



## Christopher Matthew Hruza

October 7, 1968 - July 25, 2020

Christopher Matthew Hruza, 51, of Columbia Heights, MN died unexpectedly on Saturday, July 25, 2020 of sepsis after battling recurring Covid-19 symptoms since February.

Chris was born October 7, 1968 to Daniel J. and Sue (Moffitt) Hruza in Waverly, Iowa. He attended elementary school in Shell Rock, IA until fourth grade when his parents moved to Cresco, IA where he graduated from Crestwood High School. He furthered his education at the University of Iowa in Iowa City and at Queen's University in Belfast, Ireland. Although Chris was an only child, he grew up amongst uncles, cousins and lifelong friends who were like siblings to him.

He married Barbara Jean Radloff in Postville, IA on April 23, 1994. Chris and Barb worked together as audiometric technicians for HCI, Inc., traveling throughout the United States for five years before settling in Rockford, IL where Chris worked as a Health Technician and Logistics Director for HCI, Inc. In 2002 they moved to Minneapolis, MN where Chris was employed at the University of Minnesota until his death.

Chris enjoyed a variety of interests and activities throughout his life. Whether it be fishing with his dad, playing video games with his mom, sitting down for a game of cards with friends/family, hunting for morel mushrooms with his

beloved dog, Bonnie or representing the interests of his coworkers in his role as a union steward, Chris always did so with a keen sense of humor and quick wit. But throughout his life he always remained most passionate about reading, cooking and music.

Chris is survived by his wife, Barb of Minneapolis, MN, parents, Dan and Sue (Moffitt) Hruza of Onalaska, WI, two aunts, Linda Bingham of Shell Rock, IA and Carol (Hruza) Sondag of Council Bluffs, IA, four uncles, KC Moffitt and Tom Moffitt, both of Shell Rock, IA, and Michael Hruza of Littleton, CO, David Hruza of Hodgkins, IL, and 13 cousins.

He was preceded in death by maternal grandparents, Travis and Beverly Moffitt and paternal grandparents, John and Clarice Hruza.

He will be deeply missed by his many friends, family, and all who knew him.

Due to the pandemic there will be no formal services at this time. Per his wishes, Chris has been cremated. Memorial contributions may be directed to the family. On-line condolences may be left at [www.washburn-mcreavy.com](http://www.washburn-mcreavy.com).

# Tribute Wall

TM

“ Chris was part of a special class at Crestwood. I was the long time art teacher in room 39 at Crestwood. If I remember correctly Chris never took art from me. However, it feels like he did because he hung out in the art room with his classmates. Interestingly, music was a huge part of the atmosphere in room 39. Chris and I shared a mutual love of rock, blues, jazz and whatever turned us on. I haven't seen Chris since the late 90s but his classmates knew he was special to me and thus, called me to let me know of his passing. He had a quick mind, an offbeat sense of humor and a unique style. Thinking about his work history let's us know of his varied interests. I once asked him what place he enjoyed the most in his work travels. He said, “Austin, Texas because of the food and music scenes.” R I P young brother.

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**Tim McMahon** - August 08, 2020 at 12:12 PM

SM

“ I worked with Chris at the University, he was a very kind and funny man. He will be missed by his fellow Teamsters, my condolences to his family and friends he will be missed.

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**Steve Madson** - August 05, 2020 at 12:11 PM



“ Chris had a heart of gold and was a good friend to Russell and I. Generous, witty and more than a little mischievous, Chris was always fun to hang out with, playing bocci and pool at the Hilltop. Our memories of you will always be cherished.

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**Colleen Urbain** - August 03, 2020 at 10:28 AM

AF

“ So many good memories of Chris. Chris spent time at the farm with Kirk Schultz and Christian (Joiner) Miller, playing football in the mud, wrestling with Jim Schultz, fishing in the Upper Iowa, playing cards, or just hanging out. Always with a smile, pushing us to think outside the lines, and being a great friend. His passing leaves a hole in my heart.

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**Ann (Schultz) Fields** - August 03, 2020 at 08:43 AM

J8

“ I'm so saddened by this news. I remember Hruza being close with his parents and I'm sure you are devastated. I hope you find some comfort in the wonderful memories you and other have of him. I had no idea we lived so close to each other and worked at the U at the same time. It is a shame we didn't get together, I knew he lived in the MPLS area. I should have looked him up. Yet another lesson learned about how short life is.

*Here are a few of my memories! I've known Hruza since we were in 3rd grade. He brought me chocolates for Valentine's Day that year and I just didn't know how to handle it. So many fun memories, but one of the best was a party he had where we played a game Uggga Bugga and he tricked us all into sitting on wet sponges! One night we also traded vehicles and I drove his van around pretty hard and he was NOT happy with me! I also remember how smart Hruza was!*

*Chris Hruza was one of a kind and will be missed. My thoughts are with you.*

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**Jodi Henderson (Class of 87)** - August 03, 2020 at 08:21 AM

SA

“ I’m so sorry to hear about Chris’ passing. I have great memories of Chris from school, and will always remember his sense of humor. Wishing comfort for all his family and friends!

Shelley Atkinson - August 02, 2020 at 06:59 PM

TM

“ So sorry for the shocking loss of Chris !! I remember babysitting Chris in the upstairs apartment in SR so Dan and Sue could take a break! One of the good people, RIP Chris!

Ted Morrill - July 31, 2020 at 10:18 AM

MJ

“ Our sincere sympathy to Barb and Chris’ families. Our prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Mary Jungblut - July 31, 2020 at 10:08 AM

JS

“ My heart is heavy reading this tonight. I have my dear friend on my mind and hoping she feels the strength & prayers I’m sending her way.  
-Joni

Joni Spencer - July 31, 2020 at 12:35 AM



“ While I may have been geographically distanced because of my career choice, I was there when he was born, and was asked to be his Godfather. Chris' smile could certainly light up a room, and he had a tremendous sense of humor. He is missed.

Michael Hruza - July 30, 2020 at 08:00 PM

KH

“ I worked with Chris at HCI in Rockford. He was so down to earth and a great person. I bought his car from him Will miss him. Thinking of you Dan and Sue and family. My sincere condolences and thoughts and prayers with all of you.

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**Kristin Hagenlocher** - July 30, 2020 at 07:08 PM

DC

“ Please accept our condolences on your loss. We thoroughly enjoyed the pool party at your house when Chris and his wife were present and he had a good sense of humor. He was a nice guy to be around. He seemed to treat people like they weren't strangers. I remember when he came to help wire the trailer lights so you could get your goods from your cabin, and he helped us carry a chest to our basement without being asked. Again... nice guy. Sincerely, John and Denise Moss

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**Denise Christy** - July 30, 2020 at 06:29 PM