



**CHRISTOPHER THOMAS PASHEN**, 55, of Spokane, Washington, passed away on February 15, 2026, surrounded by loved ones. Born on May 29, 1970, Chris lived a life defined by kindness, humor, resilience, and generosity. He touched the lives of everyone who knew him with his warm and encouraging spirit.

Chris had a remarkable ability to see the best in people. He offered encouragement freely, believed in others deeply, and carried a quiet strength that uplifted those around him. Even while facing a long-term health challenge, he met each day with courage, grace, and unwavering hope and faith—an inspiration to all who knew him.

Chris worked in various roles before finding his professional home at St. Joseph Care Center in Spokane, where he served as Environmental/Facility Manager for nearly 20 years. Known affectionately by his crew as “Eagle Eye,” he oversaw numerous grounds and building improvement projects. His dedication, creative problem-solving, craftsmanship, and commitment to excellence helped create a safe, welcoming environment for residents, staff, and the broader community. Chris believed every encounter was an opportunity to stop, listen, and offer a smile or kind word to lift someone up.

A devoted member of Christian Life Center, Chris was especially proud of founding and leading the church’s Help Fix It Ministry. He devoted countless hours and his considerable skills to helping others, living out his deep conviction that service to others was one of life’s greatest callings. He also volunteered regularly at City Gate Fellowship, supporting the homeless and hungry. For Chris, these acts of service were not obligations—they were natural expressions of his character and faith.

Chris is survived by his mother Barb, his brother Mark, his cherished companion Brenda, his stepsister Lori, and his stepbrothers David and Richard. He is also survived by many loving aunts, uncles, cousins, and extended family members. He leaves behind his lifelong best friend James, whose enduring bond brought him strength and joy throughout his life.

He was preceded in death by his father, Tom; his sister, Michelle; his stepfather, Dick; his stepsister, Janet; and his grandparents.

A Mass of Christian Burial to celebrate Chris’s life will be held on Monday, April 20th at 11:00 a.m. at Blessed Trinity Catholic Community Parish, 1475 Eaton St., Missoula, Montana. Friends and family are invited to attend.

Chris will be deeply remembered and missed for his steady presence, his ready humor and laughter, his strong faith, and the countless ways he made the world brighter and gentler for those around him.

