



Christina A. "Steana" Reali

October 30, 1977 - July 3, 2025

UTICA – Christina A. “Steana” Reali, age 47, passed away on July 3, 2025, in the comfort and dignity of her home, after a valiant battle with addiction — a long, difficult fight she came to terms with before her unexpected passing.

Born in Rome on October 30, 1977, Christina was the daughter of the late Michael C. and Kelly L. (Quinn) Reali. She also knew the love and guidance of her stepfather, the late Michael A. Caputo. She spent her formative years and received her education locally. She was formerly married to Reginald Holmes II, a union that brought them the blessing of two children, Donté and A'mya.

Christina enjoyed a lifelong career in the medical field, where she held various administrative and scheduling roles. Her sociable nature helped her form lasting friendships with many of her coworkers, and likely even her patients — connections that remained meaningful throughout her life.

Small but mighty at just 4'10", Christina's personality stood tall at 10'4". She brought humor to everything she did. As a mother, she was strong and fiercely protective, always fighting for her children and calling them her “heart and soul.” She showed that same deep love to her granddaughter. As the oldest of five sisters, she was equally protective of them — fierce, loyal, and unyielding. Loud, opinionated, and fearless, Christina stood up for what—and who—she believed in. To her, friends were family. She left behind a lasting life lesson: never cower from a fight. She will be deeply missed in every quiet moment.

A poetry buff, Christina loved both reading and writing poetry—and even had some of her work published. Naturally artistic, she also enjoyed drawing and coloring, passions she found deeply therapeutic. An enthusiastic football fan, she proudly rooted for the Philadelphia Eagles and even recruited her sisters to cheer them on with her. One of this year's biggest highlights was celebrating their Super Bowl win over the Kansas City Chiefs. Musically, Christina always had rap and hip hop playing. A huge Beyoncé fan, she was a proud member of the Beyhive. Her greatest accomplishments, however, were

always her children, as she would often remind them that they were the best things that ever happened to her.

Holidays and family gatherings meant the world to Christina. She cherished being part of a large family and especially loved the big reunions at Delta Lake. Spiritual by nature, she was open to and accepting of the beliefs and ideas of many religions. Christina had a way of making everyone feel welcome, always reminding them it was okay to take up space in this world—that everyone deserves to be here.

Christina is survived by her beloved children, Donté Reali-Holmes, and A'mya Holmes and Nasir DuBose; cherished granddaughter, Xolana DuBose; and darling sisters, Susan Reali, Tiffany and Derek Roberts, Laurie and Brandon Morrissette, and Kimberly Reali. She will be additionally missed by her nieces and nephews, whom she treated as her own bonus children and helped raise, Mikey Reali, Audrina Hajdasz; Julia Roberts, Madisen Roberts; Farrah Felski, Olivia Morrissette, and Phoenix Morrissette; great-niece, Evangeline Reali; many aunts, uncles, cousins; and friends, the late Jennifer Henderson, her best friend, Becky Derucher, Jackie Minor, whom she considered her biggest cheerleaders, Harriet Texidor, Dom Pennicooke, Deanna Skuza, and many others. She was predeceased by her paternal grandparents, Rudolfo "Rudy" and Dixie (Ussery) Reali; and maternal grandparents, Joseph and Judith (Paige) Quinn.

A special thank you is extended to her son, Donté, for his valiant life-saving efforts — a courageous act at such a young age. Her family finds comfort in knowing he was by her side in her final moments.

Visitation will be held on Friday, July 11, 2025, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Christina's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence at 6:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Those unable to attend may be present virtually at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86909177237>. Interment will take place in Forest Hill Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Forest Hill Cemetery

2201 Oneida Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-2701

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 11. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
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Utica, NY 13501
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eannacefh@roadrunner.com

Funeral Service

JUL 11. 6:00 PM (ET)

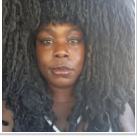
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Tribute Wall

GS

“ Sorry for your families loss. I was a friend of Christina awhile back and tried to reconnect recently. We always enjoyed hanging out and never parted on bad terms.

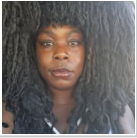
Gregory Stephens - August 04, 2025 at 06:04 PM



“ Jackie Minor lit a candle in memory of Christina A. "Steana" Reali



Jackie Minor - July 14, 2025 at 03:30 AM



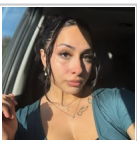
“ One of my absolute bestie love you crit

Jackie Minor - July 14, 2025 at 03:30 AM

BB

“ Berthell B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christina A. "Steana" Reali.

Berthell B. - July 11, 2025 at 02:39 PM



“ Prayers to her family and friends ❤️ Christina was always very sweet to me and always had something nice to say about me. She never failed to put a smile on my face. Fly high beautiful.

Esmeralda Quiros - July 11, 2025 at 01:25 PM

CA

“ Mikey Reali (CAPUTO)
Well wishes to you and your family in this difficult time. We love you and are always a phone call away!
With love
The CAPUTO Family

caputo - July 11, 2025 at 12:30 PM

AL

“ Christina never failed to remind me how beautiful she thought I was. Truly a bright person, with an amazing outgoing personality. I'm going to miss her and her beautiful curly hair and bright smile 💕💕

Aleana - July 09, 2025 at 09:36 PM

DO

“ I knew Christina for many years, she always been a very good friend to me always tried to help when she can and I didn't the same to her... I will always miss you so much I love you forever... I will see you one day just not know.. but when that time comes have a seat for me

Domonick - July 09, 2025 at 06:53 PM

RC

“ Susan, I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of your sister 🥹 My thoughts and prayers are with you at this very difficult time 🙏💔💔💔



