



David Early

May 21, 1986 - December 31, 2020

David Early, age 34, of Traverse City Michigan, passed away on December 31, 2020 while visiting his parents in St Augustine, Florida. He was born in Queens, NY and spent his early childhood in New York before moving to Orlando, FL with his family. David graduated from Timber Creek High School in Orlando before earning his Associate's Degree in Fine Arts from Valencia Community College. While pursuing an artistic career he worked in the restaurant industry in various roles and this allowed him to develop his love for cooking.

David was a gifted artist. He loved to draw, paint, and sculpt. He especially enjoyed drawing with the pride and joy of his life, his son Jude. David treasured the times he spent out in nature. He loved the outdoors whether it was the mountains, the woods, or the beach. David's family would gather together for family adventures and create lasting memories of their time with nature. David will be greatly missed by those that had the pleasure of knowing him. He left his mark on all those he met.

He is survived by his immediate family Claudia, Danny, Joaquin, Jude, Bobby and Sebastian along with other family members and friends.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a gift to the St Augustine Humane Society as David loved animals.

St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - January 20 at 11:12 AM



“ David,
I still remember the first day I met you. I went over to Brianna's house to practice our routine for the 5th grade talent show and you were there hanging out with Chris. Over the following years, I became such good friends with you and the Barrington Crew. We were like family and you guys were my big brothers. It always amazed me how kind and easy going you were. You didn't have an angry bone in your body. You were genuine, uplifting, and always trying to put a smile on people's faces. Thank you for being a light in my life. I hope you are at peace and enjoying heaven. I miss you so much, my friend!
Love, Samantha Guglielmo

Samantha Guglielmo - January 20 at 11:22 AM



“ David, I can still imagine your contagious smile that lit up your whole face and spread to everyone throughout the room. How your adventurous spirit led to so many fun and exciting times and how your calm presence made us all feel at ease. You have made a mark on all of our hearts and will be so greatly missed.
Love, Leah Woods

Leah Woods - January 20 at 11:22 AM



“ hey buddy, I cant believe you're gone. our path wasn't supposed to end like this. I miss our facetime calls, goal talks. I wish I was able to tell you how much you mean to me. I took these last years for granted. Should have come visit you countless times. give you the hugs you deserve. You've been such an amazing friend. the best friend. I hope to never meet anyone as good as you. and at the same time, I wish the majority would be just like you. the world would be in such a better place. Your lessons and life, will live thru me. and you left us your legacy. I know you'll be watching over him as you can count on me to do so as well. you left us too early. ill forever miss you brother

rumie

Rumie - January 20 at 11:21 AM



“ David was a compassionate friend, a powerful spirit, and a charming wit. You helped shape who I am too, Dave. I will always cherish our bond and the times we spent together. Farewell.

Doug Payne

Doug Payne - January 20 at 11:20 AM



“ David Early I have known you for most of my life ever since the time we lived next to each other in Barrington. I remember going to your house and playing video games and walking your dog musashi. We had so many good times together. You were the one person I could trust with anything. You were not only a friend to me but a brother. You were there for me during my hardest times in life to pick me up when I needed it most. We lived together on quite a few occasions the most recent being in New York City. I know how much you loved the city. You convincing me to move up there was the best thing that ever happened to me. I am glad we got to spend that time together and share all those memories. I know your son can grow up proud of how amazing his father was. How many lives you made better just for simply being in them. I will never forget the time my mom called me back home because I left a light on after we moved to across the town center. It was two miles away and you walked all the way to my house with me to turn the light off and walk all the way back to your house to spend the night. That is just one of the many things that made you a truly great friend. When I was kicked out of my house and I had nowhere to go again you were there for me. I am honored to be able to call you my friend my confidant. You touched my life in such a way It's hard to believe your gone. I could go on forever with memories and ways that you were there for me. It's hard to say goodbye but I know that you will always be there watching over me. You will be forever remembered by me and loved and missed. Until we meet again.

Chris Benoit

Chris Benoit - January 20 at 11:19 AM



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David,

This all still feels so unreal...Even after having a week to process it, after having to go get all of your belongings from your house, and having to go through everything...I still am having a hard time accepting that you are not here anymore...Jude seems to understand, and up until last night he has been handling it well. Last night he found a ring in your belongings that he said he brought home from school and gave it to you...the tears came and then he put his head in my lap and cried. I cried with him. He is so smart and so strong. We made an amazing and beautiful human...I wish I was as strong as him...Even though we were no longer a couple you were still a big part of my life. We spoke every week. We saw each other every week. If I ever needed you I knew you were there. There was still love there even though neither of us showed it. I felt it. I have so many regrets when it comes to you. I know you did as well. I wish you were still here so I can tell you I'm sorry, I forgive you, and how much I still love you. I loved you hard when we were together and I still loved you when I left. I never stopped loving you. I realized that after your mom told me you had passed and the pain flooded my heart. We spent 7 years together, lived in three different states together, and you are my 1st borns father. A big role model and influencer on him. He acts and looks so much like you. I am grateful that I get to look at him and see you in his eyes, his face, his expressions and mannerisms. I will forever miss your beautiful smile, your contagious laugh, your crazy ideas and beliefs I rarely ever agreed with, your free spirit, your kindness, your gentle soul, and it kills me that you won't be here to watch our son grow up into a beautiful, intelligent, amazing man I know he's going to be because he is a big part of you. You were one of a kind and I am the luckiest girl in the world to not just have know you, but to be loved by you, and to have given you your only child. I promise You I will always be there for him and be the best mother I can be to him. This is so hard...I don't want to say goodbye to you...I can't...when I die I promise I will find you and you me and Jude will be together again...until then...farewell. love always and forever...

Heather and Jude

Heather and Jude - January 20 at 11:19 AM



“ Mijo

Dear beloved son,

I cannot believe we are writing these heartbreaking words. It is you who is supposed to say goodbye to us when our time came. It doesn't seem real yet. You brought so much happiness into our lives. And you made us better people just by being yourself. You truly were the perfect baby, a happy baby who always had a smile for everyone and you could sleep through the end of the world. You grew up to be a very thoughtful young man. You were loving, temperate in nature and always tried to see the good in people. You had such artistic talent, so much promise and potential. The world is diminished by your absence. You cherished the freedom to be who you wanted to be and not let society dictate who or what you were supposed to be. Your greatest accomplishment was becoming a father. Jude changed your life completely and he was the only thing in this world that mattered. I know you will always be his guardian angel and we will make sure that he knows you more and more as he gets older. We will be there for him whenever he needs us. We promise you that. You leave such a huge void in our lives. You believed in reincarnation so you will be reborn to have another wonderful life.

From mom: You take with you a part of me that can never be replaced. When you were born you opened your beautiful eyes when the doctor put you in my arms and the first thing you saw was my face. I didn't know true love until that moment. I feel so privileged to have been your mom. Time may lessen the pain in my heart but it will never go away. Goodbye my darling boy. My beautiful darling boy. I love you so much.

From dad: Hey Dave, I write this to you with a heavy heart and soul. You are and will always be my champion, my hero, a man that I've always looked up to and will continue to aspire to be a better father, a better man. You always found the good in people when they didn't see it in themselves or sometimes didn't deserve it. Your gift to this world was your unconditional and unwavering good spirit. I will miss you calling you "Dabid", in Bobby's voice; sharing thoughts about different movies; I will miss your corny laugh and your cheesy humor. But most of all I will miss being with my first son, I love you Dave. "Gotta go, see ya when I see ya"

Claudia Early and Danny Nadalalicea - January 20 at 11:18 AM