



## Christopher Alan Gossman

April 4, 1956 - November 7, 2016

Christopher Alan Gossman, aged 60, passed away from complications from pneumonia in Bloomington on November 7, 2016. A 25 year resident of Bloomington, Chris grew up in Detroit, Michigan. He was a student at Gonzaga University in Washington State and also the University of Detroit. From his high school years, Chris enjoyed wilderness camping and hiking around the Great Lakes, and became interested in the writings of Thomas Merton, an American Catholic writer and Trappist monk.

Chris's life was forever changed when he developed schizophrenia in his late teens and early 20s. As his illness progressed, he became more reclusive. After his parents, Norbert and Martha Gossman, retired to Bloomington in 1990, Chris settled there as well, becoming one of Wylie House's longest residents. He enjoyed spending weekends with his parents, keeping in touch with his sisters, and occasionally volunteering at the Monroe County Public Library. Chris was well known for his sense of humor.

Preceded in death by parents, Chris is survived by his sisters Susan, Patricia and Mary Beth. We thank all those who helped Chris through his struggles, particularly Centerstone, and hope that this devastating disease may find better treatments.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held for Chris at St. Paul's Catholic Center,

1413 E 17th St, Bloomington, at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 18th, 2017.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory 4155 South Old State Road 37 is handling the arrangements and online condolences may be shared with family and friends at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Rose Hill Cemetery

West 4th Street  
Bloomington, IN 47401

# Previous Events

## Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul's Catholic Center  
1413 East 17th Street  
Bloomington, IN 47408

# Tribute Wall

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“ *My condolences, I knew Chris growing up on Beaverland he was very smart and nice. I remember he was a good basketball player, I was glad to have known him. Wally Bernhardt*

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**Walter Bernhardt** - January 16, 2019 at 12:17 PM

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“ *I had the privilege of serving as Chris's case manager in the 1990's when he lived at Hoosier House. Even though counselors aren't supposed to have "favorites", Chris was one of mine nonetheless. Great sense of humor and wonderful parents/family. My condolences to his loved ones. Susan Dabkowski*

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**Susan** - February 15, 2017 at 08:56 AM

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*Thank you. (his sister, Patti)*

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**Patricia** - September 26, 2017 at 02:41 PM