



## Mr. Russell Nolan Jaehnig

November 4, 1970 - June 20, 2024

Russell N. Jaehnig, 53, of Pittsfield passed away suddenly and peacefully at home June 20, 2024.

He was born on November 4, 1970, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to Robert and Mary Ann (Gerson) Jaehnig. He graduated from North Hills High School in '89 and the Culinary Institute of America in '93.

Russell was the Executive Chef at 21 Federal on Nantucket for over 20 years and most recently employed as Executive Chef at the Country Club of Pittsfield. Over the years he achieved much recognition, many culinary accolades, and was featured in a multitude of respected magazines and cookbooks. Russell was most proud of having cooked for so many, whether they were family, friends, or celebrated patrons.

He enjoyed spending time with his girl Jen, sons Harper, Duke and their close friends. When Russell was around laughter filled the room with his humorous stories, infectious laughter, and eagerness for fun. He loved playing the piano, the guitar and having his friends and family surround him in song by the bonfire. In his off time, he enjoyed all things Pittsburgh, especially the Steelers, reading and playing with his boys.

Russell is survived by his wife Jen of 19 years, sons Harper and Duke, mother; Mary Ann (Jeffrey) Gerson of Pittsburgh, father; Robert (Kathy) Jaehnig of Michigan, brothers; Mack (Kim) Jaehnig and Kent (Laura) Jaehnig, father-in-law; Bill Bernbeck; nieces and nephews; Leila and Maya Bernbeck, Finn and Culver Clancy; brother-in-law; David (Rima) Bernbeck, cousin;

Heather (Jeremiah Clancy) Greene and many close friends among them: Jeremy Schulze, Elisabetta DiPasquale, Leslie VanSchaik, the Kirby, Lanfair, Schnackenberg, and Cotton families.

He was beloved by all who knew him and will be sincerely missed.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, July 13, 2024, at 9:30 am at St. Ann's Church in Lenox. Calling hours will be from 8:00 am to 9:15 am at the Roche Funeral Home, 120 Main Street, Lenox, MA 01240. Celebration of life reception will follow the memorial service at the Country Club of Pittsfield.

In lieu of flowers, any donations will go towards supporting the Jaehnig boys as they transition through this difficult time. Donations can be made through Roche Funeral Home or via [my.cheddarup.com/c/jaehnig-memorial-fund](https://my.cheddarup.com/c/jaehnig-memorial-fund)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **13**. 8:00 AM - 9:15 AM (ET)

Roche Funeral Home  
120 Main Street  
P.O. Box 152  
Lenox, MA 01240  
(413) 637-0699  
eroche120fh@gmail.com

## Service

JUL **13**. 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM (ET)

St. Ann's Church  
134 Main Street  
Lenox, MA 01240

# Tribute Wall

JH

“ As grandparents of the Cotton boys we often stopped to also pick up Duke and Harper for basketball practice as we ride shared on those frozen winter evenings in the past. Duke has a talent for story telling . His real stories of growing up on Nantucket with his dad, Russell, and mom ,Jen and his dog and brother had us all in stitches laughing at the antics. We got a feeling of the love and devotion of the entire family. David and I send our prayers and love to all of you. Russell will live on in the boys he helped shape. God bless, Joan and David Hobbs

Joan and David Hobbs - July 12, 2024 at 06:19 PM

DB

“ I remember fondly, the beautiful dinners that he made for us and his wonderful sense of humor. Our hearts go out to the family.



Darlene Berryman - July 11, 2024 at 04:43 PM

DP

“ DuraEdge Products purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Russell Nolan Jaehnig.



DuraEdge Products - July 11, 2024 at 08:11 AM

SH

“ Dear Mrs. Jaehnig, Harper and Duke,  
I am so deeply sorry for the loss of your husband and father. Please accept my deepest sympathies and condolences. May you find comfort, strength and inspiration in the memories you shared. His life was cut short but his love and guidance will forever be part of you.

Sam Harb (LMMHS teacher).

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Sam Harb - June 28, 2024 at 07:47 AM

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“ I’m just stunned and so saddened to hear this today. Russ was one of my first loves in high school and was always so fun and upbeat to be around. He always made me laugh and smile. Russ was unique in so many ways. Anyone that ever met him was touched by his special energy. He was so talented and sweet and a friend to so many. Im so sorry for his family. Thinking of you all.



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Jen Price (Lederer) - June 27, 2024 at 06:59 PM

MV

“ Dear Jen, Harper, and Duke,  
I am so very sorry to hear of your loss of your dear husband and dad. Please accept my sincere sympathy at this most difficult time.

Sincerely,

Marion Vanasse (Harper's second grade teacher)

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Marion Vanasse - June 27, 2024 at 09:22 AM

JH

“ *Jen, there are no words, am so very sorry for his passing. Prayers, love, blessings. Now in Heaven's Embrace.*  
*Joe Healy*

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**Joseph E Healy** - June 26, 2024 at 08:07 PM

MM

“ *Chef,*

*We miss you buddy. I was so saddened to hear of your passing. You were a great guy who I enjoyed working alongside and your words of encouragement will never be forgotten. To Jen Duke and Harper I know you will not let Russell's legacy ever be diminished and he will live on through you all. My thoughts and prayers have been with you all since first hearing of his abrupt departure.*

*RIP to the best Chef I've ever worked; watch over your family and guide them during this difficult time.*

*Sincerely,*

*Matt Mellace*

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**Matt Mellace** - June 26, 2024 at 09:06 AM