



Aaron Michael Whittington

November 20, 1975 - December 6, 2024

Aaron “Ace” Michael Whittington, age 49, passed away suddenly in his sleep on Friday, December 6, 2024.

Aaron was born in Charleston, West Virginia on November 20, 1975, the son of Susan (nee Muster) and Arthur Wayne Whittington. Growing up, he lived in West Virginia, Ohio, and North Carolina, where he graduated from Providence High School and then attended Appalachian State University.

Aaron started out as a dishwasher at The Country Club of Salisbury (NC) and largely self-taught, went on to become an extremely talented and creative Executive Chef, North Carolina (St. Jacques), St. Thomas USVI (Sib's on the Mountain), and Chicago (R Public House).

Along with his love of cooking, Aaron loved sports (especially West Ham United FC soccer), reading, and his extended group of family and friends. In addition to his parents, he is survived by his brothers, Steve (Melinda) Whittington, Nathan (Kristin) Whittington, and sister Krista Whittington (Seth Galli), and nieces and nephews (Zachary, Jennifer, Aidan, Lila, Ella, and Adie).

Friends and family are invited to attend a celebration of Aaron’s life 3-6pm (eulogies and open-mic begin 4pm) on Saturday December 14, at R Public

House, 1508 W. Jarvis, Chicago, 60626.

Memorial contributions may be made to Ben's Friends, <https://www.bensfriendshope.com/donate/>

Please visit the link here to share your favorite photos of Ace with his family <https://app.kululu.com/y2f6o2>

Arrangements by Inclusive Funeral Care, 773-370-2959 or www.InclusiveFuneralCare.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC **14**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

R Public House
1508 West Jarvis Avenue
Chicago, IL 60626

3pm doors open 4pm eulogies and open mic 6pm departure

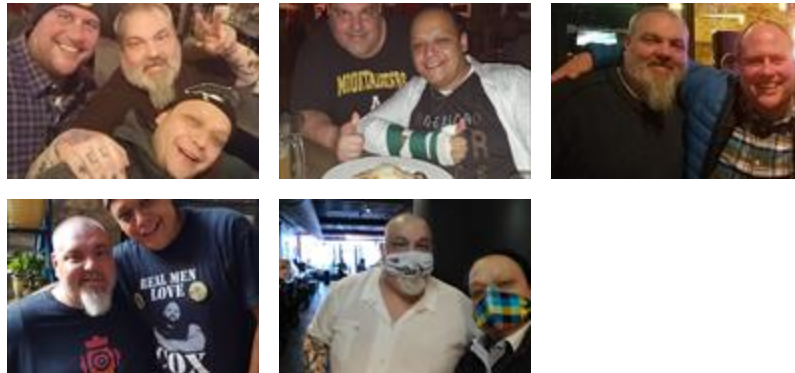
Tribute Wall

CB

“ *Rest in Peace, Chef Aaron*

We are heartbroken to say goodbye to someone who brought so much warmth and joy into our lives. Aaron, you were not just one of our favorite Chefs, you were family. Thank you for always welcoming us and taking a moment to say hello. Thank you for those birthdays that you made extra special by putting our favorite dish, your delicious meatballs, on the menu. Your talent and creativity in the kitchen made every meal unforgettable. Your kindness and big heart touched everyone who knew you. We will cheer "Come on you Irons!" in your honor.

Rest easy, Chef, and know you will always be remembered and missed.



Cesar Barradas - December 14, 2024 at 04:04 PM

MF

“ *Moerlein Lager House Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Aaron Michael Whittington.*

Moerlein Lager House Family - December 14, 2024 at 08:07 AM

MF

“ *Moerlein Lager House Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Aaron Michael Whittington.*



Moerlein Lager House Family - December 14, 2024 at 08:07 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Aaron Michael Whittington.*



December 14, 2024 at 12:43 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Aaron Michael Whittington.*



December 13, 2024 at 01:48 PM

TT

“ *The Moveportz Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Aaron Michael Whittington.*

The Moveportz Team - December 12, 2024 at 09:28 PM

TT

“ *The Moveportz Team purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Aaron Michael Whittington.*



The Moveportz Team - December 12, 2024 at 09:28 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Aaron Michael Whittington.

