



## Kyle Emerson Bassett

August 2, 1983 - January 10, 2020

Kyle Emerson Bassett, age 36, passed away unexpectedly at his home in Napa, CA on January 10th, 2020 after a valiant 25 year battle with juvenile diabetes. He was preceded in death by his parental grandmother Caroline Bassett and maternal grandfather Thomas Jelinek.

Kyle was born on August 2, 1983 in Corpus Christi, TX to Govert (Tad) and Cynthia (Jelinek) Bassett. As a youth he attended Christ Lutheran (Murray, UT) and Grace Lutheran (Sandy, UT); then graduated from Jordan High School (Sandy, UT) in 2001 with a passion for the culinary arts.

Kyle developed a love for cooking very early in his life and he had a natural talent for it. Many hours were spent in the kitchen experimenting and creating. Afterward the resulting product was an amazing savory work of art.

Recipes were usually just notional guidelines – all his creations magically appeared from his creative mind. The few times a dish didn't come out as expected, he knew exactly what ingredients to add to fix it. He especially loved to cook for friends and family, and it gave him much joy and gratification to share his love of food with everyone he met.

He was also very athletic – playing on school baseball, soccer, and basketball teams. His favorite sport was golf, which he played as often as he could. He

would say that a perfect round of golf was not determined by the final score, but by the company of those who were with him and just enjoying the day. He was also an avid Golden Tee player and spent many hours – and quarters – playing anywhere he could find the game. He also appreciated an incredibly wide range of music and had a nearly encyclopedic knowledge of many singers and bands. Kyle also had a love for animals, most particularly cats.

Kyle loved his family and is survived by his parents, sister Allison, brother-in-law John, grandmother Sylvia Jelinek, grandfather Govert (Sandy) Bassett, an aunt, several uncles and cousins, his two beloved cats Orion and Andromeda, and many beloved friends.

Kyle was a selfless caring individual who would give anyone the shirt off his back. He always thought about others before thinking about himself. He will be greatly missed and forever remembered.

In lieu of flowers, his family requests that memorial contributions be made in Kyle's name to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation and to the Napa Valley Fire Department.

The Salt Lake Celebration of Life for Kyle Bassett will be held at the River Oaks Golf Course in Sandy, UT at 9300 Riverside Dr. on June 28, 2020 between 2PM and 4PM. Please text Tad at 801-550-1430 if you plan to attend. Please confirm your name and how many will be in your party. The dress will be Kyle Casual. Please bring fun Kyle memories to share. The Napa celebration will be held at The Green Door in Napa at 2955 Solano Ave when it reopens following the Covid shutdown. Please revisit this page for updates.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUN **28**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (MT)

River Oaks Golf Course  
9300 Riverside Drive  
Sandy, UT 84070

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kyle Emerson Bassett*

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September 29, 2022 at 04:54 PM



“ *Kyle Emerson Bassett*

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September 29, 2022 at 02:55 PM

JC

“ Some of my fondest memories of Kyle besides early years Kempo, the jr high carpools to basketball practice early in the morning and nearly dying in practice in early high school, was my experiences with Kyle as an adult knowing that around the end of swing shift, Kyle would be dropping by, no matter the event. What a solid point of friendship and a person always down to kick it and spend some quality time shooting the breeze.

*Kyle was always in store for some good cooking and food catch up memories in addition to the most recent successful cooking venture, displaying his ever evolving cooking prowess. Not to mention the most recent display of food often packed in a to go box for everyone to share and enjoy together.*

*A staple in every memory I had in Utah, and a connection that runs deep in my experiences growing up.*

*He was and will remain my friend and I will forever have stories and memories to share for the remaining years of my life.*

*Thanks for the smiles and laughs*

*JChi*

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**Jonathan Chi** - March 07, 2020 at 08:11 PM



“ We had the pleasure in partaking of Kyle's wonderful food on numerous occasions - such a talented individual. Cass and I are extremely saddened by the news but are grateful for the time we did get to spend with him and the Bassett family. Kyle was always on the up-and-up, excited to discuss his next culinary creation and adventure. I worked for Tad for several years, and ran across Kyle in many different settings. He was always unassuming and open to have any type of conversation you were in the mood for. I'm glad he was able to pursue his passion - something many of us strive for our entire lives. Kyle seemed to know what he wanted and enjoyed doing it - a rare and blessed gift in life. We will always look back fondly on our memories of him.

