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Christopher V. "Chris" Gaxiola, 56, of East Wenatchee, formerly of Tacoma, passed away at his home on Friday, August 16, 2018.

He was born on March 31, 1962, in Tacoma, WA, son of Gil and Delene (McLeod) Gaxiola. He was raised and received his early education in Tacoma, graduating from Mount Tahoma High School in 1980. He continued his education at Washington State University in Pullman, WA, where he studied Culinary Arts, business, music and art.

He moved to make his home in the Kirkland and Woodinville area. He went to work at Albertsons as a meat cutter and remained there for 10 years. He pursued his own business and opened his restaurant, Gax's Grill, in the Ballard area. He met Tami Tuggle and they were later married on January 3, 1993, in Las Vegas, NV. They made their first home together in Kirkland and then moved to Gold Bar and shortly after he became a Waste Water Treatment Operator, W.W.T. P.

They moved to Las Vegas in 2001 where he became the manager for a restaurant chain known as the "Pink Pony," located inside the Circus Circus

Casino. He conducted analysis for the court systems of Nevada. They moved back to Startup, WA, and in 2005 he was called to his dream job at Roi Numar in the Marshall Islands where he managed the waste water treatment system. They returned to the Startup area and he worked at the Ace Hardware store in Sultan. In 2016 he was transferred by Ace Hardware to the Ag Supply Ace Hardware in Wenatchee and they made their home in East Wenatchee.

Chris was a member of Sage Hills Church in Wenatchee. He especially enjoyed Culinary Arts, cooking, barbequing, painting, scuba diving, and tuna fishing. He loved spending time with his grandchildren, listening to music, playing guitar, trumpet and piano, pampering his wife, camping and enjoying the outdoors.

He is survived by his wife, Tami, of East Wenatchee; daughters: Nicole (Chris) Dailey, of Snohomish, WA, and Karlin (Holly) Gibson, of Dayton, OH; father, Gil (Nancy) Gaxiola, of Tacoma, WA; brothers: Tony Gaxiola, and John Stokley; sisters: Shellie Darneille and Carrie Durand, all of Tacoma, WA and vicinity; grandchildren: Preston Dailey and Sloan Dailey of Snohomish, WA and Gemma Gibson, of Dayton, OH. He was preceded in death by his mother, Delene (McLeod) Gaxiola.

A Memorial Service will be held at 1:00 pm on Thursday, September 6, 2018, at the Sage Hills Church, located at 1601 Fifth St, Wenatchee, WA, and will be officiated by Pastor Mike Wilson. A Celebration of Life will be held at 1:00 pm on Saturday, September 8, 2018 at the residence of Bret Tuggle, 14715 363rd Ave SE, Sultan, WA. You are invited to view Chris's tribute online at [www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com](http://www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com) to share a memory or leave a condolence. Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, of East Wenatchee.

# Tribute Wall



“ *I was thinking about you, because you would have been 59 Today.  
Still hard to believe it's been almost 3 years, since you passed. Miss  
you Arne*

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**Arne Johansen** - March 31, 2021 at 04:27 PM

AJ

“ I just heard of the passing of my oldest friend Chris Gaxiola this past week, so even though it's been almost 2 years since you died, it's as if it happened yesterday for me. My earliest memories of Chris were when my family moved next to his Grandparents house on S.59th Steet in Tacoma when I was maybe 3 years old. Chris and I became best of friends and I have so many great memories growing up together with him. I always remember the time Lucille, his Grandmother wanted to get rid of a large Holly Bush in her yard and Chris and I decided to take care of it for her, we went in the Garage, mixed up a bunch of chemicals and poured it on the Tree, next thing you know Chris throws a Match on it and that Tree instantly turned into an inferno and caused quite a panic in the neighborhood, whatever it was we mixed up, it was like Rocket fuel and it still brings a smile to my face when I think of what rascals we were growing up. Gosh! I could write all night about Chris and all the great times we had growing up, but it makes me so sad we drifted apart and I wish we had kept in touch more. I talked to him in 2018 for about an hour and we had planned to travel to Wenatchee to visit, but a family emergency delayed that trip, now I realize that shortly after that conversation you passed away. Well Buddy, I miss you and will never forget you, life is short and your passing is a reminder for us all that spending time with those dear to your heart is important, because tomorrow is never guaranteed. I hope your face is one of the first I see when it's my time to pass on to Heaven and look forward to having some good laughs. My Prayers to your Family and your Wife Tami sounded like a wonderful person.

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**Arne Johansen** - June 03, 2020 at 03:00 AM

AD

“ Christopher Gaxiola...you were a bright light in my life. I am sorry to say, I just learned of your passing today and it was devastating news. I last saw you during a stopover in Las Vegas and it was such a happy visit...we picked right up where we left off from Earlier days in Tacoma. Sending my love and deepest condolences to your wife, Tami, and family ...

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**Auntie Debbie** - September 14, 2018 at 01:21 PM

RK

“ You will be missed forever. You were me other son. I will always be there for Tami. We will miss your cooking very much always good. I am afraid Tami will loose a lot of weight because she is not use to cooking (ha ha). Love you always. Ma Kettle Rena

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**Rena. (Ma Kettle)** - August 29, 2018 at 01:23 PM

TJ

“ Chris was a such warm and caring person. We loved stopping and chatting with him he was an asset to our neighborhood. I send a hug to Tami and will deliver one in person as well.

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**Tracy Jones** - August 26, 2018 at 09:15 PM

JK

“ Chris,  
The world isn't as bright without you....  
Jeanine

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**Jeanine Koehler** - August 23, 2018 at 06:03 PM

HS

“ Sadly we just got the pleasure of meeting Chris the 8th of August. Our San Diego family flew up to visit and meet the cousins and families we had not the the chance to meet yet. Tami and Chris came from watching their grandchildren for the "reunion" at his Dad's house. Chris make some wonderful chicken wings on the BBQ told us some stories, etc. We so enjoyed meeting them and just wish we had extended time with them! Just from word of mouth and viewing posts I can tell he was very loved! R.I.P. Chris Gaxiola...please have some of those wings waiting when I arrive!

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**Howard and Nanci Salas** - August 23, 2018 at 04:56 PM

GM

“ We love you Chris & Tami! My earliest memories include Chris in school and then reuniting thru John so many years later!! Time has been too short and it will not be the same without your sweet spirit and funny disposition...enjoy the BBQ in heaven until we meet again!!



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**Greg and Pam McGahey** - August 22, 2018 at 02:36 PM