Ruth Camello - July 09, 2025 at 01:34 PM

JA

“ Where to begin she was like a big sister to me and aunt kelly was like a second mom to me christina would always get me out the house if it was doing scrapp runs or partys or football games or some sort of thing never a momment we wherent doing something construcketive lile going swimming at water safari or lakes or going camping and listing to music i will never forget the times we had or the days we had spending togther the talks we had alot this bums me alot now i cant go to my best friend to talk or just rant to her and her do the same the last msg i got from her was i love you jeremy amd we will talk soon love you cousin thays the last text i got from her and i will cherish every single text momment of her the memmeries will always be there in my mind she was a great woman friend family member there was im deeply slrry for ur girls loss i wish it got better but it only gets easier to cope with as life goes on i love you christina R.I.P give em hell up there i know ur not in pain anymore and give my mom and them a big hug for me i love you christina rest in peace

jeremy austin - July 09, 2025 at 10:56 AM

SR

“ Christ, I will never forget your infectious laugh or smile. 44 years of memories that I am forever grateful for. I will try my hardest to always keep the family together. The holidays will never be the same without you. Rest easy my beautiful sister and give Mom, Dad, Mike, Grandma Dixie, Grandpa Rudy and Grandma Judy the biggest hugs from me 💕💕

Susan Reali - July 08, 2025 at 10:01 PM

JA

I cant beleave shes gone its not the same sorry for ur loss susan she was like a sister to me she was family i will be at the funarol to pay my respects

jeremy austin - July 09, 2025 at 10:37 AM



“ Hmm where I start let's see I remember when us kids was little we use to make a tent out in f blankets n sticks in the grass god I miss those days again then we all use roam around the projects to go buy 50 cents push ups I still remember those ice push ups back in the day god do I lol miss u like crazy as soon I heard u passed away i cried ☐ fly high with the angels Cuzz o gonna miss u girl



Princess Lewis - July 08, 2025 at 05:18 PM

HG

“ Chris , I can't wrap my head around you are gone. You had the biggest heart and we're one of the most fun ppl to hang around with. I will always cherish our friendship. Going out on Varick, Our days on Arnold Ave in Neighborhood Watch 🕒. You were always a true and loving friend. Until we meet again girl. I love u Chick. Give your Momma a hug for me. Rest easy.....

Heather Gasparinatos - July 08, 2025 at 04:53 PM

TH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time. I met Christina years ago at work. She was always smiling and laughing. She always spoke of her children and was so proud of them. There's not a doubt in my mind that she won't forever look after her family.



Tammy Hyde-Tanoury - July 08, 2025 at 02:59 PM

RM

“ Christina. Auntie will always love you. I always loved our personal conversations you and I had often. I enjoyed watching you grow up and often enjoyed watching you strut down the road with Nene to go doing your and her swimming ventures. We loved more and more everyday. Will always miss you my darling niece. Fly high Angel of LOVE. As much as we all was not ready for you to leave wear your wings beautifully. LOVE YOU ALWAYS BEAUTIFUL.

Rosemarie Mcfarland - July 08, 2025 at 01:14 PM

EC

“ I am so deeply sorry for your loss.



Elizabeth Cook - July 08, 2025 at 10:15 AM

AJ

“ I remember when you were a baby and you had those Hugh blue eyes and brown hair. You were so adorable and your Mom and Dad were so proud of you. I hope you know that I always hoped things would turn around for you. Rest easy now. Love you

Aunt Judy - July 08, 2025 at 08:13 AM

LB

“ My deepest condolences to her children and family. I just chatted with her a couple days before her passing, I still can't believe it. She loved coming up here in the country to get away for a few days at a time. The evening we spoke last we were planning a bingo night out. Fond memories and many laughs we shared playing bingo, cards, all the board games we played till all hours I shall cherish forever.... Spread your angel wings now and watch over your children and your granddaughter.... As our conversations would end we'd say I love you, talk to you soon... ❤️



Linda Bienkowski - July 08, 2025 at 07:54 AM

AH

“ No matter how much I prepared myself for the loss of you nothing could ever measure to the hurt and grief I feel. The strongest woman I've ever had the privilege of loving and I thank God that he allowed me to live the same lifetime as you. I promise to tell Xolana every story I remember and to hold the most beautiful image of you. Rest now mommy we'll be okay ☐

Amya Holmes - July 08, 2025 at 06:57 AM

JA

Amya i am really deeply sorry for ur loss and dontes i hope for the best and prey you guys will be ok i know how it is to loose a mother i wish it was easy but as time goes by u learn to live with it i hope for the best for you guys again sorry for your loss jeremy and family

jeremy austin - July 09, 2025 at 10:44 AM

DS

Bestie Boo how will I go on without you? You were my rock when my Mom suddenly passed on Xolana's birthday last year. I will miss our daily chats your infectious laughter. You were the one who made sure I was ok. I only wish we had more time. You certainly are my #1. I will forever miss you until we meet again. To the Reali - Holmes family I am so incredibly sorry for your loss.

Deanna Skuza - July 09, 2025 at 03:59 PM



“ Chrit,

I hope you knew how loved you truly were. I will miss you u til my dying day sis. Im sorry for the last few years of pain. I wish we could have taken it away. I will forever wish things were different. I love you girl, hug mommy really tight for me, and I'll see you on the other side when its time. Keep sending signs and watch over Dontè, A'mya and Xolana. Love you big sissy!! Watch over us now.

Laurie Morrissette - July 08, 2025 at 06:32 AM

LC

“ I didn't know Christina but was touched by it my she have everlasting peace,

Lenard Copelin - July 08, 2025 at 05:46 AM