



Michael Bruce Dean

December 2, 1975 - October 1, 2024

Michael Bruce Dean, “M.D.”, 48, skilled hairstylist and makeup artist, passed away unexpectedly, due to natural causes, at home in Chicago’s Humboldt Park/West Town neighborhood, in the early morning of October 1, 2024.

Born in Burlington, Iowa, Michael lived with his parents in Kirkwood, Illinois until the age of six, when he went to live with his paternal aunt and paternal grandmother in Monmouth, Illinois. Growing up, he played the piano and did organ arrangements at various churches for pay.

Michael graduated from Yorkwood High School and attended Carl Sandburg College before moving to Davenport, Iowa, where he trained in cosmetology and hairdressing at Capri College and worked at Vidal Sassoon Salon.

When Michael was a teenager, his aunt brought him to Chicago to see “Phantom of the Opera”, and she watched him fall in love with the city. It was the only place he ever really wanted to live as an adult.

Michael was a freelance stylist and hairstylist, could sing Tina Turner just like T.T. herself, read tarot cards, groomed dogs, and was also co-owner of Ginger’s Charcuterie business.

A devoted friend, he gave huge, warm hugs, championed people who needed

support, and helped care for terminally ill friends.

M.D. was also an avid and very popular participant in KT's Kids, an organization whose mission is to empower disabled children from marginalized communities. Campers were thrilled to learn how to apply makeup and style hair from M.D.

M.D. is survived by his aunt Linda "Aunt Yi" Dean of Monmouth, IL; his best friends Lisa Marie Marte and Janine Marte, and three rescued pets: Leo the poodle-mix, Buddy the Westie-mix, and Peeps the former alley-cat, all of whom are frantically searching the house for him.

Preceded in death by grandmother Hazel Dean, parents Myron Hale Dean and Marjorie Wicks Dean, and friends Ronald Stout and Chris Jern (aka Shane Ringo).

Friends are gathering to celebrate Michael's life on Sunday, October 20, 3-7pm (eulogies begin 4pm) at Liar's Club, 1665 W Fullerton Ave, Chicago, IL 60614.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to KT's Kids: <https://www.ktskids.com>.

Arrangements by Inclusive Funeral Care, 773-370-2959 or www.InclusiveFuneralCare.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT **20**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Liar's Club

1665 W Fullerton Ave, Chicago, IL 60614

Chicago, IL 60614

<https://www.facebook.com/liarsclubchicago/>

3pm Doors open 4pm Eulogies 5pm Reception

Tribute Wall

LR

“ Michael sang in our Ecumenical Singers Youth and Adult choir. He took piano, organ, and singing lessons at our studio. He was talented in music, art, and people skills galore! Incredibly kind, gentil, humble and so true blue as a friend to everyone! We shared his love for the Good Lord in his music, and will cherish his dear memory forever. Please know of our prayers for the repose of his soul, and consolation to Aunt Linda and his family of close friends.
Leo and Alisa Ramer

Leo and Alisa Ramer - October 31, 2024 at 12:14 AM

BO

“ Just one of the kindest, sweetest people to work with. I loved when we were booked at the same location, because it would guarantee me a fierce hug and a winning smile when I walked in. Devastating to hear about this. ❤️

Bobby - October 07, 2024 at 10:47 AM

CM

“ Michael was a kind sweet person I worked with him when I was with Strivectin skin care Company, he was kind loving and gave the warmest hugs , rest in paradise sweet angel 🙏💚❤️🍀🦋

christina Marti - October 04, 2024 at 09:20 PM

CR

“ Michael and I worked together at Von Maurs cosmetic department years back and ill never forget our many chats, laughs and lunch dates. He was such a ray of light. May he rest in peace. Hugs to his friends and family during this difficult time.

crystal - October 04, 2024 at 12:16 AM

KA

“ Michael will be remembered for his kindness, generosity, and sharp wit. A beautiful person I feel grateful to have been friends with. He shines on...□

kalli - October 02, 2024 at 07:56 PM

MF

“ My deepest condolences for all who knew and loved Michael. I was blessed enough to know Michael for about twenty years. We met while working at Marshall Fields in cosmetics and skincare. I always admired how vibrant and loving a person Michael was. Full of great ideas, funny anecdotes and so much style!! We had fun for years when he came over to my apartment and colored my hair. His creativity, skill and knowledge made him unforgettable and a joy to be around. To lose someone so special at such a young age, is heartbreaking and has me in complete shock still. I regret not keeping in touch with him these last couple of years. I hope he knew how much I loved and admired him. Rest in Peace and Beauty my sweet friend. 💔🙏

Marie Antoinette Flores - October 02, 2024 at 02:37 PM

JT

“ Such heartbreaking news... I have great memories of him in high-school. Such a quick wit and amazing sense of humor! I'm so glad he did such wonderful things in this world. Fly high my friend!

JoJo Tapscott - October 02, 2024 at 05:44 AM