseball games and will know something is missing but I will also know that something new is there. May God grant you peace, rest and strength in the days to come. Please speak of her often, hang as many photos of her as you can, play videos of her, re-read your notes she wrote and in all of that see her love, the love that will always be there for all of you. May God give her painless rest, and may God be with each of you always. Blessings be with you always. Mag, Viola & Justin.

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**Mag Martinez** - November 22, 2011 at 11:32 AM

DT

“ *Christi was an angel on earth. God blessed her with His extra special wand :D She demonstrated hope, faith and love to Al and I when we needed it so. Great story teller she was, Jesus and her family were her life, we enjoyed hearing about you all! Tom, kids and family~wow how she loved you! We lift you up in prayer that He will bless you with comfort, peace and understanding.*  
*Dawn Turrieta and Raechel Dolak*

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**Dawn Turrieta** - November 22, 2011 at 10:06 AM

NH

“ *My heart is aching for all the Grahams and Wentlands. My Christy, the newest Graham, spoke highly and often of Christi and loves her very much. I hope you all find peace. Love, Norma*

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**Norma Hudson** - November 21, 2011 at 07:32 PM

FF

“ *Tom and Family, and the Graham's Heaven got another angel and what wonderful blessing. She has a heart of Gold, she was able to help so many children and so many hearts she touched. I was able to see her back in September at Parkview, she came up to me and we carried on a wonderful conversation, and when we said our good byes she told me to continue praying for her and her family. And I reassured her that I would. I turned and as I looked back she had the most beautiful smile on and waved. May God Bless You and Your family, and I will continue praying for each and everyone of you.*

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**Freddy and Joann Palomino and Family** - November 21, 2011 at 07:19 PM

BM

“ *And God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, nor sorrow nor crying, nor pain. Rev 21:4  
I hope this scripture brings you comfort in this time of sorrow.  
Sincerely, Brenda*

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**Brenda Macks** - November 21, 2011 at 07:08 PM

KB

“ *Christy, My dear beloved friend, mentor, and inspiration. I am so thankful your suffering is over and you are free; God needed you with him, because you are truly an angel. I will miss you so much but have peace knowing you are dancing and singing up there with your skirt of many colors and watching over your precious family! Rest in peace my sweet Sister! This world will not be the same without your presence, but your children will be followers of Christ and warriors just as you prayed they would be. I love you and will continue to pray for peace and comfort for your family.*

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**Kim Belyeu** - November 21, 2011 at 02:00 PM

TP

“ *Christi, I cannot believe you are gone. I know you are in Heaven looking down on us and that you are no longer in any pain! We love you so much. We have shared so many things with each other and you helped Michael be able to walk! You are one of the shiniest angels in heaven my sweet friend. I can't wait to see you again! Love and many prayers go out to the entire Graham and Wentland family.  
Tanya Parks Chloe Bustamante Michael Greenwood*

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**Tanya Parks** - November 21, 2011 at 01:56 PM

WL

“ My condolences to the family. I first spoke to Christi in Dec 2009 after being diagnosed with breast cancer. She was so thoughtful and gave me so much advice and hope. It isn't easy to deal with cancer but having people like Christi to talk to, make it a little less scary. I'm sure she is at peace and I pray for the family to find peace during this trying time.

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**Wanda Lucero** - November 21, 2011 at 01:49 PM

GV

“ *Wentland and Graham Family: It saddens me to have to offer my deepest condolences on your loss of Christi. She was one of my first friends in grade school at El Capitan and we remained friends throughout the years. She was kind and gracious and beautiful with all of the qualities of a true Christian. In honor of Christi, I will make an extra effort to spend meaningful time with my wife and children, let them know how much I love and appreciate them, and not take one more minute of this life for granted. May God bless you and your family. Gabriel*

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**Gabriel Villegas** - November 21, 2011 at 11:41 AM

DW

“ My deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family. May God give you the strength in this time of sorrow and pain.

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**Debbie Welsher-Mueller** - November 21, 2011 at 11:16 AM

NF

“ There are so many wonderful shared family memories from over the years that we have known Christi. She was always beautiful, giving, smiling and caring. She is an inspiration. May God's love and strength surround her family. Our prayers are with you always.

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**Nick / Alicia Conger & family** - November 21, 2011 at 10:02 AM

SJ

“ My deepest sympathies go out to her family and friends for their loss. She was a good friend and a wonderful person. She will be greatly missed. May God watch over and comfort those that her heart has touched.

