



Davis James Denick

October 24, 1975 - January 23, 2018

Davis James Denick, 42, passed away suddenly on January 23, 2018. He was the loving son of Donna Clark and the late David James Denick, dear brother of Dana Denick, and husband of Colleen McCormick Denick. Davis was a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America, and will be remembered as a creative and talented chef. His generosity, loyalty, and humor will forever remain with his friends and family.

Visitation will be on Saturday, January 27 from 12:00pm-1:00pm at Perinchief Chapels 438 High St., Mount Holly, NJ. A memorial service will begin at 1:00pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Garces Foundation, garcesfoundation.org.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 27. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Perinchief Chapels
438 High St.
Mount Holly, NJ 08060
(609) 267-0399

Memorial Service

JAN 27. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Davis James Denick*

October 29, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ *Davis James Denick*

October 29, 2022 at 09:53 AM



“ *I started working at Samuels just a few months after Davis. This is when I first moved to Philly. And believe me, I was like an alien on a foreign planet. Davis and I made very good friends right away. He was the first friend I made in Philly and he showed me the ropes of the town. In addition, he made me feel more included at work (which is not easy). Ever since, I was was one of the few lucky ones here to be one of his closest friends. We did a lot of fun things together and he cracked me up. I never met someone so willing to always do something together and so willing to help. I pray for his family, however, I also feel a big chunk of my heart has been pulled out.*

I miss you buddy. Say hello 2 heaven.

Bill Bradford - January 30, 2018 at 04:04 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of this. Davis was clearly a man of many talents and many friends. How many people are remembered so fondly as a wrestler, musician, chef, artist, football player...? My condolences to the Denick family, his wife, and the many whose lives he touched. RV remembers one of our alumni, gone too soon.*

Bill Connolly - January 29, 2018 at 08:53 PM

SM

“ My memory of Davis goes way back to his early childhood. We were neighbors and all of my family enjoyed every moment we spent with his family. My daughters Pam and Kimber would put him in a wagon and give him rides around the sidewalk. He was a delightful little guy and we sure missed him when we moved away.

Sharon McPherson - January 29, 2018 at 04:11 PM

JA

“ My friend, thank you...

“Farewell,” they cried, “Wherever you fare till your eyries receive you at the journey's end!” That is the polite thing to say among eagles.

“May the wind under your wings bear you where the sun sails and the moon walks,” answered Gandalf, who knew the correct reply.”

Jason - January 27, 2018 at 08:24 PM

KA

“ Chef Davis and I work together at Samuel & Sons he was the nicest person I ever met we both had chronic illnesses so we both give each other different insights on our illnesses. I will miss you greatly Davis wish I would have kept more in touch.

Karla - January 27, 2018 at 05:54 PM

VV

“ I met Davis at The Dive in 2008 & we were fast friends. We lived about 3 blocks away from each other & the bar back then. He was one of the nicest guys around & an amazing chef. He had the nicest dog, the prettiest cat & the best backyard. We hung out over the years whenever our paths crossed, which was fairly often. We even worked together for a little over a year. I am so sad to hear of his passing. My heart goes out to his wife & family. He will definitely be missed.

Vanessa Vanover - January 27, 2018 at 01:07 PM

MW

“ Sending my thoughts & prayers to the entire Denick family. Davis & I met freshman year playing football together and he was always a gentle soul.



Marques L. Williams - January 27, 2018 at 12:36 PM

MH

“ I'm sad to hear of his passing. Reflecting on fun times as kids. He was always kind and funny. We went to the same babysitter and I'm laughing at memories of playing practical jokes with him and Ben Kauffman. I'm impressed at hearing of his culinary talents and I'll always remember him playing the bass so well. It suited him. My condolences to his family and wife, I wish I could be there today. It is a reminder to keep in touch with old friends because life here is too short. Rest in peace Davis.

Mandy Malarczyk Hanigan - January 27, 2018 at 12:05 PM

CC

“ Sending my condolences to Davis’s family. We grew up down the road from each other and we were good friends from 1st to 12th grade and beyond. Davis was a unique soul. Reflecting on our friendship today. I wish I could be there to honor his memory.

Cheryl (Bruce) Cesario - January 27, 2018 at 08:01 AM

RT

“ A great neighbor and a great friend. We had so many good conversations over that wall in the back yard, we even went into each others houses! Always there to help and inspire, he even made me feel like I was a good cook! I'm really going to miss seeing him, whether we planned or just ran into each other, we always enjoyed each others company. I couldn't have asked for a better neighbor or friend. Going to miss the hell out of you, dude!

