



Daniel Taylor Matthiesen

February 24, 1981 - March 4, 2020

Daniel Taylor Matthiesen passed away unexpectedly on March 4, 2020. He was 39.

Dan was a loving son, brother, uncle, and grandson who will be greatly missed by his family.

A graduate of Nooksack Valley High School, Dan was a natural athlete who loved to play basketball and baseball. Sports were a big part of his childhood as his dad was a coach and loved to share this interest with his children. Following high school, Dan began working at a local restaurant where his love of cooking began. A self-made chef who, after starting his career in Whatcom County, moved on to many notable restaurants in Seattle including Lloyd Martin and most recently as the Executive Chef at the Alexis Hotel Bookstore Bar and Restaurant.

Unabashedly a food snob, he was a believer in using only the freshest local products. Pork was his trademark dish at family gatherings. To his delight, his niece Isabelle would brag about “Uncle Dan’s pork.” He loved making fresh pasta. Gnocchi was a specialty of his and although he tried to teach others to make it, it was always Dan who made it best. Cooking good food was his passion but he also loved hanging out with his family camping, boating, fishing, and crabbing. Following these adventures, he would take the fruits of

his labor and turn them into a feast.

He was unafraid to speak his mind. Always up for conversations about food, politics, and life, he did not hesitate to share his strong opinions with friends, family, and colleagues. These conversations he often thought best shared over a beer and/or a shot of tequila.

He was fiercely loyal and protective of the people closest to him. His big bear hugs made you feel really loved. Dan believed in a team approach to his work, which he attributed to his sports background and learning about teamwork from his dad. According to Dan, "it's always a team effort and you have to be on point to make everything run."

He will be deeply missed by family members, father Mark Matthiesen (Colleen Reding) sisters Lyndi Matthiesen Grove, Amy Hankinson (Matt Burns), brother Brett Matthiesen, (Kate Rosser) niece and nephew, Isabelle and Leo Rosser-Matthiesen, grandparents Chuck and Nancy Matthiesen, many aunts, uncles, and cousins. He is preceded in death by his mother Judy Matthiesen.

Because of public health worries, we would appreciate your patience and would like to invite any friends or family to a memorial to be set at a later date.

(Please check back here for eventual service details.)

Tribute Wall

DS

“ Mark, Colleen and family, it has been a blessing to connect with you remotely during this unprecedented time in our history. You are blessed to be able to be together to remember good times with Dan despite the pandemic. The time will come when you can properly celebrate the man he was and gather all the real hugs you deserve. Find peace, amigos

Deb and Sid - March 27, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. What a great looking man. I remember this guy when he was little sitting in the back of the bus with all of us high school basketball girls. We really liked both of those boys. Hilda DeHaan (bus driver) would always say to us , ” I think those boys are learning all your songs you sing.” I don’t think any boy that age new all the words to the song “the Rose” like they did. It sounds like he turned into a wonderful man. Mark, I hope you find peace. I’ll be thinking of you. I can’t imagine such a loss. Love ya.
Tonya Holleman Matter

Tonya Holleman Matter - March 21, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ It was with great sadness that Steve and I read in the paper yesterday that Daniel had passed. We had so many great times celebrating and playing as friends/family during the early years. Please accept our prayers and condolences.

Debra J Jones - March 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Rest in Power, Brother.

Jeffrey Hagen - March 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM