



## Richard Rixner

January 11, 1960 - July 21, 2023

Richard Christian “Chris” Rixner passed away July 21, 2023 at St. Joseph after a long illness. He grew up in Prairie Village, Ks. He attended Briarwood elementary, Meadowbrook Junior High & Shawnee Mission East where he made many life long friends.

He was a very talented chef and worked in many fine restaurants in Kansas City including The American Restaurant, Cafe Allegro, The Kansas City Club & Sebring Gallery. He was the original chef for O’Dowds Little Dublin on the Country Club Plaza and created their original menu from recipes he acquired on his travels to Ireland. He won many awards for the restaurant. He also ran the B & Z Bakery in Springfield Illinois, that was owned by his family.

Chris was an excellent guitarist and songwriter. He played in many bands with friends and loved to jam with friends. He loved the Grateful Dead and spent a lot of time traveling around the country to see them.

He loved telling stories especially about growing up in Prairie Village and his Grateful Dead travels. He remembered every name and detail.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Richard & Charlotte Rixner., and beloved dog Brando.

He is survived by sister Katherine Rixner, Lexington, Ky, girlfriend & companion Ellen Worley Kansas City Mo, lifelong friend Mark Battle West Palm Beach, Fl & his beloved dog Duke.

A Celebration of Chris's life will be held at a later date.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Growing up in a family with five brothers, Chris was like another brother in our household. Chris was so helpful and generous when our brother, Pat Ink, passed away. We couldn't have done everything without his help. And he did it all with a smile on his face! He will be missed!

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