



Kurt Von Schakel

July 13, 1958 - May 11, 2023

Kurt Von Schakel, 64, of Indianapolis, passed away May 11, 2023. He was born July 13, 1958, in Indianapolis, IN, to the late Paul Walter and Dollie Jeanne (Githens) Schakel. Kurt was a graduate of Warren Central High School and attended Indiana University. A gifted musician and keyboard artist, Kurt performed with many different classical symphonies over his lifetime, and served as musical director for many large organizations and events. At the time of his passing, he was the organist/pianist at Avon Christian Church. Kurt was passionate about gothic architecture, Harley Davidson motorcycles, and classic pipe and theater organs.

Kurt is survived by his brother, Eric Schakel (Linae); sister, Kristin Harrison (Roger); nieces, Amy Schakel and Rachel Harrison; and nephew, Daniel Harrison.

Visitation will be Friday, June 9, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. until time of Funeral Service at 12:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers, 9606 E. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46229.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Marion County Humane Society, 7929 Michigan Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 9. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel
9606 E. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46229
(317) 897-9606
<https://shirleybrothers.com/>

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

JH

“ Kurt my friend, I have missed you for a very long time. I've tried several times to find you, but to no avail. I could never have guessed that you were long gone before me. I remember traveling with you to work on the organs, riding our Harleys, and listening to the occasional duet you would play at the Paramount. May you rest in the arms of the Father.

John William Helfrich - September 19, 2024 at 09:06 AM

JB

“ Oh my heavens..

There is not enough space in this little box of the expression of sympathy, to find the words of how special Kurt was, to me..

We played several Christmas shows together at The Purdue Christmas Show..

Kurt was as genuine, fun and eclectic as anybody I've ever known..

A genius on the organ..

Theatre, Pipe, big or small..

He was magical and a joy to be around..

So humble and kind..

I am thrilled that our paths crossed in this lifetime..

Forever grateful..

Sincerely,

Jay Bailey

Jay Bailey - December 05, 2023 at 12:13 AM

SD

“ I met Kurt when we were sophomores at Warren. He was also my accompanist. We also dated for quite awhile. He was an amazing pipe organist and I was his page turner. He always said I was too slow! Lool a date with Kurt was always an adventure. One we cleaned and retuned an abandoned pipe organist. We were covered in soot. It was a blast! We stayed in touch over the years. I am sorry he is no longer with us, but I have rich memories of to keep him alive. I love you Kurt

Stephanie Drummond - November 17, 2023 at 03:35 PM

PH

“ Such a talented man, he and Gerry Gregorius played several concerts at my church in Portland, OR. My condolences. Patricia Holman

Patricia Holman - August 04, 2023 at 03:15 AM

JF

“ I first met Kurt back in 1979 when I moved from New York to Indianapolis. I knew no one - was moving for my work. Kurt was one who befriended a stranger in a new town. The fact that we were both "pipe organ people" helped. I am sorry to see his passing. Rest in peace my friend. John Foell

John D. Foell - June 06, 2023 at 09:18 PM

AR

“ Kurt was my friend for the last 18 years. I played many concerts with him as a fellow musician. He was the piano player for the Pride of Indy Jazz Ensemble from 2006-2023 and is considered a founding member of the Pride of Indy Bands. Everyone in our organization is mourning and will remember him and his immense, unmatched talent.



Aaron Rambo - May 19, 2023 at 12:19 AM

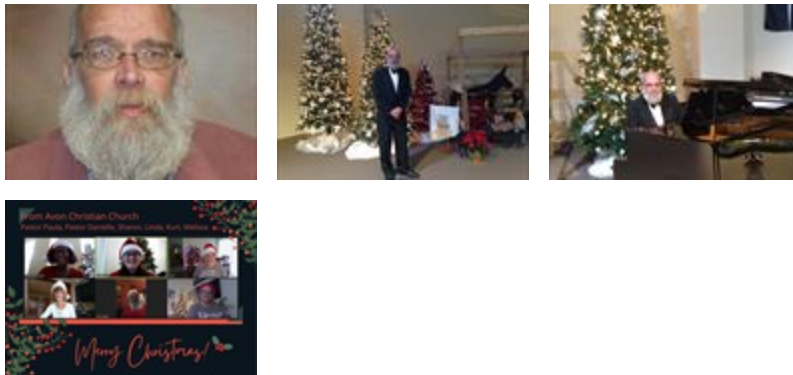
DE

“ I enjoyed playing duet recitals with Kurt at Third Baptist Church in Owensboro, Kentucky. He was so talented and fun. What a special guy!

Diane Earle - May 17, 2023 at 06:15 PM

ME

“ 4 files added to the album from Avon Christian Church



Melissa - May 17, 2023 at 10:45 AM