



## Kris A. "Mz. Kriz" Klingbeil

July 19, 1961 - April 6, 2016

Kris A. "Mz Kriz" Klingbeil, age 54 of Highland, IL, died Wednesday, April 06, 2016, at Saint Joseph's Hospital in Highland, IL.

She was born July 19, 1961, in Highland, IL, the daughter of Alan and Janice (nee Wiess) Draper.

On April 22, 1983, she married Steven Edward Klingbeil at Highland, Illinois, and he survives.

She was a member of First Congregational Church of Highland. She was also a member of Mosaic Church - Highland, IL; Madison County Humane Society.

Kris was born in Highland, IL and was a 1979 graduate of Highland High School. In high school she was the #1 team player for Highland and was the first female athlete to go to state competition from Highland. She played tennis at Eastern Illinois University for 2 years. She also, taught tennis for several years. For several summers, she choreographed summer musicals while attending Eastern. She received her Master's Degree from Eastern in 1983. After college, she managed the Child Care Center at Deaconess Hospital in St. Louis. Kris worked in the Child Development Laboratory at Vashon High School, St. Louis, for 8 years. She worked for Children's Home and Aid Society for the State of Illinois running their Therapeutic Day Care Program

monitoring foster homes. For four years, Kris taught Pre-school at St. Paul Catholic School in Highland. She worked as a Legislative Liaison for Rep. Ron Stevens for several years. This past year, she was a representative for Premier Designs, a bible-based jewelry company with proceeds benefiting missions. She had made two mission trips to Nicaragua where she and her husband sponsored a child . She had taught Sunday school for 12 years at First Congregational Church. Kris started roller skating at age 14 months, she ultimately skated in regional and national competitions winning many medals. She had a passion of caring for animals. She enjoyed traveling to the beach and Mexico. She loved to decorate, was a good cook, and liked to fix meals for other people.

Survivors include:

Husband - Steven E. Klingbeil, Highland, IL

Mother - Janice K. Draper nee Wiess, Highland, IL

Son - Steven C. Klingbeil, Saint Louis, MO

Paternal Grandfather - Willis K. Draper, Highland, IL

She was preceded in death by:

Father - Alan C. Draper died 6/12/2011

Paternal Grandmother - Bernice A. Draper nee Jacobs Died 9/24/2002

Maternal Grandfather - Ralph W. Wiess Died 8/26/1982

Maternal Grandmother - Vera L. Wiess nee Kueker Died 10/5/1999

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Visitation will be held from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM on Sunday, April 10, 2016, at First Congregational Church of Highland in Highland, IL .

Memorial funeral service will be at 3:00 PM on Sunday, April 10, 2016, at First

Congregational Church of Highland in Highland, IL., with Rev. Greg S. Brady officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Nicaragua Christian Education (NiCE) Foundation; Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.

# Previous Events

## Service

APR **10**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - Highland

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# Tribute Wall

RD

“ I was very sad to hear this news. Miss Kris was my preschool teacher at St. Paul and she was always one of my favorites. Now that I'm older and work with preschool age children myself, I find that I model myself after her. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family. It's had to imagine a world without Miss Kris.

*Ricky Diaz*

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**Ricky Diaz** - April 09, 2016 at 03:24 PM

GG

“ Met this beautiful person in late 1980's. She was an lovely person then and will be missed by many. May her family be strengthened during this time. God bless!

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**Gennie Gilmore** - April 09, 2016 at 02:12 PM

RM

“ Robin McGee lit a candle in memory of Kris  
A. "Mz. Kriz" Klingbeil



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**Robin McGee** - April 09, 2016 at 01:22 PM

LR

“ Jan..I remember your daughter Kris.So sorry for the loss. Alan and Kris were in your yard playing with the St.Bernard. Alan was Soo kind to talk to. I know Kris was wonderful and so full of love like you. Just wanted you to know I was thinking about you. I was recognized for helping Senior Citizens: 1: I have thought about you and how kind you were to all seniors. A big hug to you💜Lee Ann in Iowa🐾🐾🐾

Lee Ann Ruby - April 08, 2016 at 11:24 PM

CB

“ Cinda Burgert lit a candle in memory of Kris  
A. "Mz. Kriz" Klingbeil



Cinda Burgert - April 08, 2016 at 06:12 PM

CB

*I met Kris a few years ago on a mission trip to Nicaragua. We all experienced something special that week, so glad I was able to meet her and still stay in touch on Facebook. I know she will be dearly missed, she was such a special lady. My deepest sympathy to her family..*

Cinda Burgert - April 08, 2016 at 06:23 PM

BK

“ We were shocked to hear of Kris' passing. A great neighbor and we always looked forward to receiving her beautiful Christmas cards. She will be greatly missed. Our deepest sympathy.  
Bill & Sandy Kohlbrecher

Bill & Sandy Kohlbrecher - April 08, 2016 at 05:27 PM

JS

“ *Jan*  
*We have only known you for a short time, but we think the world of you. We are heart broken that your only child, a beautiful woman, wife and mother, so talented, has left this world too soon. We all know that she is in a better place in heaven and no longer is in pain or suffering. We regret that we did not have the opportunity to meet her. Our thoughts and prayers are with you , Steve, Steven and all your family and friends who knew and loved her.*

*Sincerely*  
*Joe and Dottie Santoro*



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**Joe and Dottie Santoro** - April 08, 2016 at 03:50 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kris A. "Mz. Kriz" Klingbeil.*



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April 08, 2016 at 03:07 PM

AP

“ *Kris was a quiet leader and an inspiration to all of us that were on the tennis team with her. My memories from that time are priceless. I know she will be missed. Love and prayers to her family and friends.*



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**anita peters** - April 08, 2016 at 10:20 AM

AT

“ So sorry for your loss! Was shocked to see this news. Our hearts go out to you. She was such a special lady. For our sons she will always be "Miss Kris." She will certainly be missed, but heaven has most certainly gotten another angel. With deepest sympathy, The Truccano Family- Angela, Norman, Grant & Alex

Angela Truccano - April 08, 2016 at 09:29 AM

LB

“ Lou Ann Bernet-Heineman purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Kris A. "Mz. Kriz" Klingbeil.



Lou Ann Bernet-Heineman - April 08, 2016 at 05:44 AM

JM

“ Jim & Connie Miles lit a candle in memory of Kris A. "Mz. Kriz" Klingbeil



Jim & Connie Miles - April 08, 2016 at 12:04 AM

SK

“ I am very sorry to hear this. Kris was not only a great tennis player, but she also played volleyball at Highland HS. She was always a nice person. She was so tiny! But she had a big heart.

Scott Kohlhaas - April 07, 2016 at 10:55 PM

RK

“ *Robert and I are so sorry for your loss. Since leaving the Highland Home, we have lost track of many residents and were shocked to learn of Kris' passing.*

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**Robert and JoAn Kakac** - April 07, 2016 at 06:23 PM