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It is with unfathomable sorrow that we announce the passing of Richard Andrew Shirvis, 57, of Largo FL on August 11, 2024.

Richard is preceded in death by his father, Raymond A. Shirvis, I, his mother, Mary Hunt Shirvis, his brother, Raymond “Sonny” A. Shirvis, II, and his brother Steven Hunt Shirvis.

He is survived by his loving wife of 29 years, Etsuko, his devoted daughter Leilani, his sister Barbara Shirvis, (Stephen), his nephews Benjamin and Zachary, his father-in-law Shigenobu Sora, brother in law Yoshinari Sora, (Chikako), sisters-in-law Brenda Shirvis Chitty and Adline Miller, and his faithful dog, Oreo.

An accomplished musician from a very young age, Ric played several instruments in a wide variety of forums. In his twenties, Ric traveled as a drummer through Europe and the Greek islands, before settling back in his hometown of Largo and earning an Associate of Arts degree from St. Petersburg College, where he met his future wife. A well-rounded professional, Ric joined the local favorite band Bohemian Swingers in the 1990s. Beyond that, Ric could be found playing guitar and/or drums with various bands over the decades. Once he started his own company, Panakolada (2004), Ric became well known for his skilled playing of steel drums in such varied settings as sport franchises (Buccaneers, Phillies, Lightning), festivals, corporate events, hundreds of beach weddings, and for 20 years played poolside at the Sheraton Sand Key Resort.

Besides his encyclopedic knowledge of music, Ric was a skilled cook and foodie, as well as a committed and attentive gardener. Ric and his family traveled to Japan many times to bond with family and experience its rich culture.

Ric, our husband, father, brother and friend, lived life as the consummate artist. Kind and generous to his core, Ric’s first thought was always for others’ well-being. A patient husband and



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proud and present father, Ric reveled in his family's love. Ric Shirvis spent his life creating and adding beauty to this world.

A Celebration of Life is planned for November 1, 2024.


The family requests those who wish to express sympathy to consider making a donation to their favorite charity in Ric's name.




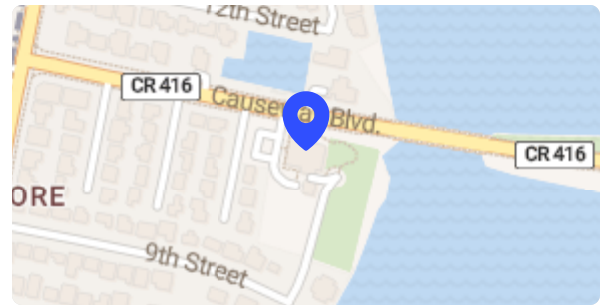
Memorial Service / Celebration of Life

 **Friday**, November 1, 2024

 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM ET

 **City of Belleair Beach**
444 Causeway Blvd, Belleair Beach FL 33786

 RSVP required; please RSVP to
eshirvis@gmail.com.





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SE

Stephen Edwards posted:

Dear family and friends of Rick I am Steve the friend who invited him to join my band touring UK & Europe, he was a dear friend and a brilliant drummer. He was influenced to play steel pan by my late father Leslie Edwards who was brilliant musician, who would occasionally gig with our band around London and in the studio. I am so heartbroken and saddened to read this about his passing. It has been a strange week as his photo kept popping up in my vast collection of us back in the day. I have had it ready to get blown up to add to my wall of band line ups from back in the day. i am also sorry to hear about his brother and fellow band mate from my time in Florida Steve passing and so close to Rick. If anyone would like to message me and let me know what happened. He was such a huge part of my early days. Condolences to his family and friends. I have lit candles in honour of his beautiful soul.

December 26 at 3:16 PM

HY

Harumi & Yoko sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Shirvis family.



October 19 at 6:34 AM

TH

Tara "Eli" Hunter posted:

Ric embodied loving kindness and what it is to be a good person. His gentle way of being in the World was literally beauty in motion. He inspires and lives on in me and in each one of us in the acts of kindness and compassion we show each other. I honor him in this way. Rest in peace my dear friend, you are deeply missed.

October 4 at 12:48 PM

HK

Harumi Kocsi posted:

リックさんのご冥福を心よりお祈り申し上げます。生前は、ご自宅へおじゃまするといつも笑顔で暖かく迎えてくださいました。穏やかな笑顔のリックさんしか思い出せません。どうぞ安らかに眠りください。

October 4 at 6:01 AM



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Clark lit a candle in honor of Richard.

Clark lit a candle in memory of Richard Shirvis

October 1 at 10:26 AM



Clark posted:

Ric was one of the greatest! So loved and enjoyed his family (both Etsuko and sweet Lani) along with his siblings and Parents. Greatly assisted Mary in keeping things tidy and cleaned up around the house. Ric loved sharing what the "meal plan" was for Sunday evening meals - with family at the table. Ric was a "good soul" and enjoyed other peoples' company - along with making visitors and friends - so very comfortable with some outstanding hospitality. Loved visiting Ric and Etsuko on the beach - doing their gigs. Always open-hearted, warm and gracious. Another example of where God takes his angels early. Ric was one of them and now is with them. A gentleman and one of the most kind, loving guys I have had the chance to meet and experience life together - and my cuz. Love ya Brudda Ric! God Speed. Clark

October 1 at 10:01 AM



Manny Lopez posted:

My condolences to Etsuko and Rick family, Want to thank you for the opportunity you and Etsuko gave me in playing music with you both. Rick was a humble and noble person and a great musician, it was an honor to make memories with you. You will always be in our hearts, R.I.P mi amigo your friends that will always remember you. Manny, Carmen, Sacha...

