



Kirstin Weerts

May 14, 2020

Kirstin Weerts, age 47, resident of Shorewood WI, lost her third battle with cancer on May 14th 2020. She passed away peacefully at home in the company of her mother and father. Kirstin, an employee at the Milwaukee Public Museum for 21 years, worked in the candy shop in the Streets Of Old Milwaukee for most of her career. She was an expert on the exhibit, and on old fashioned candy, and would regale her customers with facts about both if they asked nicely (sometimes even if they didn't ask at all). In her previous career, Kirstin was Bingo The Clown at the Ground Round restaurant franchise, and was a master balloon animal creator, and general merrymaker, for the children. Kirstin was an amazing jewelry maker, and had a degree in Jewelry Fabrication and Design at MATC.

Most people will remember Kirstin for her kindness, positivity, and giving nature. If Kirstin brought you a gift, it would likely be followed by three or four more. Kirstin loved murder mysteries, and was a huge fan of Murder She Wrote. Kirstin adored animals, and watched as many animal themed TV shows and movies as she could get her hands on. Her presence in this world shall be missed, and the universe will be an emptier place with her passing. Kirstin is survived by her mother, Bille Weerts, and father, Dennis Weerts, as well as her brother Matthew Weerts, and her nephew and niece Jacob and Ava Weerts. Kirstin also leaves behind her aunt and uncle, Brian and Peggy Weerts, her aunt, Cheryl Fuller, and her cousins, Melanie Weerts, Jessica

Seidl, Jonathan Weerts, and Michael Weerts.

Due to the tragedy of the COVID-19 Pandemic, a celebration of life gathering will be postponed until a safer time can be determined. The family asks that all memorials be sent to either Hunger Task Force or the MACC Fund.

Tribute Wall

TB

“ I worked at the Public Museum for 14 1/2 years and of all that time it was a privilege to call Kirsten a friend. She was such a kind and sweet soul and will be dearly missed. To her sweet Mom and Dad who would occasionally give me a ride home to the east side to you and her brother my deepest sympathies.

Tony Busateri - June 10, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ I loved talking to Kirstin when I worked at MPM. She was such a beautiful person with a big heart. She was always delightful and fun to talk to. She was strong and a fighter. I enjoyed stopping in the candy store when I was walking on the floors and chatting with her. I'll miss that. The Streets of Old Milwaukee will not be the same without her. The museum won't be the same without her.

Melissa M. - May 27, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ I am a close friend of Kristen's brother Matthew, and remember nice visits to the Weerts family home in the mid 1980s. I recall Kristen sharing her interests at the time, and remember her kind nature. All the best to Mr. and Mrs. Weerts, and extended family, your love of Kirstin was special and made an impression on me. God Bless you all in this time of remembrance. Sincerely, the Meyer family.

Christopher Meyer - May 26, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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Christopher Meyer - May 26, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Kirstin was a great source of knowledge for me whenever I was curious about something in the Streets of Old Milwaukee. I remember her as a friendly and engaging presence. She will be greatly missed.

Shanna Hillard - May 21, 2020 at 12:00 AM

KO

“ To Kirstin's Family: I am so sorry for your loss. Losing a loved one is the most difficult thing to experience. But please know that to those of us who knew her, she was a kind, caring, wonderful woman. I worked with her for almost 20 years at the Museum, and she was always bright and cheerful and friendly. The Haymarket will never be the same without her; especially as closing time when she would sing out to the Streets that it was closing time. She was always so patient with the crowds of school children and mobs of families on our Free days. Her joyful spirit will always be a part of The Streets Of Old Milwaukee.

Kristine Orozco - May 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM

YC

“ Kirstin was always very kind. I enjoyed talking to her when I worked at the Museum. She will be missed.

Yolanda Cloyd - May 19, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ I'm so sorry for your loss! I haven't worked at the museum for very long, but I always enjoyed my interactions with Kirstin. The first day I met her, she was working in the candy store and told me some really neat facts about the Streets of Old Milwaukee Exhibit- she had so much knowledge of the museum! I'll miss seeing her when I walk through the streets!

Jessica Ciatti - May 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ Kirsten, To my treasured irreplaceable friend, I was fortunate enough to have shared our hopes and dreams for the past 20 years. I will miss your kindness, our heart to heart conversations and all the helpful words of encouragement you gave to me. It was just who you were. I'm so glad to have had the privilege of knowing you and your mom and dad. No more tears. No more pain. Enjoy those streets of gold, the 12 pearl gates made from a single pearl, because I know you loved jewelry. Maybe instead of candy, you'll be handing out fruit from the tree that bears 12 fruits at the same time. Save me a place near the river of life (Revelation 21-22, the last page of the Bible) so we can talk again. Because with a true friend, I find you are never quite done talking and sharing. With much love and tears I say good bye for now. Your friend always and forever, Carol Tenaglia

Carol Tenaglia - May 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ I remember when I was little Aunty Kirsty brought me to a bead store and we picked out our favorite beads and then spent the whole day having fun making jewelry. I loved her so much, and I miss her more than anything. She will be in my heart always.

Ava Weerts - May 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

LM

“Kirstin was more than a friend, she was my sister. We would argue, fight and laugh just like sisters. We didn't always agree, yet we agreed to disagree. Her love of Animals and of Elves, Fairies and Dragons, was phenomenal. I still remember when she had to have this specific doll. Even I went searching for it because I wanted her to have it. I will miss her laughter, her singing, her smile, our times together. I will miss her. Heaven gained an Angel and what a beautiful Angel she is. Love you Girl! Love always and forever, Lee Ann Medina

Lee Ann Medina - May 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

NB

“Kirstin was my first friend when my family moved to Shorewood. I was 8 and nervous to start a new school. I'll never forget the day we moved in- there was a knock on our door and there was Kirstin coming to introduce herself. We were friends instantly. Growing up, most of my best memories are of things we did together- trick or treating (her nurse costume was the best), watching movies, and later practicing doing our hair and makeup. She was always there for me and the world is a darker place without her.

Nicole Berndt - May 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JW

“Kirsty was always sweet and i have many fond memories of her from when i was a kid and even into my adult hood. One of my favorite things to do when we were down there was to visit her at work and see old milwaukee. I will miss her very much and She will live on in my memory of her.

Jacob weerts - May 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ My deepest condolences to the Weerts family. Kirstin welcomed our family to Shorewood all those years ago and made us feel like we belonged instantly...this was really our new home. She never failed to be the epitome of the best friend and neighbor anyone could hope for.

Jason Berndt - May 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Sorry to hear of her passing, I worked with her at the museum, she was a wonderful person.

Robyn Rein - May 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ There was never a day we spent with Kirsty that wasn't better because she was with us. We will miss your smile and spirit, your laugh, and that's our great loss. Thank you for all our time we shared. Heaven held a special place for you Kirsty. We know you are home again. Your loving Uncle Brian and Aunt Peggy.

Brian and Peggy Weerts - May 16, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Dear Bille, Dennis and Matthew, I knew Kirstin only a short time, but wanted you to know I definitely experienced her one of a kind spirit. At our last visit, she made sure to provide me with delicious chocolates, we watched some animal shows and I got a huge kick out of her feisty nature and sense of humor. She may have appeared meek to some people, but she had an iron will and a fiery spirit-a true force to be reckoned with, as I saw her! I know the sorrow and loss you are experiencing is deep, but that is because of the great love you all had for her, and I do not doubt she had for you as well. Much love and comfort be with you.

Jen Berndt - May 16, 2020 at 12:00 AM