



Jared M. Whalen

April 15, 1974 - August 20, 2018

Jared Maurer Whalen beloved son of Jack and Karen (Persson) Whalen suffered heart failure passing peacefully in his sleep Monday, August 20, 2018. Jared, born April 15, 1974, in Hamilton, Ohio, was a 1993 graduate of Hamilton High School. He attended Regis University in Denver, Colorado, and graduated from the New England Culinary Institute in 2000. “Chef Jared” interned with Chef Jean-Robert de Cavel at The Maisonette, and was hired by Chef Jean-Robert when the internship was completed. He followed his mentor to Pigall’s and later was named Chef de Cuisine at Pho Paris in Oakley. In 2008, Jared helped conceptualize and launch Chalk Food + Wine in Covington, Kentucky, and was later named Sous Chef at Jean-Robert’s Table in Cincinnati, Ohio. He was often referred to as a “chef’s chef,” and through his mentorship he inspired many young people in the industry. In 2014, Jared took a sabbatical from the restaurant business to explore his other passion, the great outdoors. After hiking a portion of the Appalachian Trail, he brought his culinary gifts to his hometown of Hamilton, Ohio, where he served as Executive Chef at The Coach House Restaurant at Berkeley Square. Jared enjoyed the delight on his customers’ faces when they sampled his culinary creations. Always humble, he loved his restaurant “family,” both patrons and staff. Jared was an outdoorsman, often visiting his Grandfather’s land, and hoped to live there someday. A curious mind, he was a man of many talents and interests. He read extensively about art and architecture, loved music (Phish) and concerts with his brothers, family vacations, and repairing vintage

Volkswagens. He had a larger than life personality and never met a stranger. Times spent in his backyard with his dog "Jimmy" were among his happiest hours. Jared leaves his family, including brothers Jon (Allison) and James (Natalie). Jared was a cherished uncle to his nephew and nieces, Jack, Anne, Kate, Tillie, Caroline, and Ainsley, and was devoted to his special black Labrador "James Dean." Jared would be overwhelmed by the outpouring of support from his industry family. A celebration of life for family and friends will be held at 4:00 p.m. September 30 at the Michael J. Colligan Lodge at Veterans Park in Hamilton. Memorials may be sent to Community First Foundation for Berkeley Square, 230 Ludlow Street, Hamilton, Ohio, 45011, or the Great Miami River Recreational Trail Fund care of the Hamilton Community Foundation, 319 North 3rd Street, Hamilton, Ohio, 45011. Online condolences are available at www.weigelfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP **30**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

The Michael J. Colligan Lodge at Veterans Park in Hamilton
10 Hillcrest Drive
Hamilton, OH 45013

Tribute Wall

BT

“ I worked with Jared at Dipaolo's in Oxford, Ohio when he was just getting started. I remember when he decided to go to culinary school. We were all excited for him and knew he would do well. I remember his sense of humor and excitement with anything he did in the kitchen. He would always bring joy to the late night cleaning and make it fun. He would bring in the largest stereo system to the kitchen and let the music happen. He made cleaning an adventure rather than a chore. My son Robert Collins also had the pleasure of working with Jared at one of Jean Robert's restaurants. So sorry for your loss. Good job raising such a wonderful person. Peace be with you and your family. Betsy Torge

Betsy Torge - August 26, 2018 at 01:40 PM

JS

“ Karen and Jack, What a beautiful tribute to your son Jared. I would have loved to have known him. Sending lots of love to you and your family. Judy Snider

Judy Snider - August 25, 2018 at 12:28 PM

ND

“ Karen and Jack
So very sad to hear of the passing of Jared. Although I never ate any of his creations I often heard he was an exceptional talent. I had the good fortune of meeting him a couple of times (Cincinnati Wine Festival golf outing) and told him of my connection to his parents. He was very gracious and sincerely thanked me for stopping to talk to him.
Thoughts and prayers from our family.
Neil and Sandy Dattilo

Neil Dattilo - August 23, 2018 at 04:38 PM

CR

“ *Cassie Kellum and Michael Reuter purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Jared M. Whalen .*



Cassie Kellum and Michael Reuter - August 23, 2018 at 02:16 PM

JD

“ *I remember first working with Jared when he first started at the Maisonette with JR. Then to Pigall's and Pho Paris. What a great professional and even a better person! You brought out the best in all. God speed.*

Jim DeFranco

Jim DeFranco - August 23, 2018 at 09:46 AM

JK

“ *Whalen Family - No words can describe how very sad I am to hear of Jared's passing. Although he has departed from this earth he will never truly leave you, he is alive in your hearts, through you, his family and friends, he lives on. Please accept my heartfelt condolences and prayers for your family.*

Jill (Walden) Knosp - August 23, 2018 at 08:25 AM

LD

“ I don't think Jared realized I have been trying to compete with him every Christmas Eve since Jon married Alli which has been a long time. I consider myself a very good cook so of course I was just in awe of a trained chef and tried to stand up to whatever he might be creating each year, did not work but he was always very gracious and complimented me....then when I left the room I am sure he doctored it up!!! As I mentioned we have been together every Christmas Eve for a very long time! The best ever is when he levitated our father Lou Wynn, I am serious he just raised him right up with the help of 3 others without touching him, we had a blast and is one of my best memories.....now Jared is being raised up to watch over all of us and what a great guy to do it!

Linda Depew - August 22, 2018 at 07:50 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Jared M. Whalen .



August 22, 2018 at 03:04 PM

JE

“ Jared will be profoundly missed by all of his friends in the culinary community .
Peace Jared

Joe Englehart - August 22, 2018 at 10:43 AM

ML

“ lovely and beautiful tribute to jared. i grieve for his family and his friends and in particular one of his longtime buds jake jolivette my son. our world is so much less now. love you all..mad

madalyn lester - August 21, 2018 at 06:22 PM