



Richard Lee Christy

May 25, 1966 - March 31, 2025

Richard Lee Christy, age 58, of Ottumwa, IA, passed away on Monday, March 31, 2025, at Ottumwa Regional Health Center.

Richard was born on May 25, 1966, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Ottumwa, IA, to Donald Christy and Shirley Maxine Jordan and was later raised by his mother and stepfather, Larry Denham. He grew up attending school in Ottumwa. He was united in marriage to Shelly Sly. They later divorced and Richard had a son, Richard Lee Christy III "Bubba", with Ferron Dignin.

Richard worked construction and did spray foam work. He enjoyed being outdoors, fishing and rock hunting. He was a very talented artist and tattoo artist. Richard had a great sense of humor. He also was very generous, had a huge heart and would do anything for anyone. He enjoyed going for rides and having cool ones and some smoke with his buddies. His true joy in life was spending time with his family, especially his nieces, Brooke and Willow.

Richard is survived by his son, Richard Lee Christy III "Bubba"; 7 siblings, Ronald (Jeff) Christy, Larry "Turk" Denham, Larry "Bird" (Amber) Denham, Julie Denham, Walter (Cami) Denham, Junior (Angel) Jordan, and Mary Arlene Christy. Richard is also survived by several nieces, nephews, cousins, and good friends.

Richard is preceded in death by his father, Donald Christy; his mother and stepfather, Shirley and Larry Denham; and brothers, Tim Jordan; and George DeWayne Jacobs.

A Celebration of Life will be held from 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at his brother, Larry "Bird" Denham's home (813 West Main St., Ottumwa, IA).

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR 9. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Larry "Bird" Denham's home
813 West Main St.
Ottumwa, IA 52501