



Joe Steven Gaines

May 17, 1958 - January 26, 2022

Joe Steven Gaines, son of Roland and Patsy Williams Gaines, passed away Wednesday January 26, 2022 in the morning at his residence in Bloomington, Indiana. Joe is survived by his mother Patsy, his brother Jim, and his son Taylor.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 38 years, Amy, and his father Roland.

Joe graduated from Bedford North Lawrence High School in 1976 before attending Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, where he graduated in 1980 with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. He received a Master of Fine Arts in Acting from Brandeis University and a Master of Public Administration from Indiana University.

Joe worked at NSWC Crane for 33 years, where he became the Chief Technology Officer. He then worked at Eastern Carolina University for six years, where he became Associate Dean of the Innovation Laboratory. Joe was a passionate actor, and was involved with the Cardinal Stage Company, the Detour Theater Company, and the Bloomington Playwright Project in Bloomington; the Phoenix Theater in Indianapolis; and several theaters in the Chicago and Boston areas. Joe also shared his love of skiing, mountain biking, and adventure with his friends and family.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, February 2, 2022 between 3PM and 5PM at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 S. Old State Rd. 37 in Bloomington. Online condolences, photos, and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com

Memorial contributions may be made to the Monroe County Human Association, P.O. Box 1334 Bloomington, IN 47402.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 2. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory
4155 S. Old State Road 37
Bloomington, IN 47401
<http://www.allencares.com>

Tribute Wall



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Joe was an important childhood friend. He accomplished so much and will be greatly missed. Patsy and Jimmy you are in my prayers. *Leanne Chambers Arndt* ”

Leanne Arndt - February 07 at 07:09 PM

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“ *Janine Eagan lit a candle in memory of Joe Steven Gaines* ”



Janine Eagan - February 02 at 01:54 PM

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Janine Eagan - February 02 at 01:48 PM

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“ *Janine Eagan ~ Class Of 76 lit a candle in memory of Joe Steven Gaines* ”



Janine Eagan ~ Class of 76 - February 02 at 01:39 PM

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“ *Jessica Bennett Allen lit a candle in memory of Joe Steven Gaines* ”



Jessica Bennett Allen - February 01 at 04:27 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joe Steven Gaines.*



February 01 at 11:54 AM

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“ *I worked with Joe at Crane many years ago. He was a very kind person who was always good to work with. Sorry for you loss.*
Lorna Troutman

Lorna Troutman - January 31 at 11:15 AM

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“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. I used to work for Joe at NSWC Crane, he was a wonderful person and an inspiration. I enjoyed when he shared his passion for the theater. Prayers to his entire family during this difficult time, Joe left us far too soon.*

Michael Steele - January 31 at 10:15 AM