



Shaun David Radcliffe

March 6, 1963 - May 8, 2020

Obituary for Shaun David Radcliffe

Shaun David Radcliffe was born in Hampton, Virginia on March 6th, 1963. He lived in Virginia, Michigan, Tennessee, Georgia, and Alabama. Shaun spent his childhood in the country outside of Battle Creek, MI before moving to Chattanooga as a teenager. He has lived many years “on the road”, but Chattanooga was home to him. 40 of his 57 years were spent dedicated to his children and career. He passed away unexpectedly of a heart attack on Friday, May 8th, 2020. Shaun was deeply loved and widely appreciated by many.

Shaun started working full time in the moving business when he became a father at the young age of 17 and came to be known as the hardest-working man in his line of work. He was the recipient of both the Scroll of Honor and Customer Service Award from Atlas Van Lines several times, which is a testament to his unique level of professionalism. Shaun was known to do “whatever it takes” to get a job done right and always had a smile on his face. As a mentor to others, he provided guidance and training that changed and shaped the lives of many people.

Shaun was passionate about food, geography, jokes, and music. He especially loved American, Italian, and Mexican cuisine and was a BBQ

connoisseur. Cooking was one of his favorite pastimes, and he was great on the grill and in the kitchen. His family loved going to restaurants, cooking, and hanging out on the porch with him. He loved to tell about his travels and made sure his children knew about the places he had been - this included state capitals, landmarks, and historic highways. Shaun was a serious teller of jokes, and he lived to make us all laugh. A true child of Rock, he loved listening to and sharing music with his family and friends. Johnny Cash, Rory Gallagher, and Chris Cornell were his favorite musicians for decades.

Shaun was an eternal optimist with a kind heart, a deep soul, and an unparalleled work ethic. He will live on in our memories as well as through his legacy. He is survived by his 4 grandchildren, 3 daughters, his parents, 3 of his siblings, his nieces and nephews, and all others whose lives he has touched. A private memorial service for immediate family will be held at a later date, as well as a larger celebration of his life and legacy.

Shaun's Family

Grandchildren: Heron Grey Eaton, Maela Aster Kestrel Brod, Maeve Nicole Hillhouse, and Bodhi Cain Buttram.

Daughters: Carrie Amanda Radcliffe and husband Mike Brod of Clayton, Georgia; Ivy Hope Radcliffe and husband Nick Hillhouse of Marietta, Georgia; and Madelynne Radcliffe and Josh Buttram of Henagar, Alabama.

Parents: Bill and Peggy Radcliffe of Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Brothers: Scott Radcliffe of Roswell, Georgia, and Eric Radcliffe of Chattanooga, Tennessee

Sister: Kelly Smith of Fishersville, Virginia.

Shaun was preceded in Death by his eldest brother, William Foster Radcliffe (1959-1988).

Quotes

“Whatever it takes”

- Team Radcliffe

“What would Shaun do?”

- Anyone that worked with him

“I’ve traveled every road in this here land”

- Johnny Cash

“I am not your rolling wheels

I am the highway

I am not your carpet ride

I am the sky

I am not your blowing wind

I am the lightning

I am not your autumn moon

I am the night”

- Audioslave

“Say hello to heaven”

- Temple of the Dog

“Summer nights and long warm days

Are stolen as the old moon falls

And the mirror shows another face

Another place to hide it all

And I'm lost, behind
The words I'll never find
And I'm left behind
As seasons roll on by

Sleeping with a full moon blanket
Sand and feathers for my head
Dreams have never been the answer
And dreams have never made my bed
Dreams have never made my bed

And I'm lost, behind
The words I'll never find
And I'm left behind
As seasons roll on by

Now I want to fly above the storm
But you can't grow feathers in the rain
And the naked floor is cold as hell
The naked floor reminds me

That I'm lost, behind
The words I'll never find
And I'm left behind
As the seasons roll on by

If I should be short on words
And long on things to say
Could you crawl into my world

And take me worlds away
Should I be beside myself
And not even stay

And I'm lost, behind
The words I'll never find
And I'm left behind
As seasons roll on by”
- Chris Cornell

“This hotel bar is full of people, the piano man is really laying it down.
The old bartender is as high as a steeple, so why tonight should I wear a
frown?

Million miles away, I'm a million miles away.
I'm sailing like a driftwood on a windy bay.

Why ask how I feel? How does it look to you?
I feel hook, line and sinker, I lost my captain and my crew.
I'm standing on the landing, there's no one there but me.
That's where you'll find me, looking out on the deep blue sea.

This hotel bar is full of people, the piano man is really laying it down.
The old bartender is as high as a steeple, so why tonight should I wear a frown?

