



## Russell F. House

April 30, 1972 - June 15, 2022

Russell F. House, 50, passed away June 15, 2022 in Chicago, Illinois.

He is survived by his brother, Patrick House (Kimberly), nephews, Bronson and Baron House, niece Brooklyn House.

He is preceded in death by his parents Fred S. and Janice M. House, grandparents, Fred L. and Glenda House, John and Laurine Strain.

Russell was a graduate of Jacksonville State University with his Bachelor of Science and Masters Degree of Science, he was an avid artist, loved reading and enjoyed the outdoors. Russell loved to teach his love of Science to any and everyone who would listen.

A visitation will be held at Miller Funeral Home on Saturday, June 25, 2022 from 2-4 at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers the family would like donations to be made to the Alabama Institute for the deaf and blind in Talladega, Alabama at [www.aidb.org](http://www.aidb.org)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **25**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Miller Funeral Home  
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Oxford, AL 36203  
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# Tribute Wall

XT

“ I find it impossible to put into words the care, patience, and generosity that Russell showed me. He changed my life in ways I can't express. I admired his kindness, his love of nature, and his tenderness. His huge heart was matched by his sharp sense of humor. I also find it heartbreaking that I couldn't help him heal. His sensitive nature held him captive.

*Russell, thank you for making my life that much better by your mere presence. May the afterlife be kind and loving to you.*

*Rest in peace, my dearest.*



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XT - October 23, 2023 at 11:02 PM

TB

“ Recently I have found a letter Russell had written to a possible job. He was truly special .. here is the letter ;

*Russell's Letter dated January, 28 2018*

*Hello. My name is Russell. I am a teacher. It is part of my identity and my calling in life. I have been teaching biology for over 25 years, since I was an undergraduate volunteering at a nature field camp for grade school-aged children.*

*I have since had the opportunity to teach in a wide variety of environments, including a diversity of ethnic, racial, and socioeconomic settings. I use an unconventional blend of charisma, humor, and empathy to reach my students as individuals, regardless of what groups they may fall into.*

*I was once a PhD student at Indiana University. After three years I was called before my committee and told that I was spending too much time with my students. That they should be my lowest priority. That I should spend as little time with them as possible, and focus on bringing in grant money and publishing papers. I quit the program on the spot.*

*Instead, I completed a Science Communication program at UC Santa Cruz, focusing on science illustration. I have found my skills as an illustrator have been extremely helpful as a teaching tool. I've been told that my illustrations communicate concepts and processes in a way that they finally "click". But I understand that not all students are visual learners, so I make sure I am as thorough with my verbal descriptions as possible as well. I try to find as many ways to communicate a concept as possible in an effort to reach students with different learning styles.*

*I believe students have a natural interest in the world around them, but science seems lacking in gifted communicators. I like to think myself such a communicator, and look forward to conveying my*

*passion and dedication in person.*

*Thank you for your time.*

*Sincerely,*

*Russell*

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**Tude Bastos** - October 24, 2022 at 09:32 AM

RG

“ *I can't recall many memories of undergrad that don't include Russell. He was my partner in crime for several years and we did everything together. I remember working on a project/film that was an "environmental impact assessment "...Russel perfectly embodied Sir Attenborough as he hung from a train trestle (one-armed!) over a creek bed, passionately pleading for people to not allow a local fictitious battery plant to pollute the environment with its effluent (me all the time crying with laughter to the extent that I couldn't see and wasn't sure I even had him in frame!). I know there's still a copy on VHS out there somewhere! I have so many precious memories with Russell - The Mad Cows on Dauphin Island, seeing Anne Rice in New Orleans, at home facials, and on and on and on - and each one brings joy to my heart and a smile to my face. He was such a kind heart and gentle soul with many extraordinary gifts. This world's loss is Heaven's gain. Russell, thank you for all the love and light! Until we meet again...*

*Love,  
Robbin*

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**Robbin Alley Garcia** - June 25, 2022 at 02:50 PM

TB

*Fantastic memories of Russell . They made me smile . Would love to know more hilarious stories !  
Thank for sharing !*

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**Tude Bastos** - June 26, 2022 at 08:18 AM

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**Tude Bastos** - June 25, 2022 at 01:29 PM

TB

“ Once I have sent Russell a picture of a bucolic stream right behind my house in Brazil .