December 12, 2024 at 04:08 PM

AS

“ *Ann, Donna and Sherri purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Aaron Michael Whittington.*



Ann, Donna and Sherri - December 11, 2024 at 09:30 PM

DI

“ *I am sad that while I met Aaron I never really got to know him. I have heard over the years what a wonderful man and supreme chef he was. My heart goes out to a family that is like a second one to me. Sue and Nick no parent should ever have to lose a child-you all have my prayers and love at this terrible time. I will be there in spirit. Love, Deb and Jüri Ilves*

Debra Ilves - December 11, 2024 at 04:52 PM

FC

“ *From Moerlein Lager House, Cincinnati purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Aaron Michael Whittington.*



From Moerlein Lager House, Cincinnati - December 11, 2024
at 08:41 AM



“ *Aaron, no length of human life's sufficient to know all the people we'd want to as well as we'd want to. I wish I'd known more of you.*

What I do know is that, as a kid, I privately dubbed you and your siblings "The Jolly Giants." It was an apt description from my perspective. And I can see as clear as a memory of yesterday the time someone told you I'd said that, and I stood there, red-faced and embarrassed and looking up at you all towering above me, and the sincerity I found in your smiles, I could feel it in my bones.

Awkward kids tend to be sensitive to things like sincerity, and as a reasonably still-awkward adult, "sincere" is still, I think, just about the best thing anyone can be. And the responses you all had to my childhood "whit" made me feel OK, which was not something that kid felt in most public situations.

Light like that, it's always there shining, no matter where the person carrying it goes. It occurs to me, maybe the reason some of us take winding and unexpected roads is because those are the roads that need the light. I find, on reflection, that I can only wonder at how much light you must have brought to unexpected places and people as you walked your path.

Benjamin Kibbey - December 10, 2024 at 01:09 AM

KT

“ Steve and I think of him fondly during a couple of years at Providence HS years and after football Friday nights. Aaron was such a down to earth person and so great to be around. I semi kept up with him through Facebook. The good Lord has taken him not His Arms. Prayers to all the family.. Kathy Thorne

kathy thorne - December 09, 2024 at 08:33 PM

TF

“ The Lykens family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Aaron Michael Whittington.

The Lykens family - December 09, 2024 at 01:00 PM

TF

“ The Lykens family purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Aaron Michael Whittington.



The Lykens family - December 09, 2024 at 01:00 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Aaron Michael Whittington.

December 08, 2024 at 07:58 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Aaron Michael Whittington.*



December 08, 2024 at 07:58 PM



“ *Aaron truly was our brother and we ache for the loss of his love, his humor, and his heart. There are too many memories to share*



kate “doc” dunckley - December 08, 2024 at 10:55 AM



“ *Sue and Art so sorry for your loss. Will let John now he will be upset like all of oh family. Thinking of you at this time. You will be in our prays .Take care will thinking of you. Love your Ohio cuz Tammy*

Tammy (Muster) Kissenberger - December 08, 2024 at 08:00 AM



“ *Aaron was my American brother,my dear 'Pumba' coz I was his little 'Timon',
Since 2019 we tried to see each other, he was supposed to come to France to visit a bit on my side, I cannot believed he 's not with us anymore and I have so much love and compassion for his family,they are amazing loving people,I wish I could come back to be there with you for this difficult moment
I send you all my thoughts from the deepest of my heart,
My loving Pumba is an Angel now*

Lead Win - December 07, 2024 at 09:54 PM

NB

“ I did not know Aaron, but his mom was is a cousin, and one of my favorite people. I am so sorry, Sue! He was so young. I wish I had had an opportunity to know him.

Nancy Brantingham - December 07, 2024 at 08:48 PM

SH

“ Thank you for all you have taught my children and grandchildren about life and making biscuits

sharon hare - December 07, 2024 at 08:37 PM

JH

“ One of the smartest and easily most sarcastic people I've ever met. Your passion for life, those you loved, and the things you loved (Go Hammers!) was unmatched. You were always there for me in unexpected and beautiful ways. Miss you forever Chef.

Jason Harber - December 07, 2024 at 07:02 PM

EK

“ Love you Cousin Aaron. Memories of sledding at Aunt Mary and Uncle Earl and swimming and rock climbing in Canada remind me of our time together. Love you.

Elisa Kibbey - December 07, 2024 at 06:33 PM

PN

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Peggy Natoli - December 07, 2024 at 11:49 AM



“ We love you. 🐜🐜🐜

Peggy Natoli - December 07, 2024 at 11:46 AM