



Christi D. Tekell

May 29, 1958 - February 9, 2025

Christi DiAnn Tekell, 66, passed away at Groesbeck LTC in Groesbeck, Texas on February 9, 2025. Christi was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 2014 and has lived with the disease until now. Now, we know that she is in heaven with her savior Jesus Christ, her husband Craig Tekell, her brother Johnny Bill, her nephew Marty Yates, her in-laws Don and June Tekell, and other family and friends who welcomed her with open arms, oh what a happy day and celebration that must have been in heaven.

Christi was born on May 29, 1958, in Bryan, Texas to Doris Wahlenmeier and Robert McKinney. Christi was raised in Corsicana and graduated from Corsicana High School in 1976 and then attended Baylor University. There she received her bachelor's degree in education and then her master's degree also in Education in 1984. Christi married her high-school sweetheart, Craig Tekell, in this very building at First Baptist Church in Corsicana, Texas on July 11, 1981. Christi and Craig have two children, Tyler Tekell and Ashley Parker.

Christi was a strong believer in Christ and always strove to follow and teach others about Him. She felt called to make an impact on others' lives whether that was in her Sunday School class at First Baptist Church or during her years as a schoolteacher. Christi primarily taught fifth grade science for 20+ years and was famous for her back scratches (if you were one of her

students, you know what we are talking about). If you volunteered to read in her class, she would scratch your back while you read...not sure if we ever remembered what we just read because it was so relaxing, but everyone always wanted her back scratches. Christi was a loving, kind, spirited, and faithful wife, mom, daughter, sister, and friend. She enjoyed being with her children whether that involved shopping trips to NorthPark Mall, staying up late watching Texas Rangers baseball games, or being the getaway driver for Tyler and Ashley and their friends after they toilet-papered another friend's house. Christi had a love for many things here on Earth, to list a few include golden retrievers, skiing, Christmas, Dr. Pepper, and most importantly, her friends and family.

Christi's passion was being a mom and a teacher. She taught her children and others how to be strong followers of Christ and how to be faithful and trusting during difficult times such as these. We may not understand or know the reason as to why Christi had to leave us so soon, but we can be at peace knowing that she is in heaven where there is no suffering, no sadness, and no pain; she is home, she is whole again. We will miss her, but this is not goodbye, it's see-you later.

We want to thank all of the family, friends, and caretakers my mom had over the years who helped her and us through these difficult years. You all are truly appreciated.

Christi is survived by her mother, Doris Wahlenmeier, sister Brenda Sherrill and her husband Robert Sherrill, son Tyler Tekell and wife Lacey Tekell and their son Jack with another child on the way, daughter Ashley Parker and husband Mason Parker and their two daughters Karsyn and Kamryn, nephew Jeff Yates and wife Jill Yates and their two daughters Sydney and Sadey, great-nephew Marty Yates and his wife Loni Yates and their daughter Miley, brother-in-law Keith Tekell and wife Donna Tekell, brother-in-law Victor Tekell

and wife Gabrielle Tekell, niece Courtney Brogdon and husband Jourdan Brogdon, niece Kristen Boyd and husband Shawn Boyd, nephew Jonathan Tekell and wife Jillian Tekell, nephew Christian Tekell and wife Kelsey Tekell, niece Hayley Nieto and husband Nick Nieto, niece Emily Tekell, and numerous great nieces and nephews.

Christi is preceded in death by her father, Robert McKinney, husband Craig Tekell, nephew Marty Yates, father-in-law Don Tekell, mother-in-law June Tekell.

Visitation will be Thursday, February 13th from 1:00pm - 2:00pm at First Baptist Church with the Funeral Services will follow at 2:00pm. Interment will be at Oakwood Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Tyler Tekell, Mason Parker, Jeff Yates, Marty Yates, Aaron Bland and Brent Duren.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

900 North 19Th Street
Corsicana, TX 75110

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 13. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
510 West Collin
Corsicana, TX 75110

Celebration of Life

FEB 13. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
510 West Collin
Corsicana, TX 75110

Tribute Wall



“ Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Christi D. Tekell



Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home - February 11, 2025 at 05:41 PM

AF

“ Christi was a beautiful soul inside and out...
May all who love her know she is at peace and reunited with many
who love her including her Heavenly Father. . .
In His Love,
Ailsa Flynn Anderson

afa - February 16, 2025 at 09:34 AM

MC

“ Marshalls and Coopers purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Christi D. Tekell.



