



Gregory Joseph Hankins

November 25, 1953 - October 19, 2020

Gregory Joseph Hankins of Delaware, Ohio, was born on November 25, 1953, and left this world on October 19, 2020. Greg Hankins was the consummate “music man.” The long-time owner of Twin Rivers Music, and a lifelong member of the Irish Brigade, Greg was a presence in the Irish and Folk Music worlds for the past forty years. Not only a talented musician, Greg was also a humorous story teller. He was a member of The Shamrock Club of Columbus, a former member of the Delaware Community Chorus, and was active in the Delaware Democratic Party. He is survived by his daughter, Kelsey (Alfredo) Velazquez, his long-time companion, Julie Houston, his sisters, Carrie Hankins, Marcie Hankins, and Jennifer Budd, and his grandson, Spencer Velazquez. Greg was preceded in death by his parents, Charles Hankins and Rev, Janet Smith. A Celebration of his life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to The Shamrock Club of Columbus.

Comments



“ Greg's was such a big personality that it's hard to believe he could be gone. It's like the empty silence in a room after a party's over. His music and wit brought so much enjoyment to people for so many years. That's a fine legacy. My thoughts are with you all.

Jim Scarff - October 27, 2020 at 07:37 PM



“ Please accept our sincere sympathies and condolences on the loss of Greg. His warm and generous musical spirit will be sorely missed. May He Rest In Peace. Prayers to the Family and Friends.....Bob & Holly Gerspacher

Bob Gerspacher - October 24, 2020 at 09:53 AM



“ We were saddened to learn of Greg Hankins passing. Greg was a fun and talented musician. He entertained at many Democratic events and always had a smile and good word or song for everyone. He will be greatly missed by all of his family and friends. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Julie at this difficult and sad time. Mike and Diane Kabler

Mike Kabler - October 23, 2020 at 09:12 PM



“ Julie, I am so very sorry to hear of Greg's passing. What a loss for you, his family and the entire community.

Kimberly Spangler-Milliken - October 23, 2020 at 04:58 PM



“ Rest in peace, my friend.

Tom Orchard - October 23, 2020 at 09:02 AM



“ I loved this man! Greg was a larger than life presence in my life; an inspiration! In public or private settings! When I felt the oppressions of injustice closing in around us all, Greg’s gregarious grit and grace and good humor would bring me back, smiling and hopeful; as Barack says, fired up and ready to go! I loved this man! Blessed be.

Rev. Jon Powers - October 22, 2020 at 03:24 PM



“ So grateful to have known Greg, and for our friendly relationship in this life. Truly one of the early Irish music celebrities in Columbus and beyond. The Brigade were “our Beatles” in the Irish Community in central Ohio during those exciting days at the Shamrock Club in the 80’s. They influenced and inspired so many. Sincere condolences to Greg’s family and countless loved ones. God bless his soul.

Eddie Cotter, Jnr. - October 22, 2020 at 02:18 PM



“ Rest in peace Greg. I did business at the Grandview Ave. store and later at the Kenny Rd. store. Always good to talk to Greg.

Richard Reau

Richard Reau - October 23, 2020 at 09:11 AM



“ Very sorry to hear about Greg. He could fill the room with his enthusiasm, big voice, and love of music. Whether he was performing, teaching, or sharing his next idea to bring music into the lives of others, he was generous with his talent, kind words, and encouragement. I met Greg In the mid 90's at the folk music jam at Bexley's Radio Cafe beside the Drexel Theatre. Our paths occasionally crossed after that and it was always fun to catch up. We have lost one of the good ones with Greg's passing. Peace to you, Greg.

Jackie LaMuth - October 23, 2020 at 07:09 PM



“ Dear Julie and Kelsey, and family,
Greg was a great friend and a man I spent much time with on Saturday afternoons, and any other times I could get away and go to the Twin Rivers Music Store. I purchased several guitars there over the years, attended "guitar tastings" and taught several group lesson for new players with Greg. A few days ago I found out about Greg's passing and I am deeply grieved. I am missing you and wishing we had the days so long ago in the store on Saturdays to just enjoy playing guitars, talking shop and living the love of music. In recent years we were only keeping in touch on occasion and now I wish we had more of the days now gone by so quickly. For you "The Parting Song, the Journey's End, and an "Irish Blessing". Much Love, Your ole friend, and guitar buddy, John Losco

John Losco - December 28, 2020 at 01:19 AM