



Charles Mark Leganza

December 10, 1956 - April 18, 2016

Charles Mark Leganza, 59, of Bloomington, passed away on April 18, 2016 at St. Francis Hospital in Greenwood, Indiana. Charlie was born on December 10, 1956, the oldest son of the late Walter John Leganza and Doris E. Leganza of Indianapolis, who survives. He is also survived by his wife, Patricia Stanton Bernens of Bloomington who was with him at the end, and his deeply beloved son Daniel Leganza Bernens, also of Bloomington. Charlie is also survived by his sister, Krystina Leganza of Indianapolis, and his brother, John Leganza of Fishers, John's wife Cathleen Leganza, and John and Cathy's children Jonathan Leganza, of San Diego, CA, Halle Leganza of Indianapolis, and Samuel Leganza, at home. Charlie also leaves behind a niece and nephew in Edmonds, Washington, Alexander Jon Kerr and Leah Kerr, and niece Eleanor Kerr of Kilauea, Hawaii.

Charlie worked for many years as a case manager in mental health and was beloved by his clients. In his last years he found great satisfaction in working at the Recovery Engagement Center in Bloomington. He loved animals, always dogs, including his beloved Deirdre "Dee Dee" who left us only a few weeks ago, and also cats once he had the great privilege of knowing the late and irreplaceable Harry Dean, including the late great Willie and sweet Sheelie, who survives. He loved vegetable gardening, and his family will tend the volunteer tomatoes and peppers that are already coming back. He was a natural and compulsive cook and fed his family well right up until his final illness. He loved the ocean and annual visits to Charleston, SC to see not just

the ocean but also his father-in-law, the late Jack Bernens, and Jack's wife P.J. Gartin-Bernens, who was a dear friend to Charlie and also survives. He also loved music, blues and old rock and roll, especially Hendrix, Janis, and Clapton. He was a comedian. He was a voracious reader despite losing most of his vision at the age of 18: he was practically family to Yellow Cab of Bloomington, who always took him where he wanted to go. But most of all Charlie loved his son, Daniel, who was the light of his life.

Visitation will be at Allen Funeral Home & Crematory 4155 S. Old St Rd 37 in Bloomington on Monday, April 25, 2016, from 5 until 7 pm, With a brief service at 7 pm. In lieu of flowers the family asks for donations to the Recovery Engagement Center Volunteer Program c/o the funeral home.

You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence to Charlie's family at www.allencares.com

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **25**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory
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Bloomington, IN 47401
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Service

APR **25**. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

Jl

“ *My deepest condolences and love to the family! As a relative of Charlie, I met him only once, but I am saddened. The earth is diminished with his passing.*

With Love,

JohnLittle II

John Little II - May 27, 2016 at 08:55 PM

 Sharon Carlino

“ *I was so happy when Charlie came into Trisha's life. He was such a kind, compassionate, devoted, and unique man. I loved sitting at their kitchen table in their first home and enjoying good conversations and so many laughs. There was always a cat in attendance that helped to set the even pace in their household and lives. I am so sorry for your loss. I know that Charlie's family meant the world to him and that your family will be forever changed with his absence. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Sharon Carlino

Sharon Carlino - April 25, 2016 at 10:47 AM

KL

“ *I want to thank everyone who has posted on this sight. It is really comforting to read other's memories of Charlie and hear their thoughts about him as a friend, man, father, and husband. These messages mean a lot to me.*

Kris Leganza (his sister)

Krysi Leganza - April 25, 2016 at 10:14 AM

DM

“ I just happened to search for my old college roommate today and, very sadly, found this. Charlie and I attended high school together and were roomies freshman year at IU. Charlie always had his own, well-considered take on things. A part of him was always older, more thoughtful than those around him but another part was younger and able to see facets that his peers simply looked past. Always funny but with a dry delivery. A great guy when I knew him and, I am sure, those wonderful qualities did nothing but grow. One of the last times I saw him was when he told me about his RP diagnosis late our freshman year and why does it not surprise me that, reading the thoughts of others, he moved on with the originality and humor that were uniquely his. Cheers, Friend. We need more like you.

Dan Mullim - April 24, 2016 at 06:33 PM

PE

“ Charlie was a pretty amazing guy. He was strong to stand by his very strong partner, Trish. He was loving for his son, Daniel. He was caring and compassionate to his clients (and we shared a special one). He was a gentle soul and I will miss him dearly. Phyllis

Phyllis Emerick - April 24, 2016 at 03:55 PM

MM

“ I was so sorry to read of Charlie's passing. I am a friend of his sister, Kysi, and a neighbor around the corner in Bloomington. I worked with Krysi at UINDY and she asked me, when Daniel was young to transport Halloween and Easter packages for Daniel. My prayers are with all of you.
Mary McGann

Mary E McGann - April 23, 2016 at 11:08 AM

CH

“ I'll never forget when we figured out the Leganza at church was the same family. Or the time I was working downtown at a church in Bloomington, stepping outside, and seeing none other than Charlie, next to the old PO.

Chuck Hodge - April 22, 2016 at 08:18 PM

DJ

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Charlie's family. I worked with Charlie for many years. He was such a caring and compassionate man who was devoted to his clients at the mental health center. I appreciated his sense of humor and his abilities to make people smile. Charlie loved talking about Daniel and they're activities together. He so loved his son. RIP Charlie....so glad I got to know you :)

Denise Jackson - April 22, 2016 at 12:47 PM

SM

“ I'm so sorry to hear of your loss of Charlie. My very deepest condolences to Trish and Daniel. Madeleine is showing him around.
SGM

Susan Montgomery - April 22, 2016 at 06:26 AM