



## Christopher Howard Risley

June 23, 1962 - December 14, 2017

Christopher Howard Risley, 55, passed away peacefully on December 14, 2017 at his home in Bloomington IN.

Chris was born in Dallas TX on June 23, 1962 and grew up in Scottsdale AZ and Northwest Indiana. For much of his life, Chris called Chicago IL and Palm Beach FL home. Chris was intelligent, kind, humorous, and good spirited. He was an avid and lifelong learner and effortlessly consumed highly technical books about ships, biographies and history, meticulously retaining facts and details. Chris also loved fitness and excelled as an amateur body builder. Chris will always be remembered lovingly by his family for his caring ways, sensitivity, silly faces, storytelling and great big heart.

Chris was preceded in death by his great grandfather, the Honorable Congressman Nestor Montoya, b. 1862, grandmother Aurelia Montoya-Gutierrez b. 1893, and father John T. Risley Sr. b. 1918.

Chris is survived by his mother, Mary Jo Gutierrez of Indianapolis IN; brother John T. Risley Jr. (Magdalena) of Albuquerque NM, sister M. Angela Risley of York ME, brother Lawrence P. Risley of Maui HI, sister Sarah Jane Risley-Sherck of Franklin TN, a niece and nephews. Chris also had brothers and sisters at Knightridge Pentecostal Church in Bloomington.

The family requests, if so desired, that donations be made to these organizations that aided Chris so significantly late in life: Wheeler Mission (please specify the Bloomington 'Backstreet' location) [wheelermission.org](http://wheelermission.org) and the Shalom Community Center [shalomcommunitycenter.org](http://shalomcommunitycenter.org)