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**Stan Heston, Jr.** - November 21, 2011 at 09:05 AM

LM

“ My sympathies to the family. I had the pleasure of knowing Christi when we were kids going to school. I know she will be greatly missed.

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**Laura McCann** - November 20, 2011 at 11:02 PM

DP

“ I only met Christi a couple of months ago. She was such a inspiration to me. She let Gods light shine through her strength and faith. She touched me deeeply. I have comfort knowing she is at Gods side. My prayers are with her family and friends. Dana

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**Dana Powell** - November 20, 2011 at 10:21 PM

SF

“ My prayers are with you all! Christi was an amazing woman who loved the Lord and it showed in all that she did! She loved her family, and the child that she worked with, it was easy to see where her her strength came from.  
Rejoice that she is made whole and that God is holding you in the palm of His hand. Accept His peace and feel his love from all the people who come for Him to offer you support. She will be missed by all.

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**Stephanie Foster** - November 20, 2011 at 09:59 PM

MM

“ *My deepest condolences to Christi's family. We are better for have knowing you and am believing that God will sustain your family at this difficult time.*

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**Molly Montano** - November 20, 2011 at 09:46 PM

BF

“ *We are very sorry for your loss. You are all in our Prayers.*

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**Blake Winchester and Family** - November 20, 2011 at 09:01 PM

DT

“ *To the family of Chisti, I am so glad that I had the privledge of being in IEP meetings with Christi..that is how I met Christi. Not only was she good at what she did, but also so caring and concerned,and just a genuinely nice person...someone that you instantly liked. I am so very sorry for your loss...I know she will be missed. You all will be in my prayers and thoughts. With Deepest Sympathy, Dorothy Tarter*

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**Dorothy Tarter** - November 20, 2011 at 08:33 PM

DC

“ *I have had the opportunity to work with Christi over the years while providing speech therapy to children at Los Pasitos. She will be dearly missed. She was a wonderful therapist and a great person. She has served as an inspiration for me in my own battle over cancer. I am truly blessed to have known her. God bless your family in your time of rejoicing and mourning. Debbie Campos and family*

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**Debbie Campos** - November 20, 2011 at 08:26 PM

ST

“ *RIP Christi! I knew you for many years going back to softball so many summers ago. We were still friends in junior high even though we went to different schools; and on though high school! Last time we saw each other was at our 20 year reunion and even though we hadn't seen each other for so long, it seemed like it was only yesterday!*

*RIP Christi! Your long fight is over and you are with The Father. No more pain, no more suffering.*

*To Christi's friends and family, I pray that your memories will bring a smile to your face and comfort to your heart!*

*May the Lord Bless You and Keep You Til We Meet Again!*

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**Susanne Abbey Thiemann** - November 20, 2011 at 08:11 PM

DP

“ *I met Christie first when our boys were in boy scouts together. I work at ENMMC and as some jobs go, some days are really hard to face. I always try to remember to pray before I go to work and many times I pray that I will make a difference in someone's day. Christie never failed to make a difference in MY day. I always let her go from our department feeling as though she was the one comforting me, not me comforting her or blessing her. I plan to send you a card with a favorite memory of Christie which I so wish I could share on-line but as privacy laws dictate, I will have to keep it private. She was truly a beautiful soul.*

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**Donna Pantuso** - November 20, 2011 at 06:17 PM

JD

“ *To Christi's family. My prayers are with you all. I had the privilege of working with Christi several years ago. She always had a smile and willingness to help everyone she met. I pray that you feel the Lords wonderful comfort and his arms around you in time of need.*

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**Janie Davies** - November 20, 2011 at 05:18 PM

KS

“ There are not enough words to say how much you mean to me Christi. You and your family are such a part of our history. Your friendship, love and inspiration to us all will never be forgotten. So happy you are free of all suffering and now receiving your just reward for you devotion to our Lord. Kelly and Marie Sanders Family

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**Kelly and Marie Sanders** - November 20, 2011 at 05:09 PM

KF

“ I have the best memories of growing up knowing the entire Graham family. My condolences go out to Christi's family and friends. Love, Karen Ferns

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**Karen Ferns** - November 20, 2011 at 02:59 PM

JD

“ I thank God that I had the opportunity to know and work with Christi. I met her shortly before her first diagnosis, so I had the opportunity to know her before, during and after the struggle. She never lost her love of people, life and God. Thank you for all you taught me--as a therapist, as a Christ-follower, as a person.

