



Adam P. Rudder

July 1, 1963 - November 7, 2024

Adam P. Rudder, age 61, passed away on Thursday, November 7, 2024. A private service will be held at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Frankfort. The family invites friends to the Frankfort Country Club on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. for a reception and Celebration of Life.

Adam was born in Frankfort, KY on July 1, 1963 to the late Joseph and Margaret Rudder (Nesselrode). After attending Franklin County High School through his junior year, he was a member of the first graduating class of Western Hills High School in 1981. He also attended the University of Kentucky from 1981 through 1984. Raised in Frankfort, KY, he was residing in Lexington, KY at the time of his passing. He had over 30 years of experience in the hospitality industry and was employed as a “Baker Extraordinaire” for Darae & Friends Catering.

While baking for catered events was Adam’s occupation, cooking was also one of his passions in life. Whether it was down home cookin’ or haute cuisine, he never failed to impress his many friends and beloved family with his extraordinary meals that were always prepared with love.

Adam was an unabashed cinophile and enjoyed all types of movies. Whether introducing his nephew and niece to his favorite animated Disney classics, watching films from the Golden Age of Hollywood, or enduring occasional sophomoric comedies that his brother insisted they screen, he was always entertained. Moreover, he was always entertaining as he recited the lines to

the movies he knew by heart.

Music was also a central part of Adam's life. He played the alto saxophone in school bands at Collins Lane Elementary, Bondurant Junior High School, FCHS and WHHS. He was also first chair on baritone sax during his junior year. While proud of that, he often noted that he was the only baritone player in the band. Dear to his heart was his involvement in his church choir; he enjoyed singing in the choir at St. Paul United Methodist Church, First United Methodist Church in Lexington, as well as at Faith Fellowship in Lexington. Above all else, Adam was most proud of his family and the friendships that he had made and that had endured over many decades. He was a devoted son, brother, uncle, partner and friend. Adam derived the most joy by bringing joy to those around him. Naturally hilarious and self-deprecating with an infectious laugh, he could always be counted on to bring a smile, chuckle or belly laugh to those who knew and loved him.

Adam is survived by his brother, Joe Rudder (always "Cobbie" to him), and sister-in-law Caroline Fields; partner, David Wilson; nephews Will Rudder and Brady Fields; nieces Sophie Rudder and Bree Jones (Chase); and grand-nephew Cooper Jones. He is also survived by many beloved cousins, in-laws and countless friends. All who knew him will fondly remember Adam for his kindness, sense of humor, gentle spirit and his sweet and loving soul.

In lieu of flowers, Adam's family requests that financial donations be made in his memory to The Schwartz Center Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Center, c/o Lisa McKenney, 3479 Buckhorn Drive #106, Lexington, KY 40515. Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC **10**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Frankfort Country Club
101 Duntreath St
Frankfort, KY 40601

Tribute Wall

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“ *Tammie Smith lit a candle in memory of Adam P. Rudder*



Tammie smith - December 05, 2024 at 11:02 AM

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“ *I worked with Adam at Sage. I still remember the first time I met him. The first words out of his mouth were to tell me a joke. He had such a talent with food - especially the soups! I remember many days when he and i barely saved each other's sanity in the kitchen when things got crazy. I can still hear him saying, "Uuuuh huh!" and see him nodding his head knowingly. He will be missed! All his family and loved ones will be in my prayers!*

Maria - November 21, 2024 at 02:16 PM



“ *There's a line in the Iliad after the death of Patroclus. Homer says that the women wept for Patroclus but each for her own sorrows. The death of anyone you know immediately brings to mind the deaths of others among your own family and friends. Which is why Zeus speaks of us all as "wretched mortals."*

Robert Rabel - November 21, 2024 at 10:26 AM

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“ I grew up with Adam and Joe in Cloverdale. I have the fondest memories of Adam in marching band at FCHS and just hanging out during the teen years. Either at his house or my grandfather's house on Reed Drive, we laughed and created our own brand of humor. Watching SNL, eating Doritos and trying to figure out life in general was always joyous with Adam. He's a smile on my face and a joy in my heart. I'm sorry we lost touch but I am thankful to have known him. Much love to his family and peace be with you. ❤️ Cathy Lee Grimes

Cathryn Lee Grimes - November 20, 2024 at 12:13 PM