Royal Tettermer - January 26, 2018 at 11:01 PM

PH

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p h - January 26, 2018 at 10:33 PM

MH

“ One of the best Chefs and nicest guys I have ever worked with. Proud to have been able to call him friend! He will be missed and I hope that his family finds solace in the fact that he made a lasting impression! Mark Haltzman

mark haltzman - January 26, 2018 at 05:21 PM

JS

“ *Whent through grade school with Davis high school all the way up until I helped him pack to the day that he left four culinary school. Bless his family for their loss he will surely be missed. Rest In Peace my friend.*

jamie strittmatter - January 26, 2018 at 04:43 PM

 Nathan
Foley

“ *I'm so sorry to hear about Davis. I hadn't talked to him in years, but we wrestled together our sophomore year at Rancocas and I remember he was just the gentlest guy around (a pretty exceptional quality on a high school wrestling team!). Decency - quick with an encouraging word; also quick to push back on negativity or teasing. Exactly the sort of dude you mean to circle back to and catch up with one day.*

Nathan Foley - January 26, 2018 at 02:22 PM

CL

“ Davis was so special to me! He taught me so much about food while we worked together at Chifa in Philadelphia. Later when I wanted to get into sales, he got me an interview at Samuels and Son Seafood where we worked together for 2 years. There the entire sales force enjoyed Friday snacks every single week created by Davis, not to mention the full tasting menus he put together to impress clients and educate everyone.

My two favorite memories of Davis are picking apples with him at Linvilla Orchards where he turned them into Apple Butter to give away as favors at my baby shower later that year.

Davis also was the person who drove me to the hospital after my water broke at work to give birth to my daughter. She still rides in the car seat that he gave me at my baby shower.

I love you. I miss you. Rest in Peace.

Claire Kos

Claire - January 26, 2018 at 01:54 PM

DV

“ Davis was such a positive daily presence in my life with the RV Orchestra and String Ensemble that those moments in time shared with him still shine bright. What a sweet, smart, thoughtful, witty, loving, talented young man! What a loss that you are no longer in the world, but a comfort that the memories of you will always shine brightly.

Deb Vanneman - January 26, 2018 at 01:41 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Davis James Denick .*



January 26, 2018 at 01:35 PM



“ *Your Digital Family purchased the Tranquil Seas for the family of Davis James Denick .*



Your Digital Family - January 26, 2018 at 11:15 AM



“ *Davis was always available to me, regardless of what I wanted to talk about, he made sure that if I wanted to talk that he was available to listen. To me, he was what a true friend is supposed to be and I could only try to reciprocate the effort he put into our friendship. I'll miss you, Davis, and the time we spent together talking and laughing.*

Dylan Reese - January 26, 2018 at 10:02 AM



I remember Davis from RV he was one of the smartest kids but was a gut who was cool too he was an over awesome guy

George Scott - January 26, 2018 at 04:01 PM

LR

We were so sorry to hear of your loss.

We have fond memories of Davis, Chris, Andy, and Ben spending the night in our basement. They stayed up most of the night, playing some kind of strategy board game, then consumed a huge amount of food at breakfast.

He was always a pleasant and fun kid to have around. Over the years we would hear about his career in the food industry and were happy he had found his calling.

The quote "The good die young" is true in this case.

With sincere sympathy,

Al and Laurine Rocca

Laurine Rocca - January 31, 2018 at 09:58 AM

NA

“*That was my friend. Never turned someone away who needed a couch to borrow or a shoulder to lean on. How many hours did we sit and talk, and talk, and talk? Davis and I shared so many interests, the conversation wouldn't run dry until my wife called me asking why I was gone so long. Sitting on the couch with Alice, drinking watered down lemonade and dissecting the universe at large, knowing that we were just specks in the grand scale of it all and relishing it. There's a huge hole in the world now, Davis. You were bigger than a speck to me, you were the greatest chef, a culinary artist, you were a great mind, a philosopher, a great co-worker, and most importantly a great friend. I already miss the living crap out of you, we all do.*”

Nick Anastasi - January 26, 2018 at 09:38 AM



“*Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Davis James Denick .*”



January 26, 2018 at 08:43 AM