



Brad D. Norman

December 18, 1970 - January 13, 2022

Brad D. Norman, 51, of Mission, KS passed away January 13, 2022 at his home. Graveside services will be 11 AM Monday at Maple Hill Cemetery. He leaves behind his mother Susan Seitz. His brother Brian Norman of Taipei, Taiwan.

Brad experienced a lot of personal difficulties in his youth, but still achieved a lasting impact on KC and Lawrence underground musical culture that most of the punks he alienated – with either his personality or success – could only dream of. Brad loved art, expressing himself through music and theater: as a musician, a theater stage technician, a lighting designer, a student of theater and film, and finally as a filmmaker. He was a lover of all music.

Before he went to college, he was the bassist and one of the leading members in a punk band that toured the United States and played many shows in the KC area. He later expanded on the connections he'd made in the punk world as a concert promoter of punk and rock shows at the Outhouse. The latter is a cinderblock building in the middle of a corn field just outside Lawrence, KS, (in)famous at the time. Brad got many well-known bands from around the country as well as local acts to play the Outhouse – making significant contributions to a wild – even harsh, if you've ever crowdsurfed or moshed– but thriving local and national musical culture. Brad liked to bring all kinds of people together, from the art kids to suburban depressives to

unwashed gutter punks. He felt an affinity for them all.

Despite being a fantastically non-traditional student, Brad got his bachelor's degree in theater and film, and used that education to make the feature-length documentary *The Outhouse: The Film* about the club's heyday (1987-1995ish), where he'd once promoted so many concerts. He interviewed a huge number of locals involved in the scene to tell the Outhouse's story, and met with an endless number of famous figures who played there, including major recording artists like Ice-T, Ian Mackaye of Fugazi, and Henry Rollins. Making the film only increased the polarized views of Brad in the punk community, which Brad didn't mind one bit. At the time of his death, Brad had two film project ideas he was cultivating and planning the groundwork for.

Brad loved his cats to pieces, democracy, playing records really loudly in the morning, authenticity, and music of all kinds, especially Frank Zappa in the last years of his life. If you knew him, he was something like a professor when it came to punk, The punk scene is not particularly gentle, and Brad made many friends as he navigated it. He was absolutely hilarious in person and writing, always ready with a witty comment that often contained a great deal of truth. He couldn't stand big egos and took them down with ease. We're all a little surprised he didn't get into more fights. But if you knew Brad well, he had a huge heart filled with love. He was loyal to his family, his cats (Tooth and Nail) were his kids, and his friends were his brothers and sisters. This does not come close to doing him justice and he is sorely missed. His mother expresses her love with all her heart and with his quote, I love you and like you.

Cemetery Details

Maple Hill Cemetery

2301 S 34th St
Kansas City, KS 66106
(913) 262-6610
info@maplehillfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JAN **24**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Brad D. Norman*

October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *Brad D. Norman*

September 17, 2022 at 08:24 PM



“ *Just got the sad news, I am so sorry for the loss of Brad. He was a "fantastically non-traditional student" in my costume construction class and I loved the humor and focus he brought to the group.*

He had so many projects and ideas and stories, and the drive to make things happen.

Great guy, he will be missed.

Cynthia Evans - March 07, 2022 at 04:08 PM

TM

“ *Very sad to hear about Brad Norman's death. We got to be pretty good friends when I helped him finish the Outhouse documentary when he was at a standstill. He told me later he didn't trust me for the first year or more because he thought I had my own agenda. I helped with press releases, writing, animating, stock footage from Sunflower, drone footage, lots of camera work including the drive from Mass street, interviews, editing and reediting segments, the movie poster design and printing, later tshirts, exploring distribution offers, film festivals, lots and lots of technical advice and perspective helped him finish his documentary. So glad he/we did. I have many tamey wild stories in the short time we hung out. We both found common ground though we were very different. Tim Manning*

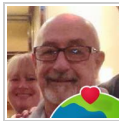
Tim Manning - January 24, 2022 at 11:45 AM

BN

“ *1 file added to the album In Memory of Brad*



Brian Norman - January 24, 2022 at 04:14 AM



*Brian & Brad-
Dinner time for the fish in happier times! Love Dad*

Randy Norman - January 29, 2022 at 02:38 AM

SB

“ Brad and I were band mates in a punk rock group throughout the 90s. We traveled the country touring several times and made a few records. A time I look back on fondly and cherish.
Brad made things happen. He was incredibly driven to accomplish his goals. A trait I greatly admired.
Brad and I stayed in touch and remained close throughout the years. We could spend hours talking about music. I miss my friend.

My sincere condolences to the family.
-Scott Bryant

Scott Bryant - January 24, 2022 at 12:58 AM

BM

“ Brad had the opportunity to live a unique and full life, packed with experiences others will never have and don't know they've missed. I feel just slightly better thinking that. My great hope is that Frank will ask him to sit in on bass.

Brad M. - January 23, 2022 at 01:17 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Brad D. Norman.



January 23, 2022 at 12:39 PM

JE

“ Sending prayers to his father Randy Norman.

Jennifer - January 22, 2022 at 07:44 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Brad D. Norman.*



January 22, 2022 at 10:22 AM



“ *In 1992(?) Brad and I were part of a group that went to Lollapaloozer, had a great time, and Brad taught me the correct pronunciation. We lost someone special. My heart breaks for his friends and family.*

Andy Ward - January 21, 2022 at 10:13 PM



“ *Brad was an old roommate of mine in O.P. I want to say 91! We had a falling out after that but I always enjoyed seeing him when we ran into each other. I remember his love of Dinosaur Jr. at the time. RIP brother.*

Jason Weneck - January 21, 2022 at 03:01 PM



Brad was a pure musical genius and historian as well as a great guy. He helped me out countless times in the early 90's booking my punk band and also giving me jobs at the Outhouse to pay for my entry fee. He even loaned me his car once ten years ago when he went out of town because he knew I was bummed riding the bus around. If you were his buddy, or even if he didn't really know you he would give ya the shirt off his back. Adios Brad.

JP Burks - January 21, 2022 at 04:41 PM

TG

“ *Brad grew up to be a fine adult. Someone you could be proud of. He will be missed. Love you Brad, say hello to your uncle Ed for me*

Tina Gorman - January 21, 2022 at 01:04 AM

BS

“ *So sorry for your loss! We are praying for peace and strength during this time! May God wrap you in His arms and hold you tight !
Bob and Linda Scrivo*

Bob and Linda Scrivo - January 21, 2022 at 12:05 AM