*This was our dialogue : “*

*It's beautiful, at least in the photo. It looks like somewhere I would play as a kid. I can totally see you there exploring the rocks, the tiny animals ... seeing the water moving .. That was me exactly.*

*Mom used to yell at me because the rocks would come out in the wash and rattle around in the drier. I guess I'm much the same as I always was. That's reassuring.*

*The rocks in your pocket crack me up. It's true. The drier had dents and scratches inside it.*

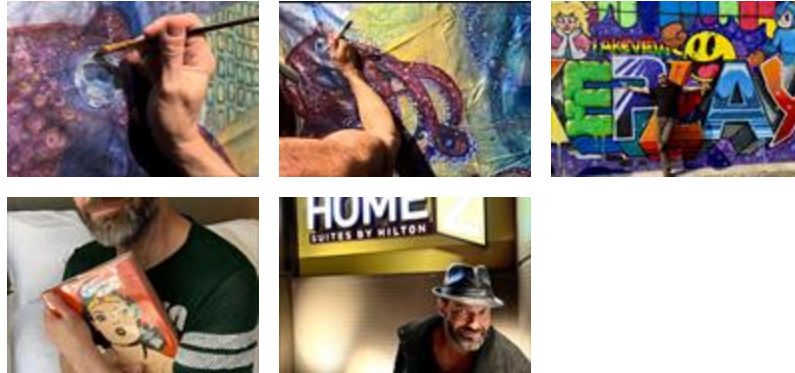


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**Tude Bastos** - June 25, 2022 at 08:05 AM

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**Tude Bastos** - June 25, 2022 at 07:16 AM

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“ *Russell was so funny .. we could had been a duo of comedians.*

*Russell once messaged me this :  
“We are entertaining I imagine.*

*Imagine a logical restrained  
intellectual discussing a complicated issue with an impetuous  
undisciplined yet intelligent person of a different culture.  
And one is loud and the other is quiet and restrained at first, then  
gets flabbergasted and gets as loud as his opponent.”*

**tude bastos** - June 25, 2022 at 06:28 AM

TB

“ Good bye my beloved friend .

*You were smart, intelligent , well educated , informed about the world, manners to swoon anyone , artistic , creative, a dreamy voice and to top all that very good looking !!!*

*You taught me to always be grateful, thankful, generous , altruistic, accepting...*

*Your seeds in my soul made my life so much more meaningful, less attached to materialistic values. Truly happier , and carefree .*

*I love you immensely and was loved back with so much care, altruism and intensity !!*

*I will miss you eternally!!! Not a second passes by without seeing your smiling face, playfulness, gentleness, your inner light irradiating goodness to all around you .*

*You will always live in my heart, in my soul, until my last breath on this earth . My friend, we will meet again soon in another realm, to continue our vivacious, and at times hilarious conversations spreading uplifting light to all !*

*I love you , Russell House .*



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**tude bastos** - June 25, 2022 at 06:25 AM



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**Miller Funeral Home** - June 20, 2022 at 03:41 PM



“ *Russell loved science and he would send me rocks he had dug up. He found a broken rock and 100 miles away he found the perfectly matched piece. He mailed it to me and I always called him my "Indiana Jones." Russell was truly loved and will be forever missed by his Aunt Nancy Hastey.*

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**Nancy Hastey** - June 18, 2022 at 04:49 PM

LM

“ In 2019 my townhouse burned. Everything was full of soot, so the construction workers had to completely gut my home including sheetrock. I lived with my parents for over a year while my townhouse was being rebuilt. On the night of the fire, I was told to take any “valuables” with me. The one painting in my den that I took, was a picture that Russell had painted of my Lhasa Apso , Prissy. Other than a few clothes, I considered that painting my most valuable object in my townhouse. That painting is now hanging in my new den and I just love it. Russell was so talented, smart, and funny. He told the funniest stories about his ginormous pig and kept us all laughing. We all loved him SO much.

(Loye McMillan-Cousin) 😊🙏

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**Loye McMillan** - June 18, 2022 at 03:55 PM