



## Matthew James Kempf

December 15, 1977 - May 13, 2022

Kempf, Matthew James 44, of Minneapolis, died from complications from a liver condition Friday, May 13, 2022. He was born December 15, 1977 in Grand Forks, ND to Greg Kempf and Kitty Ralston. After graduating from Champlin Park High School, he attended Mpls. Inst. of Art's culinary school before working many years as a talented chef at many fine restaurants in Mpls., most recently at The Sheridan Room. Matt lived his life his way and was a deep thinker. He will be remembered for his great sense of humor, intellect, culinary talents, devotion to his pets (Chani, Muad'dib, and Kilgore), and love for camping on the North Shore. He was a humble and unselfish person who could put together anything. In his final months, Matt was preparing a 1976 Volkswagen Beetle for an epic journey. He is survived by his parents, Kitty Skoog of Champlin, MN and Greg Kempf of Caldwell, ID, his previous cohabitating partners Jessica and Sarah, his siblings Heide Kempf-Schwarze (Eddie), Nicholas Kempf, Jim Skoog and Jeff Skoog (Amanda), as well as numerous nieces and nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins. A celebration of life for Matthew will be held from 6-9 PM, Thursday, May 19, at The Sheridan Room, 337 13th Ave NE, Mpls, followed the next day by a memorial service at 3:00 PM, with visitation starting at 2:00 PM, one hour prior to service, on Friday, May 20, at Washburn~McReavy Crystal Lake Funeral Chapel, 3816 Penn Ave. N., Mpls, MN, 612-521-3677.

# Cemetery Details

## Hillside Crematory

2610 19th Ave NE  
Minneapolis, MN 55418

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 20. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Crystal Lake Chapel  
3816 Penn Avenue N.  
Minneapolis, MN 55412

## Memorial Service

MAY 20. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Matthew James Kempf.*



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May 18, 2022 at 10:08 AM



“ *Lori, Lesa, Jamie & families purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Matthew James Kempf.*



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**Lori, Lesa, Jamie & families** - May 18, 2022 at 08:38 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Matthew James Kempf.*



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May 17, 2022 at 10:22 PM