



Christopher Mallory Hawes

February 20, 1970 - May 6, 2026

On May 6, 2026, we lost a boundless spirit: Christopher Mallory Hawes. His passing was sudden and unexpected. Born at Bloomington Hospital on February 20, 1970, he was the son of Diana Mallory Hawes and the late Indiana University professor, Louis Hawes. Chris lived most of his life in Bloomington and held a deep and lasting affection for the town and the university.

He had a zest for life, an insatiable curiosity, and a profound love for his friends and family. A collector of many things, his passions spanned cars, motorcycles, boats, and books. A true audiophile, Chris frequently traveled the country attending conventions and shows to hear the latest speakers and amplifiers. His mind possessed a rare ability to retain vast amounts of detail on an endless number of topics. He made friends far and wide, particularly among those who shared one of his many interests. People were naturally drawn to his eagerness to share knowledge and learn more about their mutual hobbies.

In his younger years at Rogers Elementary, Chris was an exceptional ice skater and hockey player. Later, at North Country School in Lake Placid, New York, he became a proficient skier and even attended Swiss Challenge during summer break. At Harmony School in Bloomington, he honed his artistic abilities. At both schools, he rode the wheels off his BMX bike—and even

mastered the unicycle. But obtaining his driver's license marked the beginning of an endless parade of unique and unusual cars and motorcycles.

While attending Indiana University, he met his life partner, Tina Love.

Together, they embarked on many adventures across the United States and abroad, beginning with Semester at Sea. Over the past 30-plus years, he became close to Tina's family in upstate New York, including several nieces and nephews, all of whom he considered family.

Chris was always available whenever anyone needed help, caring deeply about the health and well-being of those around him. He is survived by Tina; his mother, Diana, and her partner, James Kirby; his younger brother, Daniel Hawes, and sister-in-law, Monica Morales Hawes; and his beloved niece and nephew, Lucinda Aceves Hawes and Benjamin Louis Hawes, all of Birmingham, Michigan.

He left this world too soon. But if he could, he would ask us to honor his memory by staying curious, staying positive, and soaking up every last drop of life.

A Celebration of Life will be planned and announced shortly. Please return here for updated details.