

## **Chris's Story**

One of Chris's earliest memories was realizing that he wanted to be a Cowboy when he grew up. He loved the idea of the freedom and independence, but he also wanted to take care of the cattle, make sure nobody got lost, take care of them.

The son of a missional family, Chris was born in Llano, Texas on August 22, 1959 at 8:27 am and weighed in at 9+lbs. He grew up in Central Texas, South Louisiana, a Chicago ghetto, Kuala Lumpur, the Australian Outback, San Diego, South Dakota, and Connecticut, before finally finding his way back home to Texas.

Chris drove an ice cream truck, built fences, managed fast food restaurants, taught himself about computers and finally found his vocational passion in high-tech customer service.

He worked for several companies along the way. He set up a customer service for Applied Materials in India, ending up an Apple employee, amazed at his good fortune. Apple took care of him throughout his illness, and we are forever grateful to them.

Chris was also a wonderful photographer, working on the South-by-Southwest (SXSW) Photo Crew for many years, and photographed interesting events where ever he found them.

Chris was a man of many hobbies. He studied drama in high school, then broadcasting after graduation. The microphone loved him and he loved voice acting. He did many Austin-area radio and television commercials. Chris acted in a local film. He also had his own interview radio program on KOOP, focused on the creativity and art happening in Austin. He was a deeply curious and respectful interviewer, always genuinely interested in peoples' stories.

Chris adored his two sons - Joshua and Jacob, Jacob's fiancé Dori, his magical granddaughter Amya, and his partner Lizann. Chris loved his family, first and most. He was very grateful for the time he spent with his children, his sister Sarai and her family, and his parents.

Chris fought prostate cancer for four and a half long years. There were more good times than bad.

Chris was a grand human being.  
We miss him deeply.

Grace and Peace  
Wanda and George and family