



## Christopher Thomas Riehl

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Christopher Thomas Riehl, 42, passed away peacefully at home on December 22nd, 2022 after battling cancer.

Chris is survived by his loving wife of 11 years, Renee Riehl, whom he married on September 10, 2011. They share two fur babies, Hailei and Dudley.

Chris is survived by his father, David Riehl and stepmother Gretchen Riehl, in addition to his sister, Katrina Riehl of Austin, Texas. His brother, Jonathan Riehl, preceded him in passing earlier this year in August. His mother, Eileen Voss Riehl, passed in 2010.

Chris was born in Lubbock, Texas. Growing up, he and his siblings constantly challenged each other to dream big and flex their creative muscles – supporting one another in all pursuits, no matter how big or wild. After graduating Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts, Chris' love for art led him to LA, where he studied at Art Center College of Design. After school, he landed a job at Motion Theory/Mirada, where he touched countless lives over the years.

Chris was someone that did not do half measures - personally and

professionally. It was either all in, or not at all. Becoming a Creative Director at Mirada, a Director with the DGA, searching and finding his perfect companion, and following his dream of moving to Hawaii, even when some thought the idea unfeasible. He made the impossible possible.

His 6'-6" stature matched his absolute zest for life and desire to soak up every moment of it. He was incredibly passionate about the ocean, creating music, all things tech and design (from graphic to interior). His energy and fervor for life was infectious.

In the last days, when things were especially difficult, Chris's appreciation, gratitude, and love for life remained present. On multiple occasions he would say things such as, "I'm so lucky," and "Who gets this life?". He stayed positive until the end – because that is who he is. A positive ray of light in this world.

Memorials will be held at a later date in Austin, Texas and Los Angeles.  
Details to follow.

In lieu of flowers, we are asking for donations to MD Anderson Cancer Center, Pacific Cancer Foundation or Oceana.

# Cemetery Details

## **Eloise Woods Natural Burial Park**

115 Northside Lane  
Cedar Creek, TX 78612

# Tribute Wall

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