



Randall John Marmouze

October 14, 1948 - February 2, 2016

Randall Marmouze of Springville, IN passed away peacefully at IU Health-Bloomington Hospital on February 2, 2016. He was surrounded by loved ones and kept his positive spirit and sense of humor through it all, singing and even sharing a few laughs in his last hours. He will be forever missed by his loving wife of 38 years, Martha, daughter and son-in-law Lily and Jeff Kleinlein, and son Jonathan Marmouze. Randy's surviving family also includes his brothers Ray Marmouze, Gary and Patty Marmouze, and many nieces and nephews. Randy was born on October 14, 1948 to the late Raymond and Catherine Marmouze and grew up in Brookville, IN. He moved to Bloomington to attend Indiana University, graduating with a degree in Anthropology and Zoology. He married Martha Steel in 1977 and he designed and built their beautiful home in Greene County. He was an excellent banjo player and many life-long friends through The Old Time Music and Dance Group, through his work as a master carpenter and contractor for more than 30 years, and of course through his gourmet cooking. This December, Randy made and delivered more than 90 loaves of challah bread to his friends! He loved science and nature, gardening, playing banjo on the front porch, and spoiling his pets. He had a big heart for family and friends and loved taking care of them. In the last year of his life, Randy made the most of every moment. After an extended illness in 2014, he entered 2015 with a renewed energy and appreciation for life. His humor, optimism, and spirit will be remembered and missed for a long time to come. His family would like to thank their friends for

the support and love, and the amazingly supportive Critical and Palliative Care teams at IU Health.

A memorial service for Randall Marmouze is scheduled for Saturday, April 2, 2016 at 2pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington.. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Greene County Literacy Coalition: <http://bloomfield.lib.in.us/literacy-coalition.html>

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.allenfuneralhome.org

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 2. 2:00 PM (ET)

Unitarian Universalist Church
2120 N. Fee Ln
Bloomington,, IN 47408

Tribute Wall



“ *Miss your grandpa*

colten marmouze - September 26, 2023 at 01:06 PM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Randall John Marmouze.*



April 02, 2016 at 11:17 AM



“ *Gary & Connie Siebert lit a candle in memory of Randall John Marmouze*



Gary & Connie Siebert - February 15, 2016 at 12:09 PM



Our Deepest Sympathy to the Marmouze family

Gary - February 15, 2016 at 12:14 PM

MS

“ A week after I saw the postings on Facebook of Randy's death, words are finally starting to come. Like Don Breedle, I met Randy at the rooming house on South Woodlawn. I had come to IU in 1968 as a junior, and after a traumatic year in a dormitory, Randy took me under his wing and gave me a sense of what life in Bloomington could really be like. I have many fond memories of Friday and Saturday nights on South Woodlawn. And even memories of getting together with Randy to eat suppers of canned mackerel or Campbell's bean with bacon soup, unheated, right out of the can.

In the fall of 1970 Randy and I lived at 519 North Lincoln, which developed a reputation as the place to be on Saturday nights for the best party in town. I want to share a special memory from that time. In the midst of a loud and wild party, Randy and a group of probably a dozen of us were out on the front porch of 519 North Lincoln. In the midst of this party atmosphere, a dove flew up and landed on Randy's shoulder. We were all amazed that a dove would be so calm and stay there, but the dove remained on Randy's shoulder for probably 20 minutes. It was a magical moment that seemed to embody Randy's kind, calm, gentle nature, in the midst of all that activity.

I also remember the day that Randy, who had had a guitar when we lived on South Woodlawn, brought home a long neck banjo that he had bought from a mutual friend. I thought "a banjo?" But what a wonderful life of music he played, and what a wonderful family he made with Martha, and what a spirit of humor and kindness he shared with us all. Thank you so much Randy.

Marco Spallone

Marco Spallone - February 11, 2016 at 07:08 PM

MC

“ Dear Martha, Lily, Jon & Family, We were sorry to hear about Randy's passing. We are thinking of you all. Ron & Melody & Wes

Melody Carter - February 09, 2016 at 04:29 PM

ST

“ Martha, Lily and Johathan, we are holding you in our hearts. Randy's passing is a great loss to all of us. Let us know if we can help in any way. Sandra & Thomas

Sandra Tokarski - February 07, 2016 at 03:26 PM

WD

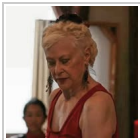
“ Dear Martha, We are so sorry to hear about Randy. You both have always been special to us. I will always remember Randy's banjo playing. You, Lily, and Jonathan are in our prayers. Love you, Bill & Marilyn Doub

William & Marilyn Doub - February 07, 2016 at 01:51 PM

DD

“ Oh no! Such sad news! What a loss. I will always remember Randy as a sweet, kind man who played the hell out of a banjo. Martha and Lily, I am so sorry. Donna Doughten

Donna Doughten - February 07, 2016 at 12:22 PM



“ Lily, thinking of you. Your father sounds like a very special person. Eliza Steelwater

Eliza Steelwater - February 07, 2016 at 10:03 AM

JH

“ Dear Martha, Lily and Jonathan,
I am so sorry to hear of Randy's passing. What a sweet, talented
and kind man. We will all miss him. My thoughts are with you
and your family. Janne Henshaw

janne henshaw - February 07, 2016 at 12:44 AM

KW

“ So sorry for your loss. The Marmouze's use to be our neighbors a
long time ago. May Ray rest in peace.

