



## Kirk Benjamin Metzger

April 3, 1984 - December 28, 2023

Kirk Benjamin Metzger, 39, of Tallula, Illinois, passed away surrounded by his loving family on Thursday, December 28, 2023, at Springfield Memorial Hospital in Springfield, Illinois. He was born April 3, 1984, in Springfield, to Wade and Jana (Shawgo) Metzger.

Kirk was amazing at blacksmithing and metal forging. He created many pieces of steampunk artwork which were very polished and well made. He had a passion for cooking and was a great chef at many restaurants over the years. He loved to go antiquing and go to live auctions. His family would describe him as a “Big Teddy Bear” who loved his family deeply.

Kirk is survived by his father, Wade Metzger of Tallula; his mother, Jana Metzger of Petersburg; his wife, Amy (McMillan) Metzger; his brother, Trent (wife Ariel) Metzger of Tallula; a nephew, Carter Metzger; two nieces, Tinley and Esther Metzger; four aunts, Barbara Troxell, Robbin Baughman, Christy Crawford and Wendy Connor; an uncle, Randy Shawgo; his grandfather, Donovan (wife Jan) Shawgo; his cousins, Casey Connor, Kurt Connor, Gage Connor, Nathan Baughman, Christy Thomas, Nicole Sievers, Rachel Morgan, Emma Crawford, Heather Baughman, Spencer Shawgo, Mason Shawgo and many other extended cousins.

Kirk was preceded in death by his grandparents, Barb and Ben Metzger, and

Ruth Ann Shawgo; and his uncle, Clinton L. Metzger.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 13, 2024, at the Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 28334 Oakford Rd, Chandlerville, Illinois 62627, beginning at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor George Garnot officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Menard County Animal Control, 19376 Sunny Acres Rd, Petersburg, Illinois 62675.

Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg is assisting Kirk's family with arrangements. Please visit his online obituary at [hurleyfh.com](http://hurleyfh.com) where you may share memories and condolences with his family.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

Mt. Olive Baptist Church  
27334 Oakford Rd.  
Chandlerville, IL 62627

# Tribute Wall

MC

“ I worked with him at Godfather's Pizza for over 3 years. He was my boss. But, we quickly became friends, because he was a genuinely nice guy.

*This news saddens me deeply.*

*The world is short one more good guy.*

*Praying for the family and friends; especially his closest ones.*

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**Mark Clotfelter** - January 22, 2024 at 09:59 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kirk Benjamin Metzger.*



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January 11, 2024 at 08:54 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Kirk Benjamin Metzger.*



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January 10, 2024 at 04:29 AM

KA

“ We met Kirk at the Chatham Godfather's Pizza several years ago. He was the nicest man you could ever meet. He memorized our order since Wednesday was our day to go there. When Covid restricted our visits there, we missed our weekly chats. We had always planned on meeting for lunch somewhere, but his time here was cut short way too soon. We offer our heartfelt condolences to his family. I wish I had the words to help you during these tough times. Just know that he was truly one of a kind and made our lives better because we knew him.  
*Kathy and family*

Kathy - January 03, 2024 at 05:21 PM

KA

“ Kathy lit a candle in memory of Kirk Metzger



Kathy - January 03, 2024 at 05:12 PM



“ Robin Logue-Baughman lit a candle in memory of Kirk Metzger



Robin Logue-Baughman - January 02, 2024 at 10:28 AM

LH

“ *Larry Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Kirk Metzger*



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**Larry and Mary Hundt** - January 02, 2024 at 07:45 AM

LT

“ *Lisa Ulrich Thompson lit a candle in memory of Kirk Metzger*



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**Lisa Jill Ulrich Thompson** - January 01, 2024 at 10:08 PM

MK

“ *Michael K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kirk Benjamin Metzger.*

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**Michael K.** - January 01, 2024 at 07:00 PM

LE

“ *Leslie Esslinger lit a candle in memory of Kirk Metzger*



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**Leslie Esslinger** - January 01, 2024 at 05:25 PM