



Mr. David Allen Christofferson

August 27, 1953 - March 15, 2025

Mr. David Allen Christofferson age 71, of Cairo, NY passed away on March 15th, 2025 surrounded by family and his long time companion Ava Barbour, at Albany Medical Center . A full obituary for David will be forthcoming.

Tribute Wall

“ My friendship with Dave dates back to the early 1980s, when we both worked on *The Ten O’Clock News* at KSTW-TV in Tacoma, WA. As Dave recalled it, I was the first reporter at the station whom he accompanied as photographer. I didn’t know it then but soon found out that Dave was the most talented videographer I would ever work with. Where other photogs shot film or tape, Dave shot art.

He and I teamed up on a feature piece at Seattle’s Wonder Bread plant that won an Emmy Award — mostly because I had the good sense to keep quiet and let Dave’s images and music tell the story.

After we both left KSTW (or KSTWhat’sThatSmell, as Dave often labeled it), Dave moved to the East Coast, but we kept in touch. I visited him in Boston (for “chowda”) and New York City, where Dave got tickets to a memorable Rockapella concert at the Hard Rock Café. After Dave and Ava became a team, they visited Seattle a couple of times and we had dinner at the legendary Ikon Grill and coffee at one of Seattle’s innumerable coffee houses.

Dave kept urging me to visit him in upstate New York, but with the pandemic curtailing travel, it never happened. That’s one trip I truly regret not taking. It would have been great to see Dave in his element during retirement.

Dave had some health challenges but got back on his feet for a while — frequently posting photos to Facebook of his adventures with various vehicles and weather conditions.

In recent years, he and I further bonded over something unexpected — Dick’s Drive-In. Dave loved their burgers (as do I) and regarded the Dick’s Deluxe as the holy grail of hamburgers. I attended the grand opening of the Dick’s in Federal Way, WA, and sent him a piece of the ribbon cut by the company’s CEO. At Dave’s request, a Dick’s beanie followed sometime later.

Dave had convictions on a wide variety of topics, a droll sense of humor, and an ability to express himself well with both words and images. I will miss connecting with him online. It was fabulous, buddy.

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