



Gary Michael Kerestan

September 3, 1962 - June 21, 2024

Gary Michael Kerestan of Matthews, NC , passed away on June 21st 2024 at Novant Medical Center Hospice in Matthews NC. After battling a long chronic illness. He was 61.

Gary was born September 3, 1962, in Howell NJ, the son of the late John and Mary Kerestan. He graduated Howell High school and pursued a technical degree in Computer Programming.

Gary's true passion was music. He was a talented and proficient lead guitarist and vocalist, first of his own band The Big Chill, and in later years as guitarist for The Dream Street wedding band entertaining in venues in and around the Tri State area as well as area clubs. For the past 16 years he worked for Lowes in Matthews, NC.

In his personal life he found the greatest joy in the outdoors exploring caves, going on camping adventures with his brother and kayaking. He enjoyed sailing and almost anything that involved being on or near the water. He also liked to plant gardens around his home, and woodworking.

He loved animals, especially his 2 goldens retrievers Chase and Jake and of course the many kitties over the years. He had a gentle kind spirit .He made a lasting impression on all who knew him. He will be deeply missed and fondly remembered.

Gary is survived by his wife of 28 years , Judi Kerestan, of Matthews, NC, his brother and best friend John Kerestan and his wife Michelle, of Wall, NJ, his sister Dianne Howlett and her husband Daniel, and nephew Sean of Jackson, NJ.

Interment is private and at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in loving memory of Gary M Kerestan to St Judes Childrens Hospital , 501 St Judes Place, Memphis TN , 38105 or online at <https://www.stjude.org/donate/>