



## Marcus Daniel Lease

April 14, 1982 - June 14, 2020

Marcus Daniel Lease, 38, of Williamsburg, VA passed away June 14, 2020. He was born April 14, 1982 in Elizabeth City, NC, to Daniel Franklin and Renee Presley Lease. Marcus attended Camden High School; Mid-Atlantic Christian University; graduated from University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill with a degree in Modern European History, 2004; Bunker Hill Community College, Boston MA with a Certificate in Object Oriented Computer Programming and Design, 2008; The Royal Danish Academy of Music, Copenhagen DK, with a Masters in Music Composition, 2016.

Marcus worked as a software engineer for the last 12 years, first with Borral Ventures, Boston, MA. 2008-2013, and then with AsherGroup, Rodchester, NY. 2013-2020.

Music was Marcus' passion. He played various instruments from childhood and added to his collection and mastery of them throughout his life. He enjoyed high school band and many informal "garage bands" with friends throughout high school and college, as well as, singing in several choral ensembles. Studying Music Composition, Orchestration, and Electroacoustics was a particular rewarding experience that allowed him to compose several compositions that were performed during his college studies.

Whether through music, reading, learning, or travelling Marcus loved to

challenge himself. This is especially evident in his desire to explore new places and ways of living. He spent extended time in Brazil and Copenhagen, Denmark, taking in the culture, food, and people. He also traveled to places in Spain, Italy, Finland, Sweden, Germany, and the Czech Republic. Marcus was never afraid of being uncomfortable or embarrassed, traits that helped him to learn several languages, such as German, Portuguese, and Danish. Through his love of travel, music, and language he was able to make friends wherever he went and connect with people in deep and meaningful ways.

Marcus was preceded in death by his brother, Michael D. Lease. He is survived by his parents, Daniel and Renee Lease; sibling, Finn Lease Boson (Crystal); sister-in-law, Becky Lease Thornton (Jason) and children, Ethan, Mia, and Elijah. A memorial service will be held July 25, 2020, at Towne South Church of Christ, 2224 Peartree Road, Elizabeth City, NC 27909, at 11 AM, with a reception afterwards.

Marcus had a heart for those who may be hurting or in need. For the last few months of his life, he volunteered at House of Mercy, helping with food organization and distribution. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Marcus's memory to Williamsburg House of Mercy at 10 Harrison Avenue, Williamsburg, VA 23185 or via their website, [WilliamsburgHouseOfMercy.org](http://WilliamsburgHouseOfMercy.org). Please note "In Memory of Marcus Lease" on the donation memo line. All funds received will be used for COVID renovations for outdoor eating space for the homeless.

# Tribute Wall

AS

“ I came to learn about Marcus death 3 days ago, and I am so sad. I met Marcus in Denmark in march 2014, and I immediately loved him. He just walked straight into my heart. He was the most present person I ever met. He was there with you 100% He always made me laugh. He never spoke bad about anyone or anything - he was just open and curious: The only Christmas I ever spend away from family, I spend with him, and I could not have wished for a better company on a rather difficult day.

I have been wondering so hard for the last days, if I could in any way have helped him. I cant believe that he is gone. He was an amazing person. So much love.

Astrid Svane



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**Astrid Rosaline Svane** - October 27, 2020 at 04:20 PM

BI

“ I met Marcus in 2015 in Denmark when he attended a performance festival I was hosting where he performed one of his music pieces, after that we became good friends. I was very sad to find out that he passed. He was always a very supporting friend and I felt like I could talk to him about literally anything due to his open and curious nature. In 2017 he visited me in LA when I was an exchange student and he got to see me being a Dane in the US, as a reversed situation to him being an American in Denmark. I always had a lot of fun with Marcus.

*I am deeply sorry for Marcus' family's loss and I hope my message finds anyone who misses him well.*



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**Bibi** - September 28, 2020 at 01:56 PM

SA

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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**Samuel Asher** - August 14, 2020 at 01:46 AM

GM

“ Dan and Renee, please know that Amy and I are with you in your grief and sorrow at the passing of Marcus. We have been praying for you all and will continue to do so May the grace and mercy of our great God bring you comfort and peace during this time. May he also flood your mind with all of the good memories of the times you had with Marcus. God bless you both and all the extended family as well.

Glenn & Amy McGinnis

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Glenn & Amy McGinnis - July 25, 2020 at 01:43 PM

JB

“ Danny and Rene,  
I am so sorry for your loss . May the peace that surpasses all understanding comfort you at this time. You are in my prayers. Jill Boyer

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jill Boyer - July 13, 2020 at 03:57 PM

KG

“ Danny and Renee I am so sorry for your loss..many fond memories of him I remember when I worked at RBC..May you find peace in the days ahead...love and prayers Kathy Gray....



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kathy gray - July 12, 2020 at 07:52 AM

SH

“ Dan... Renee... and family....so sorry to hear of Marcus passing...I can only imagine the pain you must be feeling....just know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers...

love,

Sylvia Harrison

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**sylvia P harrison** - July 08, 2020 at 06:36 PM

AT

“ Marcus was always so warm and friendly. I'll never forget his warm embrace and his giant smile. He was gentle, kind and brilliant!! You all are in my prayers during this most difficult time.

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**Angela "Dip" Talley** - July 08, 2020 at 04:05 PM

RM

“ Rhonda Mebane lit a candle in memory of Marcus Daniel Lease



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**Rhonda Mebane** - July 08, 2020 at 03:48 PM

RM

I have the fondest and some funny memories of Marcus during my college years while bay sitting. He was such a precious little boy💕. My thoughts and prayers are with you all regularly. Love you Renee and Dan💕🦋

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**Rhonda Mebane** - July 08, 2020 at 03:52 PM

EB

*Good by for now Marcus. I am glad to have had you in my life, if only for a short time. Rest peacefully, until we all meet again.*  
*Ellen Boyko*

Ellen Boyko - July 22, 2020 at 12:17 PM

DP

“ *Much love and prayers. May God grant you peace in the pain. We are so sorry. Shalom. D. Clay & Sandra Perkins*

D. Clay Perkins - July 08, 2020 at 10:11 AM

MA

“ *Marie Alvarez lit a candle in memory of Marcus Daniel Lease*



Marie Alvarez - July 04, 2020 at 09:43 AM

LG

“ *Was so sorry to learn of Marcus' passing. You are in our thoughts and prayers and have our deepest sympathy.*  
*Lou and Gary Godfrey*

Lou Godfrey - July 03, 2020 at 07:13 AM

CT

“ *Charie Thompson lit a candle in memory of Marcus Daniel Lease*



Charie Thompson - July 03, 2020 at 12:30 AM

BW

*Danny and Renee-*

*We are so sad to read of Marcus' passing. He was such a sweet and loving young man growing up on Pine Street. Our hearts are breaking for you. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Sending you our love!*  
*Bobbi and Wayne White*

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**Bobbi White** - July 04, 2020 at 07:48 PM