



Christopher Paul Brown

January 26, 1955 - April 3, 2023

Christopher Paul Brown, devoted father, grandfather, brother, and friend, passed from this life at the age of 68, on April 3, 2023, at his home in Asheville, NC.

Chris was welcomed as the first child of Laurence and Sharon Brown on January 26, 1955, in Dubuque, IA. From the beginning, he was a passionate artist and musician. He received his first drum set when he was 10 and played in numerous bands throughout his life. As a young adult, he could be found splicing together 8mm film between jam sessions and progressed to video and other digital alchemy as technology changed. Although he forged a successful career in finance, his life-long passion as a multi-dimensional artist and creative thinker was the inspiration that propelled, consumed, and defined him.

His highest calling was as a devoted father to his five children. For more than four decades he gave freely of himself to each of them as a caregiver, mentor, friend, and catalyst for creative discovery. He explored abandoned houses, mountains, forests, music, and film with them and traveled with them to explore their interests. He considered his children to be the most profound blessings of his life.

Chris is survived by his children: Dorr Brown (Jenny Pesina), Rachel Starr

(Noah), Ella Brown, Isela Brown, and Wynter Brown; and his grandchildren: Tory Brown and Hazel Starr. We cannot express how profoundly grateful we are to have been parented and loved by him.

He is also survived by his co-parenting partners: Dana Briscoe and Georgia Brown; his siblings: Michael Brown (Arja), Susan Brown (Alden Brigham), and Daniel Brown; his children's cherished caretaker: Evelia Flores; and many beloved nieces, cousins, and friends. All who knew him appreciated his generosity, his love of animals and nature, and his empathetic spirit.

Chris retired to Asheville, NC, eleven years ago after living most of his life in the greater Chicago area. Memorial services will be held at a later date in Crystal Lake, Illinois. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in his honor to Nuci's Space in Athens, Georgia. (Link TBA)

Tribute Wall

JE

“ I used to model for Christopher in Asheville many years ago. We became good buddies and would wander around the paradoxical landscapes of Big Laurel and post industrial Asheville looking for fun photo ops. One of my favorites was wasting a whole gallon of milk just to get the perfect shot of a milk spray :) His photographs speak volumes and I am sorry that we did not reconnect before his passing. His art lives on and I will always remember our long talks and creative afternoons.
Ever Forward, Jes



Jes - December 04, 2023 at 01:14 PM



“ *Christopher Paul Brown*

October 09, 2023 at 01:52 AM



“ *Christopher Paul Brown*

October 08, 2023 at 10:49 PM

WJ

“ *I sadly just found out Chris had passed - very sorry... we were good friends here in Asheville and fellow drummers - My condolences to Chris's family...*
Billy James

William James - August 22, 2023 at 03:11 PM

MJ

“ So sad to hear this. My condolences to Chris's family. We had met weekly since 18 to have some coffee and tea at Starbucks and catch up on current events. I met with him shortly before his passing and there was no indication of his health failing. Quite a shock! I will miss him



Matt Jefferson - May 09, 2023 at 04:37 PM

MM

“ Sincerest condolences. We send prayers of love and comfort to you all. We were very fortunate to have had Chris for a son-in-law. He was one of the most intelligent, informed, and articulate people we have ever known. Many thought provoking discussions were held during our times together and he was always respectful of our thoughts. Seeing Chris with his children showed us what a truly loving father he was. We pray that he has found the peace he desired.
Sending love to you all, Tom and Marian

Marian & Tom Multer - April 23, 2023 at 05:19 PM

CM

“ Sincerest condolences to you all. I've shared many great times with Chris and appreciated getting to visit you guys in Crystal Lake to see such a beautiful part of Illinois (and later exploring NC). But, my fondest memory is him teaching Summer and I to play Euchre while I was still in college. We had many ultra competitive family matches and it has allowed me to enjoy over 25 years of great (and still take no prisoners) games with many others. I always credit him with how we know how to play. It used to be on my mom's fridge, I think it is digital now, but I love the picture of Chris, Dana, Chuck and I playing one of my first games at my parent's kitchen table. We will miss you.

Love,
Clay, Summer and Jack

Clay Multer - April 09, 2023 at 01:27 PM