



## Dwain C. Klatt

May 2, 1959 - July 7, 2024

E. UTICA - On Sunday, July 7, 2024, Dwain C. Klatt's unforeseen passing occurred in the comfort and dignity of his home at the age of 65.

Dwain was born in Santa Clara, CA on May 2, 1959, to the late Ogden and Juanita Mae (Button) Klatt. He also knew the love and guidance of his father, Craig Snedeker. Dwain's formative years were spent in California where he attended Adrian C. Wilcox High School, graduating with the class of 1977. He went on to study Culinary Arts at The Culinary Institute of America which played a part in his successful livelihood.

At one time, Dwain was married to the former Lisa Taverne, and from that union came the blessing of their two children. Dwain was a loving and hands-on father who, along with his daughter Charlotte, learned how to bake. He also shared his cooking skills with her.

Dwain held employment at Big Apple Music in the car detailing portion of the business, as well as being a qualified salesman. During his time there, Dwain became close with the Bolos Boys, who became longtime friends and of trusted importance in his life.

Dwain established himself as a self-employed entrepreneur, operating several businesses over the course of his career. His first venture was owning and

operating The BBQ King in Barneveld and currently Southern Comfort BBQ and Catering in New Hartford. Dwain was fortunate to have been offering his services right up until this past Saturday. He was independent and proficient at his events, as well as providing daily lunches and dinners. Dwain's patrons loved his food, personality, and spirit. A true altruist at heart, any leftover food was donated to those in need. His worldly thinking and positive energy made for a unique soul, and gifted businessman.

Dwain got a sense of enjoyment each day by simply making food for those he loved. He was always inviting others to join him for a meal and felt a sense of gratitude for all the people in his life. He amassed many good recipes throughout his lifetime, in part due to his fondness for trying new things.

In his spare time and for a little peace and quiet, Dwain enjoyed fishing or just being out in nature. Once he was revitalized, he could be found at the bowling alley where he was able to meet many new faces who would ultimately become his friends.

Dwain knew there was a higher power who was present and guided his life.

Dwain is survived by his dad, Craig and his wife Diane. He shared a close bond with his children, Stacy Dwillis, Ryan C. Klatt, and Charlotte Dauback and her husband Robert. Also surviving are several grandchildren, including Skyler, and Riley; Alexandria Klatt; and Deklin Dauback, who was his buddy and partner in crime. He is also survived by his siblings, Danielle, Dawn, and Drew; numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins. Jeff Cole was Dwain's best friend, who he shared so much in common with. He also shared a close friendship with Jacqui Passalacqua.

In memory of Dwain, please share a meal with those close to your heart. A special thank you to his son-in-law, Robert, who was of great assistance to the

entire family, as he was the one to find Dwain at final rest in his home.

Fond memories and messages of encouragement are welcome to be shared on Dwain's tribute wall.

# Tribute Wall

KM

“ My condolences to family and all those who knew him. Enjoyed talking with him as I ordered food- best bbq and such a wonderful gentleman!

Kathy McDonald - July 21, 2024 at 04:18 PM

DS

“ I know that time and distance had kept us apart for most of our lives, but you are still my brother and I love you. The best thing I can say about you is that YOU DID YOU brother. Rest easy and say hi to mom and Aunt Nadine for me. Love you bro.

Drew Snedeker - July 16, 2024 at 03:50 PM

AD

“ I was so sorry to hear this! I had just patronized his place about a week before his passing and had a fun conversation with him. My condolences to all who knew and loved him.

Andrea Duvall - July 16, 2024 at 02:32 PM

LG

“ I am sorry to see the loss of Dwain. I used to walk past his food truck at Cupolos, and stop occasionally to grab a bite to eat. His bbq food was the best. My condolences to his family. RIP Dwain.

Lynn G - July 10, 2024 at 06:35 AM

EP

“ My deepest condolences to the family of Dwain. He was one of the best BBQ cooks i have met in a long time. He and his food will be missed greatly. I loved the talks he would have with you while you visit his place. Made you feel at home. RIP my friend.

Emma Penn - July 10, 2024 at 12:05 AM

MG

“ Dwain will be missed! His spirited conversations, passion for making great food, and animated personality made him one of a kind. His work ethic was admired. I will miss his visits to the shop. May he Rest in Peace.

Mary Gearhart - July 09, 2024 at 10:13 PM

SD

“ Great guy, and amazing food. He will be missed. Prayers to his family, and may he rest in peace.

Susan Doyle - July 09, 2024 at 08:43 PM

VI

“ I ran Beer Here in New Hartford Shopping Center. Myself and everyone who worked there are so sorry for his passing. He would come in and talk to us. He told me so many stories about his life. After we closed I would see him driving by and waving to me when I was out walking. I'm so sadden by his passing and an sending love to all of you.

Virna - July 09, 2024 at 07:58 PM

SK

So sorry to read this. He was a generous and gracious man. Prayers to his family and friends.

Sarah Kilian - July 09, 2024 at 09:33 PM



“ I did not know Dwain for very long, but am honored that our souls crossed paths while on this Earth. I stopped by and got some BBQ this last fall and regularly visited for a few months. We bonded over his classic cooking style and general goodheartedness. I was in such awe of his BBQ skills that I have been inspired to learn the art and science of smoking meats, and just purchased my first smoker. He singlehandedly lead to this inspiration within my soul. I have no doubt that many people also felt a genuine connection with him within seconds of meeting him, he had that old soul wisdom and grace. Anyone who has witnessed this man is blessed and I am truly honored to have known him, if for a brief time. I will hold a place for him in my heart. Thank you Dwain, you already are and will continue to be greatly missed sir.

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**Jared Hamm** - July 09, 2024 at 07:17 PM

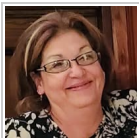
PJ

“ Dwain was such a a kind person. I would visit his BBQ stand often and he would always have nice conversation and give me more than enough food to eat. I am genuinely sad to hear of his passing. May he rest in glorious peace. He will be greatly missed. My sincere condolences to his family.



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**Patricia Jackson** - July 09, 2024 at 06:51 PM



“ I will always love you Dwain. My best friend. Thank you for all the memories.



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**Jacqui Passalacqua** - July 09, 2024 at 06:13 PM

DW

*Thank you so much*

**dawn winn** - July 15, 2024 at 10:17 AM

IK

*He used to bowl in a summer league at Vista a couple of years ago, he brought his BBQ and fixings over one night. What a nice man, we used to go to the old place and then we never found him again, he was such a sweet and generous person. RIP Dwayne*

**Irene Kener** - July 21, 2024 at 03:14 PM