

Kristopher Gutierrez

November 11, 1975 - August 2, 2020

Kristopher Gutierrez, 44 of Tacoma, Washington passed way on August 2, 2020. Kristopher will be missed and is loved by many family and friends. Family is currently working on a more complete obituary. Please honor the life and memory of Kristopher by leaving cherished memories, messages, and photos for his family on the guestbook page. To ensure the health and safety of our community, we are following all guidelines set by local, state and CDC officials. Please contact the funeral home with any questions and we encourage friends and families to check back for service updates.

## **Comments**



I was very sorry to hear of Kris's passing. He was a great asset to the life of the physics department here at Washington University. It seems like just yesterday he was here, and I can still picture him in my mind's eye walking down the main corridor, always surrounded by fellow graduate students.

Michael Ogilvie Professor of Physics Washington University

Michael Ogilvie - August 22 at 03:51 PM



## **66** Dear Gutierrez Family,

I have been processing the loss of Kris since news was first posted, and while I am no closer to resolving this, I feel I can delay no further. Kris and I were together in not really belonging as graduate students in the Washington University Physics Department, albeit for different reasons. I tried to be a good friend for Kris and support him through some of his challenging times, but I know I fell far short in this. Kris had been in touch just a couple of weeks before he passed, and we had spoken of socially distanced visiting on planned travel, and here I write this from a train returning from the West Coast. The loss of Kris is tragic. He was every bit as intelligent as those who advised him say, and just a couple of days before I got the news of his passing I had recalled calculations he had helped me with as graduate students that I thought we might yet turn into a paper. I know he had very rough times these last few years, but I was not prepared for his passing. I am so sorry for your loss.

Brian Rauch

Brian Rauch - August 22 at 02:04 PM



To Kristopher's family--

I am so sorry to hear that Kristopher has passed away. It seems so very unfair to lose such a wonderful young man.

I was the Graduate Advisor at the Washington University Department of Physics during Kristopher's time here. I remember him very fondly as a kind, caring, intelligent, and hard working graduate student. We had many discussions during the period when he was deciding which research group to work for. It was always a pleasure to talk with him, and I looked forward to our meetings.

The pain you must be going though right is difficult to imagine. I can only hope that time brings you some easing of that pain.

With warmest wishes, Claude Bernard

Claude Bernard - August 18 at 06:42 PM





## **66** Dear Family of Kristopher

I am deeply saddened by the news that Kristopher passed away in am untimely manner.

I tremendously enjoyed having him as a graduate student. He was an extremely smart young scholar who brightened the days of all the people he interacted with. I remember that he left all of us speechless when, during a group meeting, he performed a complex calculation in his head, and volunteered a highly accurate estimate that none of the other people present could have derived without a computer. Kristopher was a kind person who alway delighted me with witty remarks.

Kristopher told me that he enjoyed his post-doctoral studies in Italy a lot. I am happy that he was able to delve into the Italian way of life and to make good friends there.

I wish you strength to deal with the loss. Kristopher will be missed by myself and my coworkers.

Henric Krawczynski

Henric Krawczynski - August 06 at 07:10 AM