



## Duane Wendel

September 1, 1953 - August 4, 2009

### Obituary of Duane Wendel

DUANE LEROY WENDEL, 55, of Tampa, Florida, died Tuesday, August 4, 2009 at Tampa, FL. He was born September 1, 1953 in Lansing, Michigan. He was an Owner/Operator of a Costume Shop, President of the National Costumers Association, and the winner of the Harrelson Award.

He is survived by his life partner of 27 yrs., Joseph B. Stokes of Tampa, father, Ion LeRoy Wendel, mother, Vera Fay Wendel, and sister, Vicki Arcila, of Dallas, TX.

Visitation will be held at the Purcell Funeral Home Chapel, Saturday, August 8, 2009 from 2 - 3 pm, Services will follow at 3 pm. Interment will follow at Garden of Memories, Webster, FL. Pastor Ion LeRoy Wendel and Kim Brown will preside. Arrangements entrusted to Purcell Funeral Home, Bushnell, FL.

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### Interment

Garden of Memories, Webster, FL.

# Tribute Wall

TB

“ I am so very sorry to hear of the loss of your soul mate! Chuck Bumpus and I had run into Tom Maye and told him of Duane's struggle last week. I hope you know you can call me if you need anything. I am litterally "right around the corner" Terry P.S. I told Kay about Duane and gave her your phone number.

Terry Gill (Miss Bushnell) - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

HA

“ I am so sorry Joseph. I know the pain of loosing someone you love and no words can sooth your heart. I hope God will heal the pain. I loved him very much and morned over not being able to see or hear from him. It saddens me greatly. Sincerely, Vikki (

Humberto and Vikki Arcila - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Our hearts go out to you at this time and in the days ahead. We will never forget Duane taking us to find sand dollars in the Gulf during our travel to Flordia. Years of memories are all we really have.

Loren & Debbie Bidle - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Thinking of all of you today. So sorry we were unable to be there (had to help son Andy with a fair.) We are sending a check to the NCA for the memorial fund in Duane's memory. Love to you all.  
Carol and Al

Carol and Al Pocock - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Mr. & Mrs. Wendel...We're so sorry to hear of Duane's passing. He is now in a better place... Our prayers are with you.... The Henry Family St. Petersburg, Fl.

The Henry Family.... - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Dear Joseph, Trisha and Mr. & Mrs. Wendel, Our deepest sympathy to all. We have lost a loving fun person, whose great talents we will all remember. An asset to the organization, thank you for allowing all of us to share his life.

Ray & Shirley James Ward's Costume Shoppe - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

HC

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Duane was a warm hearted man. He was so kind to us at NCA and spent much time sharing with us when we attended a convention. God bless your family, Pat and Crawford Smith, Happy Times Costumes, Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

Happy Time Costumes - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Hello Joseph and Trisha I am so sorry that Doug and I could not be there to share in the celebration of Duane's life with you. We are with you in spirit. We will miss his smile and laughter and of course his hug which I always enjoyed. We always looked forward to seeing you all at each show and catching up. We still look forward to seeing you Joseph and Trisha. I send you a hug and know that there is one for you whenever you need it. You are special people!! Take care. Love and a hug Sheila Smith

Sheila and Doug Smith - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Our thoughts, prayers and deepest sympathies are with Duane's family and friends. Duane was loved and will be sadly missed by all those whose lives he touched.

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**Spotlight Costumes(Pittsburgh, PA.)** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ IM so sorry to hear of the passing of Duane. He was without a doubt one of the nicest people I have ever known. And I know he is now smileing down on us from heaven. Rest in Peace Duane.

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**Rob Cauley** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ We wish to express our sympathy in your loss. Please know that our thoughts are with you. Hector and Leland, The Nature Shop

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**Leland Cool & Hector Punto** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DI

“ I am so sorry to hear about Duane. He was such a wonderful and talented person. I remember how excited he and Joseph were when they won the Grand International in Las Vegas. I thought they would never recover! And the great, clever educational classes both he and Joseph taught over the years! I still use the hot glue and gold leaf ideas! And the fun in Tampa at the convention --the great treat at the flemenco restaurant, the party at his home when the squirrels snacked on the sandwiches -- too many great times were shared by all of the National Costumers Association. He was a dear, talented friend and he will be so greatly missed. Thank you for your involvement in our lives. We are forever in your debt. Dwayne Ibsen, NCA Past President and friends from IBSEN COSTUME GALLERY Howard and Cheri

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**Dwayne Ibsen** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ We are so sorry to hear about Duane's passing. He will be thought of with a smile. Please except our heartfelt condolences as you try to move forward. XXOO Terri, Allen, & Kevin

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**Terri Greenberg and HALCO** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Judi Cain and John Albritton, along with the entire staff of Center Stage Costumes & Magic in Gainesville - we wish to extend our deepest sympathy at the loss of this beautiful, sensitive man. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Joseph and Tricia and all of Duane's family and friends. Love, Judi

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**Center Stage Costumes, Gainesville, FL** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ We are saddened upon hearing about Duane's passing. He was loved by everyone who met him. His humor, knowledge and humanity will be missed, but not forgotten. We had great times together and we are greater by knowing him. His life lives on in everyone of us who had the priviledge of knowing and loving Duane. Sincerely, The Maxwell's and McConahays

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**The Maxwells and McConahays** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ We celebrate Duanes life and mourn his passing. He was a tremendously talented individual and a most gracious and caring person. We can ill afford to lose such a person in our lives. Prayers to all who remain to remember him with love and gratitude. Josette Locklar

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**The Locklar Family of Mississippi** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM