



## Christine Marion Russell

March 22, 1949 - October 2, 2017

Christine Marion Russell of Brecksville, Ohio, born March 22nd, 1949 to the late John and Ling Russell, was welcomed back into their arms on October 2nd, 2017. Life was no brief candle for Christine, also known fondly as Gina. She burned brightly with many passions and causes. Always a strong and determined woman, she waged a fierce and stubborn battle for her life. Her compassion for those less fortunate prompted her to found the Gratitude Project, focused on supporting and returning homeless and drug addicted people to a healthy life in the community. She continued this even from her hospice bed. Chris was an entrepreneur, a newspaper editor, event planner, and artist. Long before dating websites existed, she brought to the Cleveland Area The Singles Connection, a newspaper and organization hosting a variety of social events. Being an avid skater, bicyclist, and hiker inspired her to follow this with the publication North Coast Sports, offering an informative source for active events of all kinds. This led to the formation of her company On the Edge Films, which hosted the Banff Mountain Film Festival for 15 years, and other film events with the goal of promoting discussion on issues of local, regional and world relevance. Christine and her lovely smile will be missed by so many, most especially her two children, James and Kevin Blomquist, sisters Karen, Barbara, and Susan (David), grandchildren Angel, Bethany, Lauren, Belle, Grace, Dietrich and Kevin, beloved greatgrandchildren, as well as loving nephews, nieces and countless precious friends such as Marie and Nick. Friends and family are invited to a service on Saturday October 14th,

11:00 am, at the United Methodist Church in Brecksville, 65 Public Square, followed by a Celebration of Life Brunch at the Fellowship Hall of the church. In lieu of flowers donations would be appreciated to the following non-profit, PRIMARY PURPOSE CENTER, 3222 North Ridge Rd., Elyria, Ohio, 44035 (440) 219-4774 [www.primarypurposecenter.com](http://www.primarypurposecenter.com) or to THE GRATITUDE PROJECT, 8803 Brecksville Rd #7-192, Brecksville Ohio 44141 [www.facebook.com/The-GratitudeProject-347478704384](http://www.facebook.com/The-GratitudeProject-347478704384)

# Previous Events

## Service

OCT **14**. 11:00 AM (ET)

United Methodist Church - Brecksville  
65 Public Square  
Brecksville, OH