*With love,*

*Rich, Cass, and Lila*

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**Rich Reavis** - February 10, 2020 at 11:44 PM

CM

“ Well Bassett family. Susan and I are so sorry for your loss. Kyle was such a great guy. We knew Kyle when he was just a 16 year old teenager. Loving living life. He was in high school and in a culinary class that he just loved. He was always cooking something and experimenting with his own recipes. His favorite changed often but he loved creme brulee. He was a really hard worker and took great pride in doing a good job. Kyle new everybody and everybody new him. We had a store in the mall and he knew every employee that work there. It seemed like everybody adored him. He was always smiling always positive. We lost contact with him once he graduated from high school, but never forgot him! Always wondering what he was doing where he was a chef was he doing what he loved? When Tad called us and told us that Kyle had kept Susan's phone number in his phone all these years It did not surprise us. We were so happy that he had. We have so many fond memories of the young man that he was and the dream that he had of becoming so much bigger. Which it sounds like he did. We love you Kyle. And look forward to seeing you again one day.

Love you always!  
Cindy and Susan

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**Cindy McDonald** - February 09, 2020 at 07:57 PM

SB

“A bright and cheery “Hi Grandpa, how’s it going?” was Kyle’s typical greeting - reflecting his positive, up-beat outlook on life. I am unable to recall a single instance of his being other than cheerful and sunny. Kyle was gifted with an intrinsic understanding of the taste resulting from combinations of foods that were both wide ranging and surprising. I once asked him how he could create such fine tasting sauces from what to me seemed improbable food groupings. He said that he had a flavor wheel in his mind that allowed him to select foods that would compliment each other. One of my cherished memories is a dinner that he and I cooked - mostly he with me as something much less than a sous chef. The main dish was an encrusted white fish fillet that was exceptional. Regrettably he and I were the only dinner guests and my memory fails me as to just just how that came to be. Such good fun and companionship. Simply put, Kyle was good company and one to be sought out as a fine companion. Thanks for the memories Kyle!

Grandpa “B”

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**Sandy Bassett** - January 30, 2020 at 09:48 AM

AH

“My thoughts are with you all.

*I came over to Salt Lake from Scotland on holiday. On my first day there, Kyle announced he would cook dinner. Tad and I were sent to the fish shop to get Salmon. The first one we saw was Scottish salmon. We decided on the sockeye and the meal was delicious.*

Anna

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**Anna Hamilton** - January 25, 2020 at 12:50 PM

MO

“ Visiting Napa this past fall with my wife, Tad and Cindy invited us to spend some time with them while they were visiting Kyle and doing some work around the house, of course I said yes. We were looking forward to some good food, good wine and good conversation, Kyle did not let us down. I had not seen Kyle, perhaps for ten or more years. Last I had seen Kyle was in Worcester Massachusetts, when he was visiting the area with Tad. We met at a seafood restaurant, Tad introduced me to Kyle, and it was an instant bond, he was kind and gentle. We had something in common, love of food, Kyle cooking and I eating. Well, this held true in Napa! Kyle cooked us a fantastic dinner and in the process he taught us how to make the best Crème brûlée. I don't think I will ever have Crème brûlée again without thinking of Kyle and the fond memories we had with him visiting wineries, cooking, tasting wine and just a good old fun! We will miss him dearly, but grateful that we got the opportunity to spend some time with him recently!

*Love Moji and Gail*

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**Moji** - January 24, 2020 at 08:51 AM

AW

“ Kyle was a great, loyal and fun friend, and will truly be missed. I've had the pleasure of being friends with Kyle since the 10th grade at Jordan high school. We spent many days golfing, frisbee golfing and just hanging with many friends. Everyone that Kyle met he would be the most polite, friendliest person quickly making it a comfortable setting. I had the privilege of being a fellow groomsman with Kyle for two of our good friend's weddings. Also loved being one of Kyle's guinea pigs for his culinary arts creations and everything he made was just great. Kyle was a once in a lifetime friend and I am grateful to have known him for 20 years, love ya man.



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**Adam Wallin** - January 24, 2020 at 01:38 AM

JS

“ Kyle was a kind and gentle man. It was truly a pleasure knowing Kyle. He was a very talented chef and we loved every meal he prepared for us. He shared with us all sorts of ways to improve the taste of food. He even showed us a trick to improve the taste of making coffee with a Mr. Coffee Maker by putting a little water between the carafe and the heating element. A trick I use all the time and always think of Kyle. We will miss Kyle, A LOT.

*Love Jim and Charlotte*

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**Jim and Charlotte Smith** - January 22, 2020 at 06:42 PM