

"His eyes and his face portray a radiant smile, and there is a natural sparkle to his very presence. His conversational ability is one of innate intelligence, yet abundant with ease and uninhibited openness. His enthusiasm is unmistakable, but politely mannered and restrained. His knowledge of his subject is powerful, but wholly without affectation. And his friendliness is immediately perceived as being genuine and honest."

-Bill Horton, from an article about Greg in Shawnee News-Star, Sunday, January 10, 1988.

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Thank you to Jared Blount for creating the memorial videos and everyone that supplied pictures.

Program Portrait created by Jack Hopkins.

~ The Family

IN LOVING
Memory



GREGORY HOPKINS

OCTOBER 20, 1961 - JANUARY 17, 2024

FEBRUARY 4, 2024 - 3:00 PM

SHAWNEE LITTLE THEATER

GREGORY W. HOPKINS

Gregory W. Hopkins was born on October 20, 1961. He died at his home, surrounded by his family, on January 17, 2024.

His parents, Terry and Margaret Hopkins, were at his side both when he entered the world and when he left. On each day in between, the three loved, comforted, and cheered each other without reserve. His siblings, Eric, Matt, and Nicki adored and pestered him from their births to his death. With their spouses, Loree, Shelli and Chris and his 10 nieces and nephews, they all loved their "Uncle Greggy".

On October 17, 2011, he married Timothy Stewart in the first state that acknowledged their right to join together. Through wonderful and hard times, Greg and Timothy stood together to live a beautiful, warm, and imperfect life with grace, love, and pride. Through Timothy, Greg's family grew to include another mother, Bernetta, a sister, Kim, and her children. The theatre was Greg's second passion. He was an award-winning actor, director, and designer. After receiving his MFA in Acting from USC, Greg worked as a stage, television, and film actor, appearing in over 100 productions for the Disney Channel, BBC, Nickelodeon, Glendale Centre Theatre, and many others. He was a pioneer in animation technology, developing characters for early digital cartoons and video games. Greg received the Jack Nicholson Acting Award, the James A. Doolittle Award, and was nominated for the NAACP Theatre Award. He was a member of Actors' Equity Association, and SAG-AFTRA.

But Greg's main professional mark was as a theatre producer and director. During his time in Los Angeles, Greg was Managing Director of West Coast Ensemble, where he produced the world premiere of "Portrait of a Nude," as well as the west coast premieres of such critically acclaimed shows as "Shakin' the Mess Outta Misery," and "Playboy of the West Indies," for which he received the Drama-Logue Award for production. On his return to Oklahoma, Greg directed and designed dozens of theatre productions, and worked with hundreds of actors to develop the best performances they could deliver.

At his core, Greg Hopkins was gentle and kind. He remains with us and in us, and we will hold him there.



ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude - Music of Jerry Goldsmith

Welcome / Opening Prayer - Father Tom Dahlman

"For Good" - Wicked

Abby Morris-Sherman (Niece) & Maggie Sherman (Niece)

Eulogy - Paulann Condray Canty

Sonata Op.27, No. 2 Movt. I (Moonlight Sonata) - Beethoven
Piano Performance - Ron Lewis

"A Million Dreams" Video

Greg & Theatre - Ronny Jones

"I am what I am" Video

His Own Words: writing excerpts by Greg Hopkins
presented by Jack Hopkins (Nephew)

"Amazing Grace" - Eric Hopkins (Brother)

Closing Prayer - Father Tom Dahlman

Recessional - Music of Jerry Goldsmith