The joint is jumping all around me and my mood is really not in style.
Right now the blues want to surround me but I'll break out after a while.

Well, I'm a million miles away, I'm a million miles away.
I'm sailing like a driftwood on a windy bay.

Why ask how I feel, well, how does it look to you?
I feel hook line and sinker, I lost my captain and my crew.
I'm standing on the landing and there's no one there but me.
That's where you'll find me, looking out on the deep blue see.

There's a song on the lips of everybody, there's a smile all around the room.
There's conversation overflowing, so why must I sit here in the gloom?

This hotel bar lost all its people, the piano man has caught the last bus home.
The old bartender is asleep in the corner, so why must I still be here, I don't
know.

Well, I'm a million miles away, I'm a million miles away.
I'm sailing like a driftwood on a windy bay.”
- Rory Gallagher

“Yeah, come on!”
- Shaun

“You wired me awake
And hit me with a hand of broken nails
You tied my lead and pulled my chain
To watch my blood begin to boil

But I'm gonna break I'm gonna break my
I'm gonna break my rusty cage and run

Yeah I'm gonna break I'm gonna break my
I'm gonna break my rusty cage and run

Too cold to start a fire
I'm burning diesel burning dinosaur bones
Yeah I'll take the river down to still water and ride a pack of dogs

But I'm gonna break I'm gonna break my
I'm gonna break my rusty cage and run

I'm gonna break I'm gonna break my
I'm gonna break my rusty cage and run

Hit like a Phillips head into my brain
It's gonna be too dark to sleep again
Cutting my teeth on bars and rusty chains
I'm gonna break my rusty cage and run

When the forest burns along the road
Like God's eyes in my headlights
When the dogs are looking for their bones
And it's raining ice picks on your steel shore

I'm gonna break I'm gonna break my
I'm gonna break my rusty cage and run

Yeah I'm gonna break I'm gonna break my
I'm gonna break my rusty cage and run”

- Soundgarden

Tribute Wall



“ *Shaun David Radcliffe*

August 29, 2022 at 05:15 AM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss...I just found out Shaun passed...I went to Lookout Valley so we were classmates and cohorts in History...Mr Crawfords class...he was a very dear friend and amazing person...prayers to his family and savor all your best memories...RIP my old school friend*

Leslie Long - May 24, 2021 at 12:22 PM



“ *Shawn was a very capable person with a very gentle soul. A leader among his peers at the Third grade level when I was honored to be his teacher. God Bless all in this time!*



Anita Weirich - May 21, 2020 at 12:05 PM



“ *Darby Davis lit a candle in memory of Shaun David Radcliffe*



Darby Davis - May 15, 2020 at 09:21 PM

AP

“ I am so sorry to hear this news. I know your hearts must be heavy. Prayers for peace and comfort for your family. It is not good-bye but until we meet again in a much better place. God is forever faithful.

Love and hugs,
Harold and Ardy Pifer

Ardy Pifer - May 15, 2020 at 01:03 PM

DD

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall

When a loved one passes away, it's hard to know how to feel. But just tell me when, it was understood that he was part of our home. He had a way of picking everyone up and making them better. He was the gold standard as a shower for sure. Everyone loved him because that's who he was. He had more than most and loved more than the masses. I will forever cherish his soul. He was loved by so many people truly included. He was always positive and upbeat. Sometimes I called him because the day was getting the best of me and I needed a pick me up. He was that guy all day long. He knew who he was. He wasn't arrogant or too proud. He had humility and regret in his life. I can tell you he always had the best intentions as so many of us do. He always expected someone would be better than today no matter how good today was. I will miss him every day for the rest of my life. He was a special person with a

Dave Delane - May 14, 2020 at 11:18 PM

AD

“ Shaun was a great man. There's nothing short of that anyone can say about him. I learned so much about the world and how to be a man from him. I don't even know how to begin to thank him for his impact on me and the time we spent together. Shaun has touched my life in ways I've never expected. He brought my brother and I close, and mentored us like sons. There's at least a hundred things I can't do without thinking about Shaun. His love for music, his family, and those around him is awe inspiring. Forgetting about Shaun is impossible, he will always live on in heart and mind.

Alexander Delane - May 14, 2020 at 10:51 PM

DD

In tears with the personal loss. That is selfishness for me and I own it. He was so loved.

Dave Delane - May 14, 2020 at 11:25 PM

CR

Thank you for sharing your love for him through words 💜

Carrie Radcliffe - May 15, 2020 at 08:01 AM

RT

i am so sorry. My condolences and prayer to his family. we will miss him. God bless.

*Rozy Tenorio
Durango Transfer Moving & Storage*

Rozy Tenorio - May 20, 2020 at 05:01 PM

LS

So sorry to hear of Shaun's passing

Lynn Skillman

Discover Moving & Storage, Inc.

