



Christopher "Jumbo" Inloes

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RACINE, WI – Christopher Jerel “Jumbo” Inloes, 67, of Racine, WI passed away peacefully on August 29, 2020.

Christopher was born in Ann Arbor, MI to Edith F. (Bell) and James C. Inloes on December 18, 1952. Chris graduated from J.I. Case High School in 1971 and worked as a freelance graphic designer for over 35 years.

His graphic design work can be notably found through many logos, posters, menus and other pieces of art around the Racine, Kenosha, and Southeastern Wisconsin areas.

More notably, Chris, or as some would call him “Jumbo”, was known for being a pillar in the Racine music scene. Starting at Mitchell Junior High School, he played in bands with friends, originally on bass but later would switch to guitar to accompany his voice. While at Case, he was a member of The Lines End, where they recorded a 45 with his original song “Miss Illusion” as the B-side. He went on to play in the trio Tony, Jumbo and Gary at Parkside and later Tony, Jumbo, and the Root River Band which made a revival in the early 2000s with his son, Michael, on drums. Chris played in the house band, Softouch, at The Holiday Inn for many years and participated in choirs and music at Christ Church of Racine, WI and Franksville United Methodist Church. Most recently, Chris was a leading member of The Sentinels, finishing his last public show in September of 2019.

Known for his love of The Beatles and all music from the 60s and 70s, Chris

will be remembered for his stellar harmonies, and love of all things musical. His renditions of Neil Young songs at The Stable, were a frequent memory of old friends and acquaintances.

Chris will be remembered as a great friend and a gentle soul as well as an amazing father to his two children, Michael and Elizabeth.

He is survived by his two children, Michael and Elizabeth Inloes, his siblings Brenda, Brian (Angela), and David (Cort), and his nieces and nephew Emma (Tyler) DeBehnke, John, and Mary.

He is preceded in death by his parents, James C. and Edith F. (Bell) Inloes. The family would like to thank the Williams Bay Care Center and the team of doctors at Mercyhealth -Janesville, for their extensive care.

Memorial services will be arranged and held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra.

Tribute Wall

RI

“ It was so sad when I heard from David that his brother passed away.
I didn't know you Christopher "Jumbo" Inloes but my heart goes out to your family.
Wish I could have heard you sing!
Rest sweetly now, you will be missed

Rita Wolfe
friend of David Inloes and Cort Roop

Rita - September 14, 2020 at 10:32 AM

JB

“ Mike, Liz, Brian and family, you have my deepest sympathy on Chris' passing. We met when we were in 6th grade. I will always remember him singing Joni M., CSN, the Beatles/the Byrds, etc. His music brought a lot of joy, to everyone. I will miss him immensely.
Jay Butler.

Jay Butler - September 07, 2020 at 10:03 AM

TG

“ Our condolences to the Inloes family, jumbo had an amazing voice & talented musician & a heart of gold. He made our wedding day very special with his performance a long time ago.

Also, a surprise to some one of the greatest softball pitcher's ever.

Will never forget our friendship & what you meant to us,

Tom & Cheryl Gedemer

tom&cheryl gedemer - September 06, 2020 at 04:41 PM



“ I was so sorry to read of Chris' passing. He was such a wonderful man. Over the last few years, in particular, I had the pleasure of seeing him and the Sentinels at John's Dock when my husband and I volunteered for the annual Thoughts for Food event to raise money for the local Racine Food Bank or playing on a Friday afternoon on the square in Racine's Downtown.

Michael, I thought it was so great that you played in the band as well; your dad couldn't stop talking about how talented you were and Elizabeth, he loved that you were involved too as their "roadie". He so loved you both.

God bless you and may your loving memories of your dad sustain you in your times of grief.

Carol Thiel

Carol Thiel - September 05, 2020 at 09:13 AM

RG

“ Dear Michael and Elizabeth,

We were sorry to read of your dad Chris' passing. He was a great friend and a great person to do business with. Chris was a very talented graphic designer and was important to our business success. He even filmed our product videos which you both appeared.

We will miss his rich deep voice and enjoyed hearing him sing.

He always went out of his way to make everything he did the best possible.

The last time I saw him at the grocery store, he told me that he was very proud of the two of you.

Your dad was a special person who will be missed by all those who knew him.

Ruth and Paul Guenther

Ruth Guenther - September 02, 2020 at 09:35 PM

JD

“ *Chris had a great talent and a marvelous spirit. Remember seeing him perform many times at The Stable and most recently with the marvelous Sentinels . God bless Chris and condolences to the family.*

Jim Dresen - September 02, 2020 at 04:17 PM

JF

“ To The Inloes Family: In knowing Chris for over 40 years, there are just to many GREAT memories to reflect on. Great Person!! Wii be Sadly missed!! Take care " JUMBO"

Jim Fumo - September 02, 2020 at 11:51 AM

KS

I first met Chris when he was 16 and was in the Lines End. I was a roadie for them and heard many performances. His ability to perfectly phrase and pitch a pop song of the era was amazing. Chris always had a smile and something positive to say -- RIP Jumbo

kevin stelman - September 02, 2020 at 03:29 PM



Sorry to see you go your good people

Joseph Stoehr - September 03, 2020 at 11:23 AM

RS

From Tony & Jumbo at The Stable to the last show by The Sentinels we enjoyed Chris and his music. We'll sure miss his beautiful voice and warm smile. Our sincere condolences to the family. Rest In Peace Chris and Thank You for all the wonderful nights together.

Ron and Jean Shelby

Ron Shelby - September 04, 2020 at 04:13 PM

JG

Our heartfelt condolences to the Inloes Family. We were neighborhood friends, played softball together on the Windup (Jethro Tull) team and were very appreciative of his friendship & musical talent over the years. Many fond memories made and cherished.

Jim & Marilyn Gedemer

Jim & Marilyn Gedemer - September 09, 2020 at 12:21 PM

SF

“ It has been a pleasure and an honor to know and work with Chris. Many years of “talkin’ gear” with him has made me a better musician and a better person. I am privileged to have learned from him. The music world has lost a leader.

Steve Feiler - September 02, 2020 at 10:41 AM

SU

“ I was privileged to hear Chris sing often at church. He had an incredible voice and a gentle heart. Love to his family.

sue - September 02, 2020 at 09:01 AM