



Christopher J. DiSantis

December 14, 1962 - June 10, 2021

Christopher J. DiSantis, age 58 of Cleveland, passed away June 10, 2021, at LakeMed Nursing and Rehab Center in Painesville Twp. He was born December 14, 1962, in Fort Campbell, KY.

Chris channeled his passions for art, activism, and music into his life's work and play. He studied film production at Kent State University, and was an avid collector/trader/seller of unique treasures. He walked from Los Angeles to Washington DC in The Great Peace March for Global Nuclear Disarmament (1986). He was the proud owner of 185th St.'s Gallery Café (1990-1996), which was a welcoming and beloved gathering place, music hall, art gallery, and coffee shop. Chris was a gifted percussionist. He played for many popular northeast Ohio bands, including Bogus Roaches, I tal, Impacto Neuvo, and SwingTime Big Band. He was a current member of the SmeltzTones. Chris will be respectfully remembered in the Cleveland drumming community as a vital Heartbeat, and Circle Facilitator. His gentle, wise, passionate spirit will continue in the hearts of many.

He is survived by his son, Christopher Theodore DiSantis; sisters, Melissa (Douglas) Obergefell and Mary Ellen (Ernest) Elshaw; nieces, Grace, Anna, Claire, and Teddi; nephews, Scott and Sean; former wife, Cathy DiSantis; sister in law, Belinda Meadows-Kergan (Randy), and his beloved cat, Spock. He was preceded in death by his parents, Dr. Theodore and Patricia (Pallone)

DiSantis and infant brother, Jason.

A memorial service will be held at 11 am Monday, June 28, 2021, at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060. The family will receive friends from 10 – 11 am Monday, June 28, 2021 at the funeral home.

Interment will be in All Souls Cemetery, Chardon, OH.

Contributions may be made in Chris's memory to Broadmoor School, 8090 Broadmoor Rd., Mentor, OH 44060.

Send flowers and offer condolences at www.brunners.com.

Cemetery Details

All Souls Cemetery

10366 Chardon Rd.
Chardon, OH 44024
(800) 582-6850

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

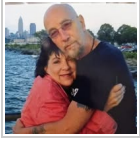
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Tribute Wall



“ Chris gave his time to support our group, *Not In Our Name*, event for international Women's Day over a decade ago. The event was cancelled because Cleve got dumped with a major blizzard the day before and it was a mess. Despite it all we had a small intimate drum circle. It was during the Bush era at River Smiths spot. He was a generous soul and gentle spirit. He cared and made the world better. He is drumming for the angels.

MJ Muse - June 28, 2021 at 11:10 PM

AD

“ I played bass with Chris from 2017 until his passing. I would ride with Chris to most gigs where less cars were better, such as festivals, Rock Hall gigs and anything out of town. It was always a fun ride as far as our discussions. Sometimes after gigs I would hang out with him at his house and play with his dog. I will miss him.

Adam - June 28, 2021 at 05:07 AM

EM

“ Erik, I want to send a memory about Chris, but I couldn't figure out how from the site. If I send to you can you get it on?

I had the privilege in Chris's last months to talk with him by phone on several occasions -- and I was blessed. Chris was a sensitive man, attuned to the deep things of life. He and I had some rich conversations, in spite of the fact that I could decipher only part of what he said. His spirit was powerful, and I am confident that he knew the Lord God and his only Son, Jesus Christ. I prayed with him and he was responsive throughout our visits. May the Lord receive him into the heavenly realms, with all the saints in light.

Rev. Jack Miller (retired Lutheran pastor and father of Chris's friend Erik Miller, both from MN.)

Dad

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Erik Miller - June 25, 2021 at 04:43 PM

MS

“ *My heart and deepest sympathy goes out to his families and friends. I did not know Chris well, we met through a mutual friend in music. But the first time I met him there was something about him. I just liked him immediately. He exuded a warm and friendly energy. And everytime Tim and I saw him it was always the same. You really didn't need to know Chris well to see that he was a great guy and a special person. He will be missed. Rest In love dnd peace.*

Maureen Silver - June 25, 2021 at 04:15 AM

TH

“ It was an honor and a pleasure taking care of Chris, I will always remember his sense of humor and his feistiness, we had so many good days with him here at Lake Med, I never got to know much about his life, but I felt an instant connection when he told me my name was the same as his dads.



Chris I will miss you buddy, you were a good man and friend, My condolences go out to your family and friends

Ted Hunkele

Ted Hunkele - June 21, 2021 at 11:02 AM



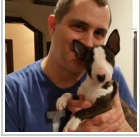
“ I only knew Chris for a short time. He was kind and funny. I showed him his March music for the demonstration walk he did when he first came to Lake Med along with documentaries about it. I felt like we connected. I'm happy to have known him and meet a few of his loving family members. RIP Chris. Sending love and prayers to friends and family

Jamie Stewart - June 19, 2021 at 04:29 AM

LB

“ What a fun surprise when Chris surprised Patty and I with Cinnamon Delights to go with our Super bowl pizza! Such a thoughtful man. R.I.P.

Lynn Brom - June 18, 2021 at 10:52 AM



“ *I'm so sorry for the loss of your brother Chris. I didn't realize all of the accomplishments he had in his life. Please let me know if you need anything.*

*Love,
Tom*

Tom Ameen - June 18, 2021 at 08:11 AM