



Doss Shropshire

June 6, 1968 - May 24, 2016

Early Doss Shropshire (Doss) was one of the most amazing people to ever walk this earth. He was known for his integrity, courage, sense of humor, and kindness. He loved fiercely and honestly, and was always aware of the feelings of others, constantly looking for ways to help people feel wanted, included, and respected.

Doss began playing piano at the age of five, and continued to play throughout his life. In High School Doss got his first guitar, and he immediately fell in love. Although Doss sang and played many instruments throughout his life—french horn and percussion among them—guitar was always his favorite and he was rarely seen without a guitar near him any time he was home. Doss performed in many bands, including jazz and rock bands, orchestras, and Choirs. Creating new music came naturally to him.

Doss loved reading, especially science fiction. He also loved bad sci-fi movies. He was a beautiful photographer and loved hiking and taking trips in his car. He was also a master of hotkeys, and loved to spew random Star Wars quotes.

Doss was born on June 6, 1968 in Leemore, California. He held the unique position of being the best friend to both his brother and his sister. His father was a Naval Aviator and Doss spent his childhood in Coronado, California and

Pensacola and Jacksonville Florida, where he graduated from Sandalwood High School in 1986.

He also lived in southern Brazil for two years as a Mormon Missionary. Doss attended Jacksonville University and Brigham Young University, where he received a Bachelor of Arts in Russian Language and Literature in 1993. After graduation Doss lived in Salt Lake City, Utah, and worked a few different jobs until he was hired by Musicians Friend in 1998. This was a perfect fit for him, especially after he moved to Oregon's Rogue Valley, where he gained lifelong friends whom he loved very much. Doss thoroughly enjoyed the many years he worked at Musicians Friend, where he received Leadership and Service awards. As a Senior Buyer for Keyboard and Music Technology Doss traveled around the US and to Japan, China, and Europe. He also used his resources to help his sister's charity, the Shropshire Music Foundation, and made sure that the war-affected children in her program had drums, guitar strings, and anything else he could supply.

Doss's life changed forever when he met Ki Kurtz, the love of his life, in 2009. They lived together in Oregon's Rogue Valley and then Corvallis. In 2015 they were married, and their years together were the best of Doss's life.

Unfortunately, Doss was diagnosed with Mucosal Melanoma in 2011. He and Ki battled the cancer together with everything they had. Doss wrote a blog detailing their fight at bananadogpatch.blogspot.com. Doss never gave up—as he wrote, “I am resolute in my will to get this under control”.

Doss is survived by his husband Ki Kurtz, his mother Dian Lines Shropshire, his sister Liz Shropshire, his Brother Ed (Tres) Shropshire, his sister in law Jane Shropshire, his nieces Kara, Sidney, and Kimi Shropshire, his nephew Coleman Shropshire, and his cats Cleopatra, Calpernia, and Q-tip. He was predeceased by his father Edwin Demar Shropshire. Doss will be missed more than words can say.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, June 5, at McHenry Funeral Home, 206 NW 5th St., Corvallis, OR 97330.

Memorial donations may be made to the Shropshire Music Foundation at 1123 Torreon Drive E., Litchfield Park, AZ, 85340 and www.TeachingChildrenPeace.org or to the charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 5. 11:00 AM (PT)

McHenry Funeral Home
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Corvallis, OR 97330
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Tribute Wall



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