



William Kevin Poore

January 8, 1964 - August 20, 2023

William Kevin Poore, 59, of Indianapolis, passed away August 20, 2023. He was born January 8, 1964 in New Castle, Indiana to Shirley G. and Marjorie (Claar) Poore. William was a graduate of Ohio State University and Thames Culinary Institute. He was an executive chef for Westin Hotels for many years before becoming an Inspector for the State of Indiana. William married Michael Shumaker on October 25, 2016.

William is survived by his loving spouse, Michael L. Shumaker; mother, Marjorie Poore; brother, Steven Poore; sister, Suzanne Shannon; and four nieces and nephews. His father, Shirley G. Poore, preceded him in death. Final arrangements and care are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel.

Tribute Wall

BR

“ William was an amazing person! He got me into art and painting. I have a bunch of things that he had drawn for me to paint and he was so good at it. He had worked with people who were in opioid recovery, and him showing me art saved my life. There were times where the facility couldn't fund much art supplies and William would use his own money to purchase items for his patients to continue the art group. The lady he is standing next to in the picture was my counselor, but William was as much as my counselor as her. I recently found out about his passing and I just want to let his family know how deeply sorry I am. He had a huge heart and will be greatly missed!

Brenna - June 25, 2024 at 12:41 PM

SR

I'm so sorry to hear The passing of William he was my counselor for 7 years and I know he saved my life, his compassion and dedication to keeping others clean will be sorely missed. I lost track of him when he departed Midtown my thoughts and prayers are with his surviving family RIP my friend we will meet again.

Sheldon J Robertson - July 11, 2025 at 03:34 PM

TT

“ William was a man of tremendously high standards, complete integrity, and boundless enthusiasm for whatever task he took in hand. No one, whose privilege it was to know him, is likely to forget the candor of his speech, the encourage of his faith, the warm and glowing brightness of his friendship. He never dodged a responsibility, never refused to take on a hard job if it needed to be done. What he preached, he practiced. What he believed, he believed with heart and soul. He fought hard for every cause in which he enlisted, and the causes for which he fought were good and right. It has been an honor to know him as a friend and team member.

Tony J Toomer - September 21, 2023 at 08:30 AM

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“ Tony J Toomer lit a candle in memory of William Kevin Poore



Tony J Toomer - September 21, 2023 at 08:18 AM

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“ 2 files added to the album William Poore



Tony J Toomer - September 21, 2023 at 08:16 AM

AN

“ *Anna lit a candle in memory of William Kevin Poore*



Anna - September 05, 2023 at 12:21 PM

DR

“ *I consider it a great privilege to have known William. He was such a wonderful person. A true overcomer of adversity. He will certainly be missed.*

Denise Donley R.Ph. - September 01, 2023 at 12:14 AM

NN

“ William was one of those people that will stay with you the rest of your life. He is one of the biggest reasons I'm sober today. He instructed an art class that was designed to help people mentally and keep them from turning back to drugs. William knew everything about everything. He took so much to heart and put so much of himself and his time into us. When my husband's dad passed away he was the only person my husband could turn to. He helped him through it and even brought out an art talent he didn't know he had. He would brag about my husbands drawings and even show him off to other artists he framed two of them because you said they were too good to let ruin. I have them hanging in my house. And then when my husband passed you could hear and see the hurt in his eyes but he stayed together to help me try to get through it. Even through the COVID time he still found a way to keep us going with art from live screening us to us meeting at the park. He saved so many people's lives. he's what a true hero his and not many people know his name or know much about him. I want to honor him I'm not sure how but I will find a way and I want it to be in a way that every person he touched could be there every life that he saved can come and celebrate his. Because William deserves to be celebrated. I love you and will miss you so much William! Love Nikki and Jerry (who I know was probably there to greet him.)

Nikki Newkirk - August 29, 2023 at 10:35 AM

TM

“ I worked with William at then Wishard. He was a caring and wonderful person plus a wonderful chef. He baked a cake for my mother's 80th birthday in the shape if a large hat with flowers. It was beautiful as well as tasting wonderful. Tana Meko

Tana Meko - August 28, 2023 at 12:18 PM

SP

“ Steve/T Poore lit a candle in memory of William Kevin Poore



Steve/T Poore - August 27, 2023 at 09:05 PM

SD

“ I had the pleasure of knowing William from our time working at Wishard hospital, Midtown Community Mental Health and more recently the Division of Mental Health and Addiction. William had the most magical green thumb and shared both this passion and plants with coworkers. William will truly be missed as he was an advocate for those who struggled with mental health and addiction.

Sirrilla D.Blackmon - August 27, 2023 at 12:50 PM

KS

“ William and I met through work. He was one of the most humble, nicest, sweetest men I have ever known. The world will be a much uglier place without him in it. I will definitely miss you William!



Kelly Smith - August 26, 2023 at 03:57 PM