Karen Rosenberger Weir

Karen rosenberger Weir - February 06, 2016 at 01:41 PM

CT

“ Martha, Lily, and Jonathan,
Our deepest sympathy to all of you on Randy's passing. Our prayer
is that the wonderful memories you have will sustain you and bring
a smile through all the ups and downs ahead.
Carolyn and Randy Turpin

Carolyn Turpin - February 06, 2016 at 01:36 PM

JC

“ So sorry and so sad... We send all of our love to all of you!

We had such love and wonder those years we were in Bloomington. People were so welcoming and inclusive, and Randy was a big part of that. Getting to play in a band with him and Strawberry McCloud and all the others was more fun than people, many times over. I have such deep and lasting memories of that time with Randy and how kind, fun, and funny he was, always looking out for others...

*All our love,
Jeff Claus*

Jeff Claus - February 06, 2016 at 12:59 PM

BN

“ *Martha, I am so sorry for your loss. It has been years since we have seen each other, but I think of you often.*

Much love,

Beth Nilsson

Beth Nilsson - February 06, 2016 at 11:07 AM

JV

“ *So sorry to hear of your loss. It is a loss for the many who enjoyed Randy's music. I so enjoyed his music when I lived in Bloomington years ago. Cherish the memories!*

Jane VanAuken

Jane VanAuken - February 06, 2016 at 05:17 AM

CL

“ I always enjoyed playing music with Randy. He was spot-on with the banjo and he always had a playful and accepting nature. What ever you wanted to play, he was ready to jump in. He was a wonderful spirit and my heart is out to you for your loss.

Clayton - February 05, 2016 at 09:44 PM

PR

“ 3 dad and physical anthropology (521 N Lincoln)

pigweed ryan - February 05, 2016 at 08:49 PM

RB

“ He made many, many people happy with his music. Though I didn't know him personally, I appreciated his gift. He will be missed.

Rita Brooks - February 05, 2016 at 06:33 PM

DF

“ Dear Martha, Lily, Jeff and Jonathan-

I was shocked and so saddened to learn of Randy's passing. I had had a visit with him at Rob's after he came home from the hospital.

It was so good to see him and hear him playing music.

We used to run into each other at the Co-op and he would tell me how Lily was doing and your extended family.

His quiet dignity, kindness and sense of humor was a gift to us all not to mention his music.

Thank-you to Randy and love to you all,

Debora Frazier

Debora Frazier - February 05, 2016 at 04:08 PM



“ *That obituary is very comforting. May we all go so well. I remember Randy's support for our morris team over the years, and will miss him.*

Jim Morgan

Jim Morgan - February 05, 2016 at 03:27 PM

R(

“ *Peace to you, Mrs. Marmouze and Lily, and the rest of your family. I will remember all of you in my prayers.*

Rebecca Decker (Fleener)

Rebecca Decker (Fleener) - February 05, 2016 at 02:38 PM

FD

“ I only knew Randy & Martha for a year, from Sept of '76 to Sept of '77, my Bloomington old-time music year. But it was obvious to me that they were, are very special folks. Then my wife Emily and I stayed with them for a day or two in the house Randy was building, enjoying their warm hospitality (and the BEST hot showers we'd had on-the-road in a long time) when we were traveling in the mid-west in the early '80s, a new couple getting to know one another. Sincere condolences to Martha and family. Take care.

Frank Dalton / Emily Finr
Embreeville, PA

Frank Dalton - February 05, 2016 at 01:04 PM

JH

“ Hugs to you, sweet, caring, always gentle Mrs. Marmouze. You are, and always have been, one of my favorites. Thinking of you.

Jayme Harding - February 05, 2016 at 12:09 PM

KB

“ Randy taught me the meaning of being a craftsman and loving what you do. I've worked with many but none better than Randy.

kevin bird - February 05, 2016 at 11:27 AM

JC

“ My heart goes out to Martha, Lilly, and Jonathon. It was my good fortune and honor to know Randy as a friend from the mid-1970's. Every moment in his presence was special--music, dance, fishing and more. Randy was a genius craftsman and the best clawhammer banjoist I ever heard. More than anything, he was a gentle, loving, and generous man who made everyone around him feel happy.

James Chiplis - February 05, 2016 at 09:49 AM

DW

“ We are honored to have a piece of Randy's craftsmanship in our home. A fabulous artisan.

Our sympathy to Martha, Lily and Jonathan.

The Wessel family

Debbie, Larry, Christy, Dustin & Matthew

Deborah Wessel - February 05, 2016 at 08:29 AM

DB

“ *Dear Martha and family,*

I'm so sorry to hear of Randy's passing away this week. I probably don't need to tell you, but he was a very special guy, certainly one of a kind! He was the first person to befriend me when I came to Bloomington in 1968, when I took a room in the almost antique Zona Stewart rooming house on Woodlawn. He was my best friend for several of those years, living together out in Whitehall, working on Floyd Young's carpenter crew, playing music, growing into men. He was always the easy-going, sensible one, and of course goofy at the right times. Randy taught me a lot about what it means to be a good friend.

My sympathies,

Don Bredle

Don Bredle - February 04, 2016 at 06:53 PM

BB

“ *Dear Martha and family,*

How blessed you were to have Randy in your life. I will remember his smile and wonderful love of music. We will miss him at the wine and cheese in the stacks event. He had a very kind soul. Blessings and peace to you in this difficult time.

Beth Burcham

Beth Burcham - February 04, 2016 at 05:00 PM