September 26 at 1:50 PM



Manny Lopez shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

My condolences to Etsuko and Rick family, Will never forget all the good times we shared playing music together. Will cherish all those good times and memories we made together. Rick was the most humble and noble person i have ever met and a great musician. Thank you for the opportunity you gave me to shared many years of friendship together. you will be miss. You will always be in our hearts R.I.P Mi amigo.....With lots of love, Manny, Carmen, Sacha

September 26 at 1:40 PM



CL **Clark** October 1 at 1:51 PM
such a cherished picture! Clark



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Kathy Delahanty lit a candle in honor of Richard.

Meeting Ricky for the first time I knew he was one of the nicest people I'd ever meet. I'm sad that he is gone from this Earth as we know it, however, I really do hope he is with his family and they are all having a grander time than any of us could ever imagine.



September 9 at 10:09 AM



Bergy Berg September 22 at 11:01 AM

He was my spirit drum teacher , he was a friend/brother type bond, never anything but guidance, love and kindness. Yes ,Rick will be well placed among the greatest of family and friends, together forever in love and happiness. The music created.... Wow the witness to this as I would create music with him and his brother in THE HAOLEES Wow I miss ya it's forever and I know when I get a really big wave this winter your gonna be there with me cause you and your bro loved Hawaii and never got to come visit me in Kauai so Ahui Ho my bros Hare Mai Fahee Kauai. Stay jamming



Yoko Moore posted:

リック様の在りし日のお姿を偲びつつ、ご冥福をお祈りいたします。

September 7 at 4:19 AM



Etsuko shared 2 photos to the **ricky** album.



September 2 at 2:08 PM



Todd Lollis posted:

Steve Shirvis was one of my first friends in Florida when we moved here in 1971 I met Ric when he was 4. My waking hours and even my non , these past few weeks are filled with priceless memories of Ric, Steve and the entire Shirvis family. Ric was the most generous, nicest, great hearted, well minded, human life force I've ever met. Not to mention his talent. I will spend the rest of my life remembering what a great friend he was , the times we had, , and how blessed we all were to have him in our lives on our journey onward. My wish now is that there truly is another side on which we will meet again and put the band back together, this time it WILL be huge I promise. ❤️♥️♥️

August 31 at 12:49 PM



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BS

Brent Terri Kaila Haven Stephens lit a candle in honor of Richard.

Brent Terri Kaila Haven Stephens lit a candle in memory of Richard Shirvis

August 31 at 9:21 AM



MK

Maurice Kessing posted:

I have so many great memories of my brother (in my heart) Ric. The ones that are really great is the laughter and kindness we shared together. That and the great cooking we would do as a band. Fun was always in great supply. I Love you Ric! And I miss you greatly. Take care my Brother and I will see you again one day. Love you brother

August 31 at 8:44 AM

LI

Lioness posted:

Ric Shirvis haiku
My heart will always hold you
til we jam again
Your contagious laugh
Your love always
pure and true
Remains in us all
Peace from painful grief
From our sorrow bring relief
Thru love hope
and joy

August 31 at 8:18 AM



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Brenda Shirvis lit a candle in honor of Richard.

Brenda Shirvis lit a candle in memory of Richard Shirvis

August 29 at 8:12 AM



Brenda Shirvis August 29 at 4:38 PM

If you knew Ric you are blessed because he truly was an angel here on earth. Ric was one of the sweetest, kindest and most thoughtful of men. He was truly a perfect father who spent all his time raising his beautiful daughter Leilani. Ric was a perfect husband to Etsuko never being demanding or bossy always treating his family with so much love and respect. Ric was the perfect example of how a son should take care of his mother, always doing for her in every way. I'm so proud to have been his sister in law and had the privilege of knowing such a wonderful man. I love you Ric



Brenda Shirvis August 29 at 1:15 PM

Rick was a one in a million kind of man. He was exceptionally kind, gentle and truly one of the best dads in so many ways. Rick was an example to all fathers and was a hands on dad who spent so much time with his daughter Lani and his wife Etsuko. I wish every child had a dad like Rick who was so gentle and so loving and spent the time to teach his daughter the same qualities. As a husband he was wonderful, absolutely one of the best and what parent could ever ask for a more devoted, helpful and loving son. he will be missed by all who ever met him and I will forever love and miss my wonderful Ricky.



Condly Buird lit a candle in honor of Richard.

Rick was our neighbor for many years even though we live there part time. we rent our place out to vacationers and Rick never complained. he was so easy going and always there with our many request with can i borrow your wheel barrel ect. it was always sure, no problem. such a sweet and quiet spirit. we loved listening to him on the kettle drums. such a peaceful sound and he was so gifted at it. i'm going to have to download some kettle drum music and memory of Rick! I know you will be missed my many but I also know you are on pure perfect peace the minute you left this earthly body and we look forward to seeing you one day. Say hi to Dale and Shawn and give them a big hug. ❤️

August 29 at 7:25 AM





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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Richard by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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