



## Joseph William Schwab

July 2, 1987 - February 23, 2021

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“Chef Joey”

Age 33, of Chicago, IL, formerly of Reddick, IL passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at his home. He was born July 2nd, 1987 in Kankakee, IL. From a very early age he knew that he wanted to be a chef. He practiced his craft as a young man at several local restaurants and after graduating high school and spending a year in New York at college, he decided to go to the Art Institute of Chicago. He began a very successful career in culinary arts, working at some of the best restaurants in the city. He worked as a pastry chef at Spiaggia, the only Michelin Star Italian restaurant in Chicago, was a sous chef on Iron Chef America, had many write-ups and mentions in Chicago magazines and newspapers, cooked at the James Beard Awards in Chicago and at the prestigious James Beard House in NYC, and cooked the most amazing family meals. Joey also loved to travel. He visited many places including Italy where he spent time eating, drinking, and site-seeing. He loved reading, watching old movies, and had recently got into abstract painting. His humor, his kindness, his work ethic, and his overall presence will be greatly missed. Surviving are his parents, Charles C. III and Ellen K. (nee Joyce) Schwab of Reddick, IL; one brother and sister-in-law, Cliff and Malinda Schwab of WI and their four children, Aubrie, Alanna, Kellen, and Autumn; special aunts, Sue and Gail Joyce; his treasured cat, Data; and many beloved aunts, uncles, cousins, and many friends. He is preceded in death by his best friend and cousin, Katelyn Joyce. Cremation rites have been accorded. A celebration of his life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in his name to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society: <https://www.lls.org/> would be appreciated.

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# Comments

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“ Looks like some of us Chef friends haven't seen this post on FB yet. Or maybe I'm the 1st with time to say something.... Either way..... Joey and I met while working at Taxim around 2008. I met Greg Wade there too. I was the Sous Chef and these two crazy guys wanted to learn more of the hot line and savory cooking. I remember nights where Joey and Greg would be the only 2 guys on the hot line and I would be running Garde Manger and Expo.... somehow we made it work and the food was beautiful and we would have a beer after service while cleaning and for a while, it was kind of the perfect place to be working for a couple guys like us.... We all later went on to work at Girl & The Goat and then we each went our separate ways: Me to Maple & Ash, Greg to go on spectacularly with One Off Hospitality, and Joey finding his niche with Flamm at Spiaggia, like the best italian restaurant in the city, thank you very much..... I'll miss you Joey. Our time catering to rich assholes at Pure Kitchen was also a great time. I wish i was able to hang out with you more often in these busy, recent, difficult years..... You will be missed.

**Michael Pearlman** - March 04, 2021 at 06:49 PM

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“ Ellen, Chuck and Cliff and family, the Hogan family sends our sincerest sympathies and wants you to know how much we are thinking of you. Our hearts ache for everyone. Joey was such a talented person, fun, loving, and kind, too. What more could you ask from a child. We wish you comfort during this time and wish we could offer more help. His smile says it all. He loved life and his family. Peace, prayers and love. Melinda and Dan, Matt, Laura, Will, Lauren, Jack and Grace

**Melinda Hogan** - March 04, 2021 at 11:02 AM

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“ Ellen, Chuck, and Cliff, I am so very sorry for your loss. I have such great memories of spending time with you guys and Joey when Cliff and Evan played baseball together. From the ugly cheeseball bowl we traded off from the dime toss to pizza at Sammy's, well, always pasta for me and Joey, to swimming at your house, we always had a great time with lots of laughs and love. You are in my thoughts and I wish you strength and love during this difficult time.

**Sara O'Lena** - March 04, 2021 at 07:56 AM

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“ Sherry M Parks lit a candle in memory of Joseph William Schwab



**Sherry M Parks** - March 03, 2021 at 10:28 AM

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“ Dear Ellen, Charles and family,  
Sending hugs and prayers to all during this most difficult time. May God wrap his arms around you all and bring you his peace.  
RIP Joey.

**Sherry M Parks** - March 03, 2021 at 10:28 AM

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“ Ellen and family I'm so very sorry to hear about your son. Hugs and prayers to you to get you through this very difficult time

**wendy smiley** - March 03, 2021 at 09:41 AM

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“ Although it has been nearly ten years since we had seen each other Joey was always full of wit and creativity. Our family's summer memories of him whipping up a new creation and the excitement from everyone waiting to enjoy a new meal. Your light and humor will be missed tremendously.

**Liz Jepsen** - March 02, 2021 at 02:09 PM

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“ Joey is part of our fondest memories of raising our boys. Our families hanging together, baseball and soccer games. RIP dear Joey.

Steve, Kathy, Seth, Brett, and Brian Hedrick

**Kathy Hedrick** - March 02, 2021 at 01:14 PM