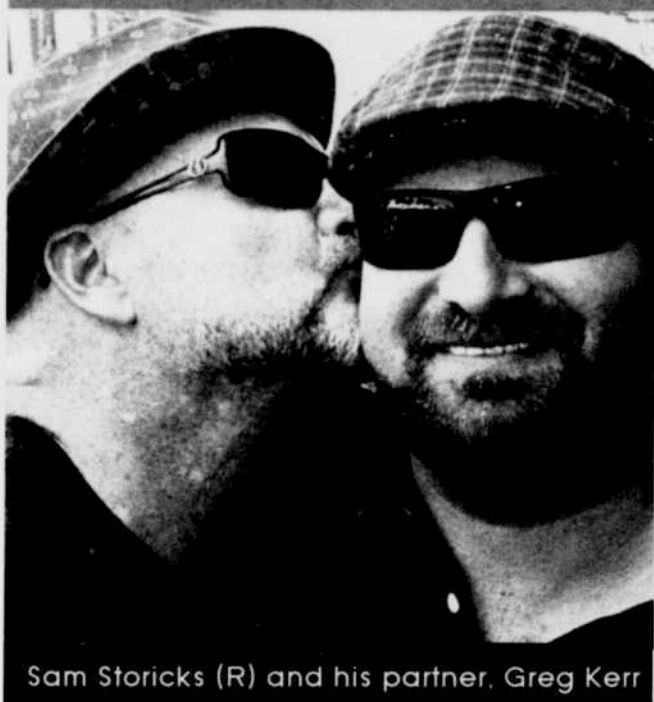


PROFILE



Sam Storicks (R) and his partner, Greg Kerr

Stories of Storicks

Friends and colleagues remember Sam

"I found in Sam someone precious who made me laugh, feel young, energized, and feel like I was the only man in the world who mattered."

-- Greg Kerr, Portland

and his postings were often irreverent and no-holds-barred, yet he never failed to infuse these postings with humor and wit. His fan base could not get enough and looked forward to the next posting with much anticipation.

The consummate free spirit, Storicks was never fond of the 'establishment.' He found religion and everything religious, such as prayer, distasteful. When he was first taken ill, a page called "Clap Your Hands for Sam Storicks" was created on Facebook. Since Storicks did not believe in prayer, the concept of clapping to bring fairies back from the brink was borrowed from *Peter Pan* and used as a way to generate positive energy in aid of his recovery. Storicks had such a big personality that within a couple of days, the page had almost 2,000 fans. People were clapping from all over the world, some as far away as the Netherlands and Australia. Even local radio hosts Mitch and Daria of 105.1 The Buzz's Afternoon Buzz talk show jumped on board on July 23 and got listeners clapping. Today, the page remains on Facebook as a tribute to Storicks and as a place for people to remember and celebrate his amazing and beautiful life.

There will be a "Celebration of Life" event held in Storicks' honor on Saturday, August 14 at Brax, 320 SE Second Ave. from 6 to 9 p.m. This 21-and-over event will be followed by Bearacuda Portland, the dance event Storicks helped bring to the city. All proceeds from that night's Bearacuda will be donated to his family to assist in funeral and medical costs. Separate events to commemorate his life will be held in San Francisco on August 11 and in Woodstown, N.J. on August 28. 

"His ability for snarky observations of life was uncanny. I found myself trying to keep up and be as witty as him, but constantly failing. I hope he didn't think I was boring."

-- Dave Andrews, Portland

"I admired Sam for his strength, kindness and completely hysterical sense of humor."

-- Matt Mikesell, San Francisco, owner of Bearacuda

"Having Sam as your friend was like having your own personal bodyguard ready to cut a bitch at a moment's notice. Cutting bitches was one of his main thrills in life."

-- Bennie Tan, Portland

"He was funny, shocking and a big softie at heart. Sam's tweets were like my morning paper—read him every day."

-- Frank Vit, Mullica Hill, New Jersey

"Sam Storicks was a lovable and amazing little scamp and a piece of my heart that will never grow back."

-- DJ Matt Consola, San Francisco

"When someone left a negative comment about me on his Facebook about my DJing at BearTown, he stood up for me. He said I was a great DJ. That made me happy coming from another established DJ. That showed me he was a professional."

-- Brad Bernier, Portland

"Thank you for your service in your work and your passion in your music that allows us all to dance our hearts out."

-- Lisa Yi Castro, Littleton, Colorado

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