



## Bryan Christopher Suerdieck

August 1, 1975 - February 8, 2025

Bryan Christopher Suerdieck, 49, passed away in Santa Barbara, California, on February 8, 2025, after a yearlong, determined battle with cancer.

Bryan was born in Mattoon, on August 1, 1975, the son of Chris and Carolyn Suerdieck. Bryan graduated from Mattoon High School in 1994.

Bryan was born with a sense of adventure and a love for the outdoors. After attending EIU, he went west to follow his quest. He lived and worked in Zion National Park for a year and then went to Yosemite National Park, where he lived and worked for over a dozen years. At Yosemite he relished in the opportunities the Park offered for climbing, hiking, cycling, skiing and camping. While in Yosemite he met and married his soul mate, Tracy Clark, who also lived and worked in Yosemite.

Ten years ago, they moved to Tracy's hometown of Santa Barbara, California and opened and operated a neighborhood restaurant, called Yellow Belly with a partner, Tracy's lifelong friend. They became part of the community, and the restaurant became a local favorite.

Bryan and Tracy were blessed on May 30, 2020, with the birth of their daughter, Betty Lynn. Whenever they could get away, Bryan, Tracy and Betty packed up their VW camper and headed to the mountains or the desert. Bryan's greatest joy was sharing his love of the outdoors and adventure with Betty.

Bryan leaves his loving wife Tracy, daughter Betty Lynn, 5, his father Chris, his sister Beth Suerdieck Pugh and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and

nephews. His mother Carolyn preceded him in death.

Bryan leaves a legacy of strength, determination and an unflagging spirit, infused with humor, concern for others and an unfailing smile. He impacted so many with his unwavering kindness towards others, adventurous spirit and a genuine love for life.

A celebration of Bryan's life will be held at a later date in Santa Barbara.

The staff at their restaurant created a GoFundMe page for Bryan's family.

Please visit [www.mitchell-jerdan.com](http://www.mitchell-jerdan.com) or [www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome](https://www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome) to light a virtual candle in his honor or share a memory with the family.

# Tribute Wall

BG

“ I met Bryan in 2002 during his first year in Yosemite. We formed an immediate friendship that lasted over 23 years. Bryan is one of the greatest people I've known. We shared countless adventure and also enjoyed being Dad's together with our families later in our lives. My heart goes out to his family.  
Beau, Yosemite/Oakland CA

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**Beau Gutfreund** - March 03, 2025 at 11:55 PM

DB

“ Chris, Im so very sorry to hear this news. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Diane (Voigt) Barker** - February 26, 2025 at 01:53 AM

BH

“ So very sorry for the loss of your son and brother  
  
Barbara Runner Hughes

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**Barbara Hughes** - February 24, 2025 at 05:40 PM

CD

“ Cathy And Tom David lit a candle in memory of Bryan Christopher Suerdieck



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**Cathy and Tom David** - February 18, 2025 at 10:41 AM

TS

“ *Super guy. My memories are with his childhood friends. My prayers to his family.* ”

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**Toni Hesse Stoutenborough** - February 16, 2025 at 02:30 PM

CS

“ *I enjoyed having Brian in class. He would often listen carefully to the topic of the day and would always chime in with his thought. He really liked the project where we as a class booth acres in Costa Rica in the Children’s rainforest. My thought are with all of you at this time.* ”

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**Clyde Self** - February 15, 2025 at 01:32 PM



“ *My sincere sympathy to you on the loss of your son.* ”



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**Wanda Baker** - February 15, 2025 at 01:16 PM

SM

“ *My sincere condolences Chris on your loss of your wonderful son.* ”

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**Sue Meyer** - February 15, 2025 at 12:49 PM