



Christopher "Chris" Alan Kruzic

February 3, 1959 - December 30, 2023

Christopher "Chris" Alan Kruzic, age 64, of Des Moines, Iowa, passed away on Saturday, December 30, 2023.

Chris was born on February 3, 1959, in Iowa City, IA, to David J. and Mary Margaret (Coady) Kruzic. He grew up attending school in Solon, IA. On February 21, 1981, he was united in marriage to Twilla Kruzic at the Presbyterian Church in Albia and to this union, 2 children, Dana and Ahna, were born. Chris and Twilla later divorced.

Chris worked as an Electrical Technician and Manager at Excel for many years. He was an avid fan of music and the outdoors, and loved listening to records, hiking, riding his bike, and visiting parks. Chris was also an alcoholic, and ultimately, this illness took his life. Though he struggled with addiction, his true joy in life was spending time with his family and friends, especially his children - who he maintained close relationships with.

Chris is survived by his children, Dana Kruzic and Ahna Kruzic; his siblings Jo (Duane) Leonard, Dan (Louisa) Kruzic, Tony (Linda) Kruzic, and Karen (Steve) Jacobson. He was preceded in death by his parents, David and Mary Kruzic.

Visitation will be held from 11a.m. to 1p.m. Sunday, January 14, 2023, at the

Tharp Funeral Home in Albia with Chris's family present to greet family and friends.

Graveside services will immediately follow the visitation at 1:15 p.m. on Sunday, January 14, 2023, at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Albia, with Father Mark Yates, C.P.P.S. officiating.

A memorial has been established to Broadlawns Memorial Foundation in Chris's honor. Broadlawns Medical Center was where Chris (and countless other Iowans) received medical and mental health care, without regard for ability to pay, for addiction-related health challenges.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 14. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home
116 Benton Ave.
Albia, IA 52531
(641) 932-3129
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

Graveside Service

JAN 14. 1:15 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Cemetery
Albia, IA

Tribute Wall

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“ Sending so much love and light to all honoring Chris' memory on this winter day. I knew Chris only through my friendship with his daughter, Ahna, what a testament she is to his love as a father. His care for her, especially through her undergraduate and graduate studies when I first met her at Iowa State University, allowed Ahna the time needed to engage in community activism that continues to motivate much of her life. I will be forever grateful to Chris for his parenting of my friend; he raised a fierce advocate for community and a brighter future for all of us.

Angie Carter - January 14, 2024 at 09:49 AM

DA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Daniel - January 10, 2024 at 06:20 PM

MP

“ Mark and all of Ahna's work partners planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christopher "Chris" Alan Kruzic.

Mark and all of Ahna's work partners - January 10, 2024 at 12:46 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Christopher "Chris" Alan Kruzic.



January 10, 2024 at 12:46 PM



“ I babysat Dana & Ahna as a teen & Chris was always very pleasant & had a great humor about him. Truly a wonderful family, my deepest condolences to you all 🌸



Missy Gee - January 10, 2024 at 10:02 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Christopher "Chris" Alan Kruzic.



January 09, 2024 at 06:31 PM



“ Bobbie and Mike Matthes planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christopher "Chris" Alan Kruzic.

Bobbie and Mike Matthes - January 09, 2024 at 06:31 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Christopher "Chris" Alan Kruzic.*



January 04, 2024 at 12:04 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Christopher "Chris" Alan Kruzic.*



January 03, 2024 at 06:51 PM