



## Carroll "Fritz" Frederick Busch

July 17, 1965 - July 16, 2016

Carroll "Fritz" Frederick Busch, beloved husband and father, dedicated co-worker and teacher, father to newbie stagehands and brother to old ones died on July 16, 2016 in Bloomington Indiana. He was 51.

Fritz was born in June 17, 1965 in Bloomington, Indiana to parents Hans Busch and Carolyn Lockwood Busch. He graduated from Bloomington High School South before attending Indiana University-Bloomington where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Lighting Design in 1987.

September 19 2003, Fritz married Jennifer Castellano in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Fritz and his family returned to Bloomington where he was employed as stagehand for IATSE Local 618, for the past four years he has been the Master Electrician at the Indiana University Opera and Ballet Theater. Fritz was the third generation of Busch men to work in opera. His grandfather was world-renowned opera conductor Fritz Busch and this father, Hans Busch, was an opera director at Indiana University for over 30 years.

Prior to settling down in Bloomington, Fritz worked theater, opera, and television lighting jobs across the country from Santa Fe Opera to New York and California. He also worked on national tours with music acts including Jimmy Buffet, Metallica, Guns N' Roses, Beastie Boys, and ZZ Top.

Fritz is survived by wife Jennifer, children Faith and Jack, mother Carolyn, friends at the Musical Arts Center, and members of IATSE local 618. He is preceded in death by father Hans Busch

Memorial will be held on Wednesday July 20th at 1:30 pm at the Musical Arts Center Bloomington, IN 101 North Jordan Avenue.

In lieu of flowers the family asks you to donate to a charity of your choice in honor of Fritz. Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington, have been entrusted with arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

BC

“ *My thoughts and prayers for the family. Fritz and I spent a lot of time together back in the 1980's in NYC working and socializing together. I remember those times fondly.*

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**Brian Cassier** - August 26, 2022 at 06:10 PM

AM

“ *Fritz and I go back to elementary school at Elm Heights. We reconnected at our children's elementary school (Childs) where I got to know Jennifer as we helped with carnivals and other activities. My youngest daughter became involved with ballet and I would see Fritz every year backstage at the Nutcracker. In every interaction (from school days until this year) my memory is of Fritz's smile and pride in his family. I will miss seeing him in the neighborhood and at the MAC. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Alex May*

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**Alex May** - July 20, 2016 at 10:52 PM



*Hello Alex, I am an old family friend of Fritz's mom Carolyn. Carolyn's mom and my mom were very close friends in Beaumont, Texas. I first met Fritz when he was 4 or 5 months old. I am just now June 2020 learning that Fritz has passed and also his wife. So so sad. I can't determine if Carolyn is still alive. If you read this, I hope you will reach out to me on Facebook.*

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**Bart Morrison** - June 14, 2020 at 02:53 PM

BC

*Bart,*

*I also just found out about all of this.*

*I was not only good friends with Fritz years ago but was around his mom Carolyn at MSM for years. She was very important to all of us at school. If you did find out if she is still around to communicate with, please let me know. I would love to contact her. I just do not know what happened.*

*Brian Cassier*

*(my website is on line with contact info)*

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**Brian Cassier** - August 26, 2022 at 06:08 PM

LJ

“*Fritz greeted me with a smile and an anecdote from his roadbox every day I came in for work at the MAC. He was always there, always ready with a story and a compliment, or the advice I needed. He knew how to do everything. And he loved to brag about Faith and Jack, loved to brag about what delicious dish Jen made for dinner (that I just had to try), and how kick-ass awesome she is. It was inspirational to hear a person talk with so much evident pride about his greatest joys in life.*

*When Nik and I started dating, Fritz told me just how much he respected and valued Nik as a colleague, friend, and human being. And then Fritz told me he couldn't think of anyone better for Nik to find to spend the rest of his life with. That truly touched me. For Fritz to care so much about his friend, and to approve of someone who only showed up in town two or three times a year; it made me want to live up to be the person Fritz saw me as. It makes me continue to want to be that person.*

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**Laura Judson** - July 20, 2016 at 11:47 AM

JC

“ We are so deeply sorry for your unimaginable loss. Sending thoughts of comfort and prayers for peace.

*Thinking of you,*

*Jean, Pat, Nick & Emma Cannon*

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**Jean Cannon** - July 20, 2016 at 10:24 AM

WH

“ *Jennifer, Faith, and Jack,*

*I am so sorry for your loss. Fritz always was a joy to be around. Always willing to help, to teach or play a playful joke on someone. He is a 618 brother and friend that will be missed in our local and our hearts.*

*Thinking of your family,  
Woody and Debbie Hueston*

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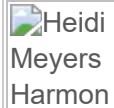
**Woody Hueston** - July 20, 2016 at 08:00 AM

EJ

“ *Fritz was one of the first people at the MAC who renewed my faith in my abilities. I was having a really horrible time in life during a production of H.M.S. Pinafore. And I don't know how he knew, but he stopped me to tell me how much he loved my voice and presence on stage. We then proceeded to make fun of opera singers (yes, I'm an opera singer, which made us laugh more). From that moment on, I relied on Fritz for humor and inspiration onstage and off. He really changed my life.*

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**Eileen Jennings** - July 19, 2016 at 11:42 PM



“Faith's friends (Kendall and company) loved when Fritz would come lunch with them at Childs. They literally would climb on top of him. Not sure when it started but they had their own nickname for him - "Bob Cheeseburger". Sending love and thoughts to you all. - Heidi Harmon

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**Heidi Meyers Harmon** - July 19, 2016 at 10:36 AM

BL

Jennifer, Faith and Jack --this is Aunt Bebe in Santa Fe --Evelyn just let me know the sad new about your beautiful Fritz --I remember him as a very gentle, kind and loving person. Am Sending Special Prayers for you and the children. May God comfort you at this time. Am Also lighting a Special Prayer Candle for him. RIP --Aunt Bebe (505) 424-0656. Please call me when you have time.

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**Bea Lockhart** - July 20, 2016 at 09:39 PM

GW

Fritz was a great colleague and friend, a loving human being and a great compatriot in the world of theater and opera. All our condolences and sympathy for your loss. Love, Gary Wedow

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**Gary Wedow** - August 09, 2016 at 10:11 AM