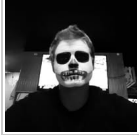
Lynn Skillman - May 26, 2020 at 10:35 AM

TM

“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



Tom Mulcavage - May 14, 2020 at 09:14 PM



“ *We had our disagreements on things but at the end of the day we had a great time I'm going to miss him*



Damon Rudolph - May 14, 2020 at 06:37 PM

LD

“ *My heart goes out to your family. We met Shaun in 1997 he had moved our family from Ohio to Tennessee. Since that moment he became a part of our family; Shaun took my then 16 yr old son, David on the road with him for the summer, when the summer was over I had friends ask what happened to David? I replied what do you mean? They said in May you had a boy and 3 months later you have a man. Shaun worked him like a man but treated him like a son. Shaun was a good soul and will be forever missed*

Lesley delane - May 14, 2020 at 05:54 PM

DD

I will not trivialize Shuan to being a driver. With that being said he did his craft like nobody else. He was a huge ambassador for our industry but he was so much more than that. Shuan pulled for us and I never worked anywhere that he didn't give a shot. I am so grateful to of worked with him for the last almost 3 years. That doesn't define our relationship. He was family and a true friend and brother. He knew he never had to ask if but just tell me when. It was understood that he was part of our home. He had a way of picking everyone up and making them better. He was the gold standard as a mover for sure. Everyone loved him because that's who he was . He lived more than most and loved more than the masses . I will forever cherish his soul. He was loved by so many yours truly included. He was always positive and upbeat. Sometimes I called him because the day was getting the best of me and I needed a pick me up. He was that guy all day long. He knew who he was- he wasn't arrogant or too proud. He had humility and regret in his life. I can tell you he always had the best intentions as so many of us do. He always expected tomorrow would be better than today no matter how good today was. I will miss him every day for the rest of my life. He was a special person with a spectacular persona . You never had to wonder what was on his mind because he would let you know kindly in a way that was unique to him alone. He was all about his family, secondly he was all about the moving industry. It was his passion for sure. He introduced some of the best and brightest today. Look at the standard Atlas van lines post card. It is one of the people Shaun invited to this business. That's who he was. I certainly haven't figured out where this is taking me. It's a huge loss both for me and the industry. One thing I know whole heartedly. If there is a better place he is ABSOLUTELY there. He was one of the best people I ever had the pleasure to know. I will miss him to the end for sure.

Dave Delane - May 14, 2020 at 09:00 PM

LD

Amen

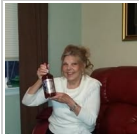
Lesley delane - May 14, 2020 at 09:22 PM

DL

“ I’m so sorry for your loss. I know you loss another son years ago. I dated Shaun about 34 yrs ago and although he had his problems, I always knew he was a Good man. I’ve thought of him often throughout the years and wish I had tried to get in touch with him. I know the pain you’re going through. I lost my 38 yr old son James, almost a year ago. He was my only child. Nothing I say can ease your pain. But I’m keeping you in my prayers.

*Debbie Taylor Hargreaves, Lanier
Savannah, Georgia*

Debbie Lanier - May 14, 2020 at 01:35 PM



“ Dear Peggy and Bill , My heart is so heavy for your loss, Giving a child back is the most devastatingly heartbreaking tragedy a parent has to go through your family has been through this before, and my heart breaks for your entire family. please feel the love I am sending. God give you strength.love kayhallman merritt.



Kay Hallman - May 14, 2020 at 09:55 AM

MJ

“ It was an honor to have known Shaun Radcliffe. He mentored me through many defining years of my life. Shaun just had a way of taking anyone under his wing and treating them like family. There are so many instances where I ask myself “what would Shaun do.” And the answer is always, Shaun would do the right thing and do it the best. I am forever grateful for the times we had together and for all the lessons I learned and follow now. His memory will forever live in me and I thank God for allowing us to cross paths. Shaun, brother, thanks for being such a great role model to me and I know you’re where you want to be now. I love you brother. Rest In Peace



Mark Foley Jr - May 13, 2020 at 10:52 PM

TM

“ Shaun was a great person & mentor, He taught me alot about life & being a true professional mover. He will be forever in my heart & I think of him often. What a great man. He was the best driver I have ever seen. He loved his family very much. I feel privileged to have known him & learn his valuable life & work ethics. Hands down he was the best ever.

Tom Mulcavage - May 12, 2020 at 11:32 PM

MR

Thank you for your kind words! We love hearing about my dad! 🙏

Madelynne Radcliffe - May 13, 2020 at 10:25 PM



“ *Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." was purchased for the family of Shaun David Radcliffe.*



May 12, 2020 at 11:14 PM