



Mark Christopher Russell

November 16, 2022

On November 16, 2022 after a sudden and brief illness, Mark Christopher Russell of Elgin, TX died in the DHR emergency room in McAllen, TX. He had spent the preceding two weeks helping his brother to care for his ill father, Mark Russell (McAllen) who passed away on November 13th just three days earlier.

Chris is survived by his mother, Paula Boothe and stepfather, Larry Wieland (Tucson, AZ), his brother James (Jamie) Russell (McAllen), girlfriend Michelle Moffitt (Elgin) and a number of aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Other family members of Chris who preceded him in death were his maternal grandmother Betty Boothe Halladay (Elgin) and his paternal grandparents, W.B. and Bette Russell (San Juan, TX).

Chris attended schools in McAllen and was a member of the McHi Class of 1988. He went on to become the lead guitarist in a few south Texas bands most notably Kalamity Jane which played many clubs and other venues mainly in the Valley and which had a very loyal and fervent following in the 90s.

After leaving his band days behind, Chris became a freelance graphic artist and in his mid-30s enrolled in a film school in the Los Angeles CA area. He later graduated cum laude from Columbia College Hollywood with a BA in Fine Arts with majors in film and television production.

There are no plans for any immediate services for Chris but celebrations of his life will be held later in Elgin where he had a number of friends and next spring

along the Laguna Madre where he loved fishing with his beloved brother Jamie.

For anyone wishing to make a monetary contribution in Chris's name, making one to the Elgin VFW at 118 Sayers Rd, Elgin, TX 78621 would be something that Chris would have appreciated.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mark Christopher Russell*

October 08, 2023 at 09:43 PM



“ *JEFFREY WESEMAN lit a candle in memory of Mark Christopher Russell*



JEFFREY WESEMAN - January 12, 2023 at 01:34 PM



“ *Mark Christopher Russell*

November 29, 2022 at 06:40 AM



“ *Wow...I remember Chris in the Harlingen Texas Kalamity Jane Era. He was super nice and and an AMAZING TALENTED MUSICIAN! I had few memories with him but the few I did have still resonate even 32 years later!♥ rest east now♥ My deepest condolences to all his family and loved ones*

April Clancy Mungia - November 24, 2022 at 10:53 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Paula Boothe - November 23, 2022 at 08:33 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album *Photos and videos of Chris*



Paula Boothe - November 23, 2022 at 08:30 PM

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“ *My condolences to Chris's family..good friend..amazing musician..great guy. It was an honor n blessing having him in Kalamity Jane!*



Chris "The Kid" Guitars

Manny Zamarripa - November 23, 2022 at 08:50 AM

PB

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Paula Boothe - November 22, 2022 at 10:13 PM