Marshalls and Coopers - February 13, 2025 at 08:50 AM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Christi D. Tekell.



February 13, 2025 at 08:46 AM



“ Cordelia Albritton lit a candle in memory of Christi Tekell



Cordelia Albritton - February 12, 2025 at 10:32 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Christi D. Tekell.

February 12, 2025 at 06:39 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Christi D. Tekell.



February 12, 2025 at 06:39 PM

KC

“ Knott Church if Christ planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christi D. Tekell.

Knott Church if Christ - February 12, 2025 at 05:58 PM

KC

“ Knott Church if Christ purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Christi D. Tekell.



Knott Church if Christ - February 12, 2025 at 05:58 PM

CM

“ Chuck & Susan McClanahan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christi D. Tekell.

Chuck & Susan McClanahan - February 12, 2025 at 03:49 PM

CM

“ Chuck & Susan McClanahan purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Christi D. Tekell.



Chuck & Susan McClanahan - February 12, 2025 at 03:49 PM

BG

“ Brogdon Family-Courtney, Jourdan & girls purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Christi D. Tekell.



Brogdon Family-Courtney, Jourdan & girls - February 12, 2025 at 01:42 PM

JS

“ Jason, Amy, Dylan, Harper, and Ty Sherri purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Christi D. Tekell.



Jason, Amy, Dylan, Harper, and Ty Sherri - February 12, 2025 at 12:00 PM

LB

“ Everyone loved Christi in and out of the classroom or church. What a beautiful soul. So happy we will see her again. May God comfort her family

Linda Brunton - February 12, 2025 at 08:43 AM

LF

“ Lang Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christi D. Tekell.

Lang Family - February 11, 2025 at 06:51 PM

LF

“ *Lang Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Christi D. Tekell.*



Lang Family - February 11, 2025 at 06:51 PM

CH

“ *She graduated with me and I knew her for many years. I remember her being a cheerleader and loving the Tiger games. She was a special person and a friend to all. May her soul rest in perfect peace! Charlotte Hayes*

Charlotte Hayea - February 11, 2025 at 06:46 PM

LF

“ *Lang Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christi D. Tekell.*

Lang Family - February 11, 2025 at 06:38 PM

LF

“ *Lang Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Christi D. Tekell.*



Lang Family - February 11, 2025 at 06:38 PM

RS

“ *Ron Smith lit a candle in memory of Christi Tekell*



Ron Smith - February 11, 2025 at 03:30 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Christi D. Tekell.*

February 11, 2025 at 01:49 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Christi D. Tekell.*



February 11, 2025 at 01:49 PM

BA

“ *Our favorite little ray of light here at Groesbeck LTC!!! What a bright smile and such warm eyes!!! Loved seeing Christi every morning when I came to work and seeing her different hairstyles. She was loved here and thoroughly enjoyed watching Brenda share the love only a sister can have. What a beautiful blessing to be a part of! Condolences to your family and praying peace and rest now, Brittney Adams/medical records*



Brittney Adams - February 11, 2025 at 11:49 AM

BS

We love all the caretakers and staff who always shared their love for Christi! Thank you for making a safe loving home for her!! I just love each of you!❤️🙏🏻

Brenda Sherrill - February 16, 2025 at 10:33 AM

SG

*“ Christi touched many lives in the classroom, in her Bible Study classes, in the community, at numerous athletic events, in fact, wherever she happened to be. I was blessed to have been her partner teacher for many years and through the births of her children. She will always have a place in my heart. May her love for GOD, family, and others remind all of us why we are here. Smiles,
Sharon Stubbs Goodman*

Sharon Goodman - February 11, 2025 at 09:29 AM

K,

“ Keith&Donna , Courtney,Kristen&Jonathan purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Christi D. Tekell.



Keith&Donna , Courtney,Kristen&Jonathan - February 11, 2025 at 08:37 AM

GF

“ Gabrielle & Victor Tekell and Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Christi D. Tekell.



Gabrielle & Victor Tekell and Family - February 10, 2025 at 11:18 PM

LS

“ *Landon, Amanda, Liberty, and Shiloh purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Christi D. Tekell.*



Landon, Amanda, Liberty, and Shiloh - February 10, 2025 at
08:11 PM