



Christopher Sumrall

March 3, 1985 - November 6, 2024

Christopher Sumrall, 39, of Kankakee, passed away Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at St. Mary's Hospital in Kankakee.

Christopher was born March 3, 1985, in Proviso Township, the son of Thomas L. and Kathleen (Haberhorn) Sumrall.

A talented musician and multi-instrumentalist, Chris was best known as the drummer for Chicago-based indie band "The Nothingheads". After studying music composition at Columbia College in Chicago, Chris left a lasting impact with his work on two feature Films, *Incorporeal*, and *Candy's Harem*, showcasing his skill by crafting evocative scores that enhanced the storytelling of both projects. His musical contributions were as diverse as his talents; as well as film scores, he composed chamber works, solo piano works, orchestra works, vocal works, and other pieces blending improvisation with sound colleges, resulting in a unique experience leaving a deep impression on the listener.

Chris was also known for his deep affection for animals, becoming a vegetarian at a young age. He was a devoted cat rescuer, often taking in stray cats and giving them a loving home.

Chris is survived by his mother, Kathleen Sumrall, of Bourbonnais; brother, Thomas (Joe) Sumrall of Chicago; niece, Madeline Sumrall, of Chicago; nephew, Ian Sumrall, of Chicago; 2 uncles, David Sumrall of Chebanse, and Robert Sumrall of Beverly, MA; 2 aunts, Genice Bailey, of Kankakee; and Sharon Lundahl of Bourbonnais.

He is preceded in death by his father, Thomas L. Sumrall; aunt, Sandra Mill; paternal grandparents, Thomas W. and Cleo Sumrall; maternal grandparents, William Haberkorn Jr, and Mary Ann Davis.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the American Cancer Society.

Chris's legacy will live on through his music, his films, and the countless lives he touched with his kindness, creativity, and passion for the arts. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Tribute Wall



“ *Delivered mail to the Sumrall home from the time Chris was an infant through high school and he was such a nice kid. Remember hearing music coming from their garage when he was a teen but didn't realize his aspirations materialized into a career, he was indeed a fine young man.*

Jerry the Mailman

Jerrold Bjick - November 15, 2024 at 11:34 AM

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“ *Sincere condolences to Kathy and family on the passing of a very talented young man, gone too soon. Fly high Chris and keep your music alive. RIP.*

Virginia and Rudy Hajny



Virginia & Rudy Hajny - November 14, 2024 at 07:33 PM

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“ *Connie Eaker lit a candle in memory of Christopher Sumrall*



Connie Eaker - November 14, 2024 at 05:06 PM