

Christopher David Trentham

1953 - 2012



There was no way to know, of course, that the wonderful trip to Paris with Christopher in August and September would be so meaningful and so special. He was a generous traveling companion, a true friend, someone with whom you could feel like an old pal on the first meeting.

He was a bit old-fashioned, a bit formal (didn't particularly like wine of any kind and hated beer), given to puns and stilted language, and he remained even to those of us who counted him as a friend something of a mystery to his final days.

He was also as loyal and honorable as they come, as true and reliable a friend as ever existed.

His work at KPFK, on the LGBT shows *IMRU* and *This Way Out* are beyond legendary. Virtually all the awards he received for his journalism came from his work on these ground-breaking shows. Of special note was the decade of work he did with Chris Wilson and J.D. Doyle covering the exploding LGBT music scene, in the monthly installments of 'Audio File', which took the production team to a number of cities, and introduced to the world countless talented Gay artists who would have otherwise gone unknown. Their work on 'Audio File' was heard virtually across the planet via its inclusion in *This Way Out, the International Lesbian & Gay Radio Magazine*.

With great sadness, we invite you to join us for a celebration of his life. With apologies for both the late notice, and for any duplication this message may represent, we will be grateful for your attendance if you can make it, and your kind thoughts if you can't.

The memorial service will be held at **1:00** pm on Sunday Nov. 18 at:

Angeleno's Mortuary
5948 Van Nuys Blvd.
Van Nuys, CA 91401
818.778.1788

The service will be followed by a reception at the home of Christine Wilson and Pam Marshall, which is quite close by, at:

15007 Hartland St
Van Nuys 91405

If you know of anyone who would like to have this information and invitation, please feel free to pass it on to anyone you think appropriate. If you know of others who would like to join us at the reception, please respond to this email with a number so we will have a better idea of how much food to prepare. If you are unable to do either of these, please don't worry. Come to either the memorial service or the reception; you will be welcome and it will be nice to meet so many of you who were friends with Christopher.

Finally, if you need additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me at either this email or at my phone number below.

His passing, from Pancreatic Cancer was swift and brutal, with about three weeks from diagnosis to death, on the morning of November 15, at Kaiser Hospital, Harbor City, close to where he had spent all but a few brief years of his life. His dearest friends, Christine Wilson and Pam Marshall, were at his side when he finally took his last breath, and I was very close by. I've set this page up as a place for you to put your own thoughts, remembrances, anecdotes, stories and observations about Christopher. Along with Christine and Pam, I am acting as a sort of central contact for friends, family and anyone who wants or needs to contact us regarding Christopher's life. I was privileged to be his friend for over two decades, and I miss him like crazy already. Please be generous with your thoughts and reflections.

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NOTE: By the way, this page accepts photos and links to other pages as well. I'm posting a few more here below:



Pont St. Michel, Paris 2012



Paris Opera 2012



Gare du Nord, Paris 2012

➡ Feel free to post your thoughts here below...

I met Christopher in January 1992 at a volunteer orientation at KPFFK for the show IMRU. Other volunteers came and went, but somehow, we remained unshakable friends from that day forward, including going to hundreds of movies together, eating countless times at the French Market Place, and traveling by car, train, and air to lots of places just for the adventure. He was my best friend.

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Thank you Jon. This is lovely. I want to write something but I am not even sure where to begin. I will write more later, but I want all who read this to know that I loved him and I will miss him. I am absolutely confident that I will never meet another person like him. Wherever his soul rests, I pray there are trains. - Pam Marshall



John, we appreciate all that you have done for Christopher over all the years you have known him. I'm his 2nd cousin once-removed (my mom Linda is his direct cousin). We have a lot of great times with Christopher in San Diego when my dad was down there for work. We've experienced a wonderful 4th July few years ago with Christopher in San Diego. Also we got to visit the OMSI science center & the Daylight Train ride with Christopher in Portland, OR. Christopher had many wonderful dinners with all of us relatives at the Olive Garden & he spent many wonderful his aunt Bobby (my grandma) in Bremerton, WA. He'll be greatly missed. We'll never forget all of his wonderful train rides!

CJ, Linda & Chon Sr

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Well, I have been working very hard to make sure that the Memorial will be perfect. It is daunting to plan something like this for Christopher as he

was such a perfectionist about anything that he deemed mattered (sound editing, electronics, train statistics, etc.). Quite frankly, it has not really hit me that he is gone. I began to realize it today when working on the Program for the Memorial. Typing out his birth and death dates was emotionally startling. I think the thing that I will miss most is his constancy. For nearly 20 years he has been a steady rock in my life. Ups, downs, whatever, he was always there. It seems unreal to think that he will not be here anymore. And I have to say that CDT has seen me at my best and he certainly saw me at my worst and he never judged me or even criticized me. We argued from time to time about radio or external issues, but never on a personal level. It was a relationship of pure acceptance. I am sure that always he only wanted the best for me and I only wanted the best for him. Yes, I am going to miss his constancy. I just cannot quite wrap my head around his not being here anymore.

Pam

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