



Richard Samuel "Sam" Kruckeberg

November 15, 1981 - May 8, 2021

Richard Samuel "Sam" Kruckeberg, age 39 of Mattoon, IL passed away at 10:14 PM, Saturday May 8, 2021 at his residence in Mattoon, IL.

A private memorial service in his honor will be held at 1:00 PM, Saturday, May 15, 2021 at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938.

Sam was born on November 15, 1981 in Mattoon, IL the son of Richard W. and Jamey K. (Handley) Kruckeberg. He is survived by his father, Richard "Dick" Kruckeberg and wife Robin of Sullivan, IL; his siblings, Daniel J. Kruckeberg of Charleston, IL, Emily E. Pisani and husband Michael of Tolono, IL, Sidney A. Goad of Sullivan, IL and Keegan W. Kruckeberg of Sullivan, IL; his long-time partner, Brandy Miller of Mattoon, IL; and his step-grandparents, Brenda and Larry Bassett of Sullivan, IL. Sam is preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Walter and Ruth Kruckeberg; maternal grandparents, Floyd and Bessie Handley; his loving mother, Jamey K. Edwards and her husband John.

Sam was an active member of Charleston Alley Theater and proudly showcased his gift in multiple performances in Mattoon and Charleston, IL throughout the years. He had a passion for the arts, loved a variety of cinema genres, and playing his guitar. Sam will be greatly missed and remembered for his sense of humor, big personality, and even bigger heart.

Memorials in Sam's honor may be made to Mattoon Arts Council, 1718 Broadway Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938.

Please visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com or www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome to light a virtual candle in his honor or share a memory with the family.

Previous Events

Private Service

MAY 15. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Samuel "Sam" Kruckeberg*

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



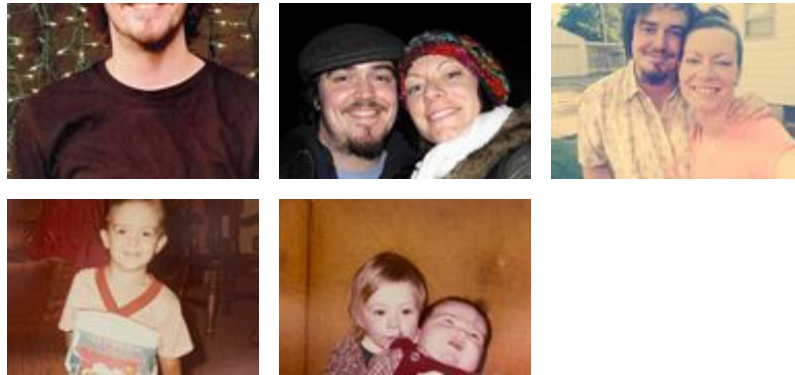
“ *Sending prayers, love and condolences to the family. Brandy I am so very sorry for your loss but my wish is that all of the amazing, wonderful, joyful and loving memories hold and keep you though this dufficult time of transition.*



Brenda Ingle - May 27, 2021 at 11:38 AM



“ *9 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home - May 14, 2021 at 10:44 AM



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Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home - May 13, 2021 at 11:25 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Samuel "Sam" Kruckeberg.



May 12, 2021 at 06:15 PM



“ My favorite memory of Sam was hanging out in the basement of his house on Wabash. We would literally play games for hours. I would go over there Friday night and go home Sunday night. We would listen to Stone temple pilots , Sam's favorite band at the time. nirvana and Alice in chains., We had our hair grown out past our necks, we were free, we had a ton of energy and we were kids. Skateboarding was Sam's new thing. it was just such a cool time to be alive and young. The world was our play ground!! . I remember we loaded up in a van around that time for Sam's birthday. He brought all his friends. His mom and dad took all of us to Chucky Cheeses in I think Springfield IL. We literally took that place over. Had the time of our lives. Such great memories. I just remember laughing and being happy ever time I was around him. Sam was just one of a kind and completely irreplaceable. Sammy , thank you for ALWAYS being who you are and never letting anyone ever change you. Thank you for making my childhood amazing and filled with laughter. I will truly never for get it. Rest in peace buddy

Ben Slater - May 12, 2021 at 10:00 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Richard Samuel "Sam" Kruckeberg.



May 11, 2021 at 06:35 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Richard Samuel "Sam" Kruckeberg.*



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“ *My favorite memory of Sam, was the first show I ever did with him. Christmas shorts back in 2015, my main prop for the show was a blue bathrobe every time I came to rehearsal. He would have my bath robe on and say I want to play your part. My other favorite memory with Sam was, my Grandma on my mother side past away in 2019. I went to rehearsal for fall follies the night of her passing and Sam hugged me and let me cry in his arms for a little while. He gave me closure that she was going to be ok*



Leah Piescinski - May 11, 2021 at 06:12 PM



“ *My favorite moment with Sam was when we were both cast in A Christmas Carol in 2019, I always remembered him bring his own portrayal of Bob Crachitt and how he brought 100% to his work. I will always remember his encouragement and passion for the arts. He will be greatly missed.*



Elijah - May 11, 2021 at 03:31 PM

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I did not know Sam well, but my husband John Renshaw, who passed away last summer was so very fond of him and would have been so saddened to learn of his death. We were friends of Floyd and Bessies and John's as well. You are in my prayers. Nancy Renshaw.

nancy rensaw - May 12, 2021 at 12:55 PM

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nancy rensaw - May 12, 2021 at 01:03 PM