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William Rushmore Cumming "Rush"

Rush Cumming passed away on Friday, February 12, 2016 at the age of 60. He is survived by his devoted parents William R. Cumming III and Toni D. Cumming, his dearest sister Kathe C. Watson Shinn (Rory), loving father of Anna Cumming Boyter (Brian) and Ryan Andrew Cumming, proud grandfather of Aubrey Cumming, Braxton Michael Spradley, and Berlin Elizabeth Boyter, and uncle of William W. Watson III (Tara).

Rush was educated at De La Salle High School and Louisiana State University.

He was an accomplished guitarist, song writer, a gourmet cook, and an artisan with wood.

Early in his life Rush chose the Northshore in Covington, LA, as his home. He realized early that one of his gifts was working with wood. He formed Cumming Construction Company and began building clients' homes in the area of fast growing Mandeville, LA. During the early 1980's, Rush met a friend interested in home brewing beer. They began to work together with the town of Abita Springs' encouragement. In 1983, Abita Brewing Company was born.

After the brewery was established, Rush traveled to cities where restaurant owners were requesting assistance in brewing their own beer as part of the dining. He would duplicate on a small scale the method used at Abita Brewery. The idea was successful and is now frequently used in restaurants.

Rush did various things throughout his life. He returned to New Orleans and joined the Bill Watson car dealership business.



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As years passed, he continued to return to his dedication of working with fine woods. He became connected with a large privately owned wood designing company in Hattiesburg, MS. While there, he was offered a position that would bring him back to the Northshore that he loved. Connecting with old friends, he was asked to join the staff of Acadian Millworks as a designer of architectural woodwork. Rush welcomed the opportunity and considered it a dream position.

Rush will be deeply missed by his family and many close friends throughout the country. As Rush requested, all services will be private. Please Share a Memory on the Tribute Wall at www.ejfieldingfh.com.



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DH

Darrin Hooter posted:

I have many fond memories of working with Rush and later being neighbors on Canal Blvd. He was kind enough to introduce sushi and quality beer to me which has put decent size hole in my budget. Very sorry to hear about to hear of his passing.

February 15 at 10:19 AM

FP

Frank Perkins posted:

Rushmore was an action move, a page turning novel, a restless spirit, and a great song. He blazed his way through our lives and now is at rest. I am thankful to have called him friend.

February 15 at 9:33 AM

PC

Patty Chatelain posted:

Kathe, Toni, & Bill, I'm so sorry for your loss, I was looking forward to spending time with Rush and you all once I move back to New Orleans. We had so many things we wanted to cook! I do hope to see you soon.

February 15 at 3:35 AM

BP

Bert Pigg posted:

My deepest sympathy on your loss. Rush was a great guy and he'll be missed.

February 14 at 1:18 PM

DK

Donna Korach posted:

May God be with his family during this sad time. Rush was one of the most respectful, kind man I've ever met. I know he will be sadly missed. RIP Rush.

February 14 at 12:50 PM



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GP

Gregg Porter posted:

Kathy and Toni. I am just crushed with the morning paper. Crushed. Please call me. He was my big brother. Protected me from the neighborhood bullies. Saved my eye in a sand war. Made me cool by taking me up to his room to play records . Once we snuck out and put his grandmother's THUNDERBIRD in gear! While she was inside distracted by her basset hound. I remember him and me taking a painfully long walk to the barbershop to have his fire engine red hair cut at our fathers' demands. The 1960's! We were both humiliated but got over it be the time we got home. The man showered me in kindness. Good manners were his nature. I save among my most precious papers his signing of my Cub Scout book as my sponsor. Good Lord how I want to see him again. Please please call me. Gregg Porter 504-723-9096.

February 14 at 12:46 PM

EP

Emily Perkins posted:

I grew up around Rush and he always made me feel so special. He was always so full of life and loved making people happy. Rest in peace.

February 14 at 5:56 AM

BH

Bobby Harper posted:

Loved this man, brother, friend. Made quite an impact on this world

February 14 at 4:51 AM

JN

Joe Nelson posted:

Kathy, my memories of Rush will always include his wonderful smile and genuine concern for others. I'm glad that I had the opportunity to know & work with him. Ramona & I share our heartfelt condolences for your loss. Joe & Ramona Nelson

February 14 at 4:41 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring William by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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