



Van Steven Keszler

September 14, 1956 - January 31, 2022

Keszler, Van S. died suddenly Monday, Jan. 31, 2022. He was born Sept. 14, 1956 in Langdon, ND, but grew up in Wisconsin. He graduated from Rhinelander High and in 1978 from Concordia College, Moorhead, MN. Van loved to read and travel, visiting Europe and often Mexico. He also loved to cook and was a renowned chef working at various locations including Woolleys at the Embassy Suites, St. Paul and Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts, Mpls./St. Paul where he later became a Chef Instructor. He was highly regarded by his peers, students, and the food and beverage industry in the area who appreciated his wit and altruistic nature. Van was one of a kind and will be greatly missed. Van is survived by two brothers: Vernon Keszler (Cindy), GA, and Verle Keszler (Jennifer), WA; two sisters: Valerie Malangko (Mark), CA, and Vicki Kalvelage (Jim), NM; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Van was preceded in death by his parents. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to one of Van's charities: Pfund Foundation; Southern Poverty Law Center; 2nd Harvest Heartland; Central Lutheran Church; Twin Cities Public Television. Memorial service to be held in the spring.