



**In Loving Memory
of Shane Kliese**

20th January 1967 - 19th July 2020

Shane “Shanobear” Kliese

Shane was born in Brisbane on 20th January 1967 to Vic and Desley Kliese. Shane grew up in the northern suburb of Deagon and with his elder sister Kim had many adventures playing in the creek beside their house.

He was a Queenslander through and through, until he came to Sydney on a holiday for his birthday in 1998. On that holiday he went to Gayskate at Petersham, where he met Charles, and they immediately fell in love, skating hand-in-hand to “Xanadu”. Like a pair of lesbians, they moved in together on their second date and have been inseparable ever since.



Shane’s big passion was music. This was evident from the