

Stephen “Steve” Walsh

August 19, 2016 Countryside



Steve spent nearly his entire life loving and playing guitar. He was a guitar virtuoso who played lead in several bands, and was accepted to and attended the Guitar Institute of Technology (now the Musicians Institute) in Los Angeles, at just 17 years old, before coming back home to the Western suburbs. Steve worked for many years as a painting contractor, but loved most of all his positions as a guitar teacher. He always encouraged his students, young and old, to learn and have fun with music. It was his passion. When summertime came, you could find Steve heading to the family cottage in Culver, IN, where his waterskis awaited. He was the self-anointed “King of the Lake,” and his skills and tricks entertained Lake Maxinkuckee for 35 years. He is survived by his parents, William J. Walsh Jr.

and Lydia Walsh, of LaGrange; his brother, Patrick, sister-in-law, Nikki, their four children Ryan, Collin, Brendan, and Shannon, of Naperville, IL, and his sister, Laurie Walsh and her husband, Paul Ritchie, of Chicago. Steve “Guitarman” Walsh was one-of-a-kind, and his big presence, silly sense of humor, and beautiful smile will be missed by all who loved him. There will be a private memorial for family and close friends. Memorial donations may be made to one of Steve’s favorite organizations: The Hinsdale Humane Society, 22 N Elm St, Hinsdale, IL 60521. Arrangements entrusted to **Hallowell & James Funeral Home** (708) 352-6500