



## Kris Cessna

December 18, 1959 - September 13, 2011

Kris A. Cessna (1959-2011)

WATERLOO- Kris A. Cessna, 51, of Hiawatha, formerly of Waterloo, died Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at the Dennis and Donna Oldorf Hospice House of Mercy, Hiawatha.

She was born December 18, 1959 in Waterloo, Iowa, daughter of Clair and Amy (Buckridge) Smith. She married John R. Cessna on August 10, 1985.

She was a 1978 graduate of Waterloo West High School and earned her degree in cosmetology from the American Academy of Beauty in Des Moines. She was a cosmetologist at Rogers in Waterloo and taught at Capri Cosmetology College. She was then employed at Von Maur at Westdale Mall, prior to becoming an attendance secretary at Cedar Rapids Kennedy High School and was presently an administrative secretary at Garfield Elementary.

Kris is survived by her husband, John of Hiawatha; one son, Michael of Hiawatha; her mother, Amy Smith of Waterloo; three brothers, Frederick Smith of Park Ridge, NJ, Neil Smith of Seattle, WA, and Gary Smith of Waterloo; two sisters, Kathryn (Lloyd) Bettis of Chicago, IL, and Carolyn Smith of Waterloo; two nephews, Lael Smith of Washington and Christopher Bettis of Montana; and three nieces, Lisa Smith of North Carolina, Erika Smith of New York and

Emily Lichty Smith of Iowa.

She was preceded in death by her father.

Services will be held 11:00 a.m. Monday at South Church of the Brethren in Waterloo with burial in Fairview Cemetery, Cedar Falls. Public visitation from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the Richardson Funeral Home in Cedar Falls and also for one hour prior to services Monday at the church.

Memorials may be directed to Garfield Elementary School or Cedar Rapids Kennedy "Happiness" Show Choir or the American Cancer Society.

# Tribute Wall

SD

“ It is with great sadness to learn of the passing of Kris. We had the pleasure of meeting Kris on a couple of occasions as she was helping Carolyn pack and move from Decatur back to Waterloo. What a nice person. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

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**Stephanie & Jerry Dill** - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

AD

“ To the family of Kris:  
I am so sorry to hear of the loss of such a dear lady. I was fortunate to meet and attend church with her at New Beginnings Church when we were meeting at Kennedy High School. I never saw Kris without a smile on her face. She radiated LOVE. Kris gave the best hugs and was so absolutely sincere. I know her passing will leave a huge hole. Please know that you will be remembered in our prayers. Again, I am so very sorry for your loss. God be with you.

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**Amy Dudik** - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

MC

“ To the family of Kris, I am so sorry to hear about Kris. She was a friend early on in my marriage with Phil. My first daughter was very colicky - just a pill to care for - and Kris, bless her heart, watched her for me. Just a super nice person all around!

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**Mary Chien** - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

SR

“ My dear friend-  
We lost touch in the mid 80's. But you were my best friend for many years after I had my son in 1979. Oh, the fun nights we had together! We stayed out dancing until dawn. I was so sad to hear of you leaving this world. I hope you did not suffer. I missed you at West High reunion last year and was determined to find you again. but this is not where I wanted to find you my friend. I'm very sad today. My deepest sympathies to your husband and son and family. Oh, I am saddened. Sue Richardson

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**Sue Brubaker Richardson** - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

LS

“ Kris was one of my instructors at Capri, really enjoyed knowing her and being in her section. My sincere condolences to the family.

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**Linda Simanek** - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

MO

“ 30+ years later I remember your smile and your giggle, the sparkle in your eyes. Blessings to your family and our most sincere sympathy.

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**Missi Hausman Oltman** - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

AB

“ Kris was such a wonderful friend/co-worker, I don't know what I'm going to do without her! She was always there whenever I needed her. I still can't believe she's gone. She went so fast and I know she's not suffering but I can't help but to be selfish and want her to stay here! Michael and John if you ever need anything, know that the Garfield family will always be there for you! Kris will always be in my heart and I miss her everyday!

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**Ashley Baker** - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

PM

“ Dear Cessna Family,  
I was stunned and saddened to learn of Kris' passing. I remember her being so full of energy and happiness. Her smile made everyone around her forget the bad stuff in their day, and smile right along with her. She was truly over the moon about having you as her son, Michael :-). Please accept my deepest condolences during this very difficult time.

Sincerely,  
Pam Moore

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**Pam Moore** - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

MT

“ John--I can not express the sadness that I felt when I found out that Kris was received by God. I always remember her humor, laughter and smile when I worked with her at Capri. We taught the basic training and theory classes together and had so much fun. She always spoke of you with a smile on her face. May God give you and your son the strength that you need.

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**Michelle (Chute) Thornburg** - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

RK

“ John, Michael and Families, I was so saddened to hear of Kris's passing. She was a great friend when we worked years ago at Rogers Studios in Waterloo. She had a wit about her and could always make you smile. I remember seeing her at a football game years back and we picked up without seeming like we hadn't seen each other in years. She was too young to leave this earth and those that she loved, but Our Lord had called her Home not to suffer any longer. She's in a place that we will long to join her some day. (Hey, Kris, remember my mom? She went to heaven in March, take care of her hair. Thanks, dear friend.) Blessings and comfort to you John and Michael.

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**Rich Kucera** - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM