



## Walter "Corky" Christian Small Jr.

August 27, 1951 - November 24, 2017

Walter Christian "Corky" Small, age 66, passed away on Nov. 24, 2017, at a Portland Hospital.

Corky was born on Aug. 27, 1951, in Sacramento, California.

Corky was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Josephine Small.

He leaves his three brothers, Richard Small and David Small, both of Yreka, and Steve Small of Redlands, California; his sister, Sandee Pingatore of Yreka; his nephews, Travis Starling of Weed, David Small Jr. of Montague, and Rick Small of Sacramento; nieces, Brenda Estacio of Susanville, California, and Janna Teske of Modesto, California; Corky also leaves many cousins and lifelong friends.

Despite Corky's disability, challenges and adversities through his life, he triumphed to achieve his goals and graduated from Chico State with Honors.

Corky worked for the local radio station, KSYC, for many years. Corky loved his work there, along with all the love and support he received from his "radio station family."

Corky always had a strong belief and love for the Lord, and was able to

communicate that message to “all” through his life, work, and utmost love for his family. Corky will be missed, but never forgotten, by all who loved and admired his courage.

Services will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 6, 2018, at Girdner Funeral Chapel, 202 S. Oregon St., Yreka.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 6. 2:00 PM (PT)

Girdner Funeral Chapel  
202 S. Oregon St.  
Yreka, CA 96097  
(530) 842-3434  
<https://www.girdnerfuneralchapel.com>

# Tribute Wall

JH

“Corky was my "BEST" friend for the past 50 + years. I still miss being able to stop by and visit him. Many of those visits were meant to be only a short while but ultimately ended up being the whole afternoon as we talked about music and many other varied subjects. A few times we took off in his van and checked out some of the trailhead areas in the Marble Mountain Wilderness, or checked out Greenhorn Park. One time we cruised over to the Mt. Shasta ski area and saw a band we both used to like called Lydia Pense & Cold Blood. While not as good as they used to be, it was still good to see them.

Corky, before he was paralyzed, was becoming a very accomplished drummer, definitely a cut above joe drummer down the block. A couple of local bands he played in were The Pineapple Streetcar with his brother David on guitar and another band a little later called Home Cookin' with Steve Beck on Guitar & vocals and David Crawford on rhythm guitar and bass guitar. Jazz Rock was his his main forte when it came to music, bands such as Blood, Sweat & Tears, Tower of Power and the like. But then he also loved the Moody Blues, Gordon Lightfoot and many others.

Anyway, I will most likely have an empty void in my heart until I too pass from this earth. Corky was my one true friend.

John H Hurd, Montague/Yreka/Quartz Valley CA

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**John H. Hurd** - March 12, 2019 at 12:38 AM

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“Corky was a good man. I developed a friendship and "brotherhood" with him while he was a commentator with KSYC. He was instrumental in promoting numerous public safety themes and messages during his career. He helped save lives and he made a difference in other peoples' lives. We had many long conversations at the office and I loved Corky because he was so compassionate, insightful, intelligent, thorough, and he truly cared about law enforcement, the community, and he loved people. Corky was also courageous because he worked hard and helped others often times when he himself was in pain due to his medical challenges. He helped a lot of kids stay away from unsavory habits such as impaired driving and he made a difference as a radio commentator and person in life. I am honored to call Corky my friend, associate, and he was like a brother in many ways. Corky is gone but he will live on in the hearts and minds of those fortunate enough to know him and I am certain that he has improved the heavenly realm of his fellow "good and faithful servants."

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**Sheriff Jon E. Lopey** - January 04, 2018 at 11:43 AM



“Corky re-enforced my loves for music and literature...how I will always cherish the years we new each other, and the times we spent together. He is finally **STANDING** along side his Mom and Dad, and waiting for the rest of us to catch up! God bless those of us he left behind, and know that we will be seeing that angelic smile again! Love to all, Lenora Shelvock East Texas

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**Lenora Shelvock** - December 21, 2017 at 02:08 PM

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“ *Cindy Small lit a candle in memory of Walter "Corky" Christian Small Jr.*



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**Cindy Small** - December 10, 2017 at 10:03 AM

CS

*Missing you sweet Angel*

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**Cindy Small** - December 10, 2017 at 10:04 AM

MD

“ *Knew Corky since the Hawke's owned & ran KSYC. He was always a positive guy & he had plenty of reasons to be anything but that. Did a radio interview this past summer, the last time I saw him, for our Veterans Commission & he was still Mr. Positive & expressing his love for life. Great guy dedicated to his job & The Lord. RIP & God Bless.*  
*Mark Dean*

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**Mark Dean** - December 09, 2017 at 06:06 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Walter "Corky" Christian Small Jr..*



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December 09, 2017 at 02:17 PM