



CLETUS GARNER

November 25, 1957 - December 16, 2012

Cletus A. Garner, 55, of Hillburn, NY, recently of West Milford, NJ, passed away after a brief illness on Sunday, December 16, 2012.

Cletus was born in Greensboro, NC to Vivian (nee Simpson) and James Garner. Cletus graduated from the Culinary Institute and began his catering career in Manhattan which spanned more than twenty years.

In the last four years Cletus, together with his business partner Tony, operated the Passport Café in West Milford, NJ. He will be sorely missed by many of his friends and patrons of the restaurant, as well as his friends from the YumYum Club, Bassett Hall, and his special ladies of the West Milford Newcomers Club.

He will best be remembered for his infectious laugh and radiant smile, his passion for food, as well as eating it, his love of traveling, especially cruise ships, and his love of exotic cars, including his champagne color Porsche.

Cletus was predeceased by his father James Garner, his sister Gloria in 2012, his brother James and his nephew Donte.

He is survived by his mother Vivian Garner of NC, his sisters Jackie, Sheila, and Wanda; his brothers Rico, Carl, Michael, and Shelby; his nieces Aisha and Johneen of NC, his nephews Adrian, Austin, John, Shelby Jr, and Trequan, his great nephews Zikese, LaQuinta, and Jayquise (Moo-Shoo) of NC.

Visitors will be received on Wednesday, December 19, 2012 from 2pm – 4pm

and 7pm – 10pm at the Stickle-Soltesz Funeral Home, 187 LaRue Road, Newfoundland, NJ 07435 (For GPS use 1 Post Place, Newfoundland, NJ 07435).

A funeral mass will take place on Thursday, December 20, 2012 at 12:30pm at Our Lady Queen of Peace RC Church, 1911 Union Valley Road, West Milford, NJ 07480

Final disposition will be private.

On line directions and condolences: www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com

Memorial donations may be made in his name to: West Milford Rotary, c/o Stickle-Soltesz Funeral Home, 187 LaRue Road, PO Box 287, Newfoundland, NJ 07435. All donations will be put toward the West Milford Rotary Scholarship Fund.

Tribute Wall

TH

“ I recently heard about Cletus' passing. I am very sorry. I knew Cletus from the gym. He was an extremely positive and energetic person. I will miss his laughter and smile. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Tricia Hauk - January 03, 2013 at 02:07 PM

MP

“ Myself and my family had the great privelage to get to know Cletus. He was always smiling, having a good time and always loved what he did. He was a fantastic chef and person. He will be sorely missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends

Mike Petronaci - December 22, 2012 at 12:35 PM

RH

“ To Cletus's family I am truly sorry about the homegoing of you love one. He was very kind and lovely person. He is going to be missed. My prayers are with you all, May God comfort you.

Rhoda - December 22, 2012 at 12:05 AM

KA

“ Cletus was the epitome of happiness. His smile and laughter filled the gym where we worked out together. Cletus leaves a lasting impression and will be missed by many.

Kerry Arbadji - December 19, 2012 at 07:58 PM

PM

“ Words cannot describe the deep sense of sorrow that is filling our hearts today. Cletus was a very special person, an amazing friend, and he truly will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are going out to the family. Bob and Patrizia McAdoo

Patrizia McAdoo - December 19, 2012 at 03:16 PM

TF

“ From you laugh, smile, great food, and beautiful spirit. We will truly miss you. There are no words to describe the impact you have left on our family. You were always there in our time of need and always willing to provide a helping hand in anything. You will always be apart of our family and we will always have you in our hearts. To the family thank you for sharing such an amazing man with us.

The Rogers Family - December 19, 2012 at 02:37 PM

JD

“ To the Garner family....I will miss Cletus terribly. He was so positive, friendly, loving, loved, caring, funny, tender, happy, encouraging, motivating, motivated, trustworthy, trusting, a true confidant, brilliant, passionate, kind, & many other great qualities. When I was at my lowest, he pulled me out of the funk with his kindness. I am so sorry for your loss. I am also sorry for our loss.

june Van Dunk - December 19, 2012 at 01:03 PM

JR

“ I only met Cletus a few times at the Passport Cafe, but he was one of the nicest people I've met. You felt like you knew him forever, he was so warm & friendly. My deep sympathy to his friends and family.

Judy Recca - December 19, 2012 at 10:19 AM

JC

“ CLETUS GARNER

Jody Chapman - December 18, 2012 at 09:17 PM

DG

“ To the Garner Family, even though I hadn't seem him in years he was always one of my favorite cousins. His smile was infectious and I'm so very proud to have known him. "Red" I will truly miss you and I'm most positive I will see you again. Love your cousin, Denice

Denice Garner - December 18, 2012 at 12:27 PM

LS

“ I will miss Cletus, he always had a smile on his face, happy to see you and made you comfortable every time you saw him..

Larry Schwartz - December 18, 2012 at 10:10 AM

TM

“ I have been told from a scholar that the better part of one's life consists of their friendships...something this valuable is never lost upon one's passing, it's stored away as a treasure in one's heart and mind...how fortunate and wealthy we have been to have the friendship and love of this man, we all have a Cletusism that will carry us forward. He was always a happy individual right up to the very end. I will miss him forever but am so happy to have had the privilege to share in his life. God Bless you Cletus, we love you.

Teddie Murphy - December 17, 2012 at 03:09 PM