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**Julie Donahue** - November 20, 2011 at 02:05 PM

AP

“ A beautiful lady--on the inside and out. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. She will be dearly missed.

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**Amy Stovall Payne** - November 20, 2011 at 01:13 PM

DC

“ i remember christi as a smiling happy person. watching her grow into a wonderful adult and caring parent was a blessing for me. always greeted me with a smile and kind words whenever we met. the world is a better place because she was here.

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**danny camp** - November 20, 2011 at 10:53 AM

DD

“ To the family of Christi: My thoughts and prayers are with you. I was a co-worker of Christi's so I watched the road she had to walk. Her journey was not easy, but I always saw Jesus shining from her. I saw courage and strength, faith and hope. She was an amazing witness to those around her. We all at RISD were blessed to know her and I pray that God will comfort You at this time. May God Bless You All.

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**Diane Dodson** - November 20, 2011 at 10:41 AM

JA

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Christy's family. I will always remember Christy walking up to me after the city track meet, carrying the championship trophy, something we weren't expecting, and won in part because after Christy fell, while running the hurdles, she got up and finished to get us 2 points. That's the kind of young lady she was. We will all miss her.

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**John (Coach) Allensworth** - November 20, 2011 at 09:54 AM

CC

“ Dear Graham and Wentland Families,  
You are in our thoughts and prayers. Christi was a treasured friend and will be missed by many. The fun memories from UNM, California and visiting in New Mexico will never fade. Her love of life and God lives on in all of you. Love Colette, Kevin and Nathaniel Cronin

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**Colette Cronin** - November 20, 2011 at 08:54 AM

MB

“ I have only a handful of friends that go back as long and deep as you- high school, college, California. I've missed you a long time and always will. RIP, my friend. Xo

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**Maria Vicki (Recalde) Bernstein** - November 20, 2011 at 12:46 AM

SC

“ Keeping your family in my thoughts and prayers. Christi was truly an amazing, selfless person. She will continue to be a source of strength for all those who knew her. Rest in peace Cristi!!

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**shelly clark-botch** - November 20, 2011 at 12:39 AM

TC

“ To Christys family. Our prayers are with you all. My son Tyler played on Toms team and Christy and I had talked several times she was such a blessing. I pray that you feel the Lords wonderful comfort and his arms around you in time of need.

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**Tonya Conrad** - November 19, 2011 at 10:54 PM

EG

“ My deepest condolences to Christi's family. I have fond memories of Christi at RHS especially in Volleyball and Student Council. She was such a dear person, and a kind friend she always had a smile or laugh to share. Blessings to her husband and children during this difficult time. And to our friends Laura and Julia thinking of you I know she meant so much to you.

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**Esther Gomez-Wilkson** - November 19, 2011 at 10:42 PM

KA

“ I will always remember the time I met Kristi, Tom and Eric in Las Vegas and the laughs we had. May you take comfort in knowing an angel is watching over you. Rest in peace Kristi!  
God be with you, Karen  
1 Thessalonians 4:16-18

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**Karen** - November 19, 2011 at 10:20 PM

PG

“ Godspeed, Christy. You will be missed.

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**Patricia Gull** - November 19, 2011 at 09:02 PM

KA

“ I will always remember the time I met Kristi, Tom and Eric in Las Vegas and the laughs we had. I have felt blessed to have known Kristi. I can't imagine losing a blessing like her. You are in my prayers. May your spirit focus on all the love around you during such a difficult time.  
God be with you, Karen  
1 Thessalonians 4:16-18

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**Karen** - November 19, 2011 at 08:53 PM

SS

“ *Christi was an amazing woman and I treasure the memories we had together as students. I know how very much she loved her family and you are all in my prayers. Heaven received a beautiful angel!! We will see her again.*

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**Stacy Edge Sheppard** - November 19, 2011 at 07:51 PM

SA

“ *Christi Wentland*

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**sara** - November 19, 2011 at 06:20 PM

CM

“ *She was very nice when she let all of us swim in her big pool. She was my mom's friend and we miss her vey much. We had so much fun at her house. I think Mrs. Wentland was the bravest lady I know.*

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**Colin McCullough** - November 19, 2011 at 01:36 PM