

Contributors



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IN MEMORY of



Michael D. Aubert

Founder & Creative Director of
Cosmic Egg Studios

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One of our contributors, and the primary designer of our publication for the first twelve issues, Michael D. Aubert passed away suddenly last July. He was the loving husband to Cindy Aubert and the father to Isabella Aubert, or, as he affectionately called her, Bella. He was also the son of Kathy and Roger Aubert and the brother of Jackie Rollins.

In his early years, Michael attended Mass Art, and then he went to Northeastern University, where he pursued his many passions, including art, technology, science and astronomy. Above all else, though, Northeastern is where he acquired his true calling to become an entrepreneur. After starting off with a small clothing company called Baked Goods, which was a one-of-a-kind apparel company, he eventually founded Cosmic Egg Studios in 1997, a Web Development and Graphic Design business which he led successfully as Creative Director until his recent passing.

Michael's "job" never felt like work because it was his true passion. Indeed, he lived by the motto: "If you do what you love, you will never work a day in your life." And as his clients and colleagues would attest, this attitude shined through in everything he did - Michael was larger than life. Although many clients only had a relationship with him over the phone, they always felt like they knew him as a good friend.

Michael was a noble, sincere, respectful, energetic and genuinely good-hearted person. Everyone who met him loved him. He had a contagious smile and a beautiful soul that he shared with everyone he met. He was one-of-a-kind, and we will never forget him. Nobody will ever fill the void that he has left in our lives, for he has made a strong imprint on all of our hearts. We have all been blessed to know and work with him.