



## R. Allan Christianson

May 23, 2022

R. Allan Christianson, 77, died peacefully at home on May 23, 2022, 12 years after being diagnosed with prostate cancer.

Allan knew he was an artist from an early age and dedicated himself to manifesting his vision through architecture, drawing, and painting. He brought his commitment to architecture as an expression and source of human connection and beauty to all of his designs. In later years, he devoted himself to painting.

Allan is survived by his best friend and former wife, Linda, and their son Jess, as well as a brother, Milton, and sister, Mary. His son Will preceded him in death.

Born on September 18, 1944 in Dayton, Ohio, Allan was the oldest son of Rudy A. Christianson and Virginia Garrett Christianson. The family moved first to Cleveland and then to Minneapolis in 1953. He graduated from Southwest High School in 1962, where he was instrumental in starting the wrestling team and won the Twin Cities Championship in his weight class.

He attended the University of Minnesota, where he studied under Ralph Rapson, and graduated in 1969 with a Bachelor of Architecture degree. Allan was a longtime member of the AIA (American Institute of Architects). He worked for firms in Minneapolis and then New York City, where he met his wife, Linda Kiel. They were married in 1981. After the birth of their first son, they moved to New Jersey, where Allan practiced until his death.

Among Allan's notable design projects are: 329 Park Avenue, East Orange,

NJ, which was awarded New Jersey Housing Project of the Year; Legion Athletic Fields and Community Center, Palmyra, NJ; Pittsburgh Korean War Veterans Memorial, winner of a national design competition; and Rutgers University Vietnam Veterans Memorial, also the winner of a national design competition.

The family requests that any memorials be donations to the charity of your choice.

# Cemetery Details

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# Tribute Wall



“ *R. Allan Christianson*

October 09, 2023 at 03:30 AM



“ *R. Allan Christianson*

November 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Well my friend, another shipment of wine came in for us to enjoy together. Sadly, I found a place that makes decent fried onion rings too. We could talk for hours at a time and each thought provoked another discussion. I did what you said to do with “Fire” and you are remembered every day. Lastly, the kitchen was replaced and the guys are down there now opening up the dining room to the kitchen - looks terrific. Thanks for being a friend indeed.*

Jim C - September 21, 2022 at 11:43 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Mary Christianson - July 07, 2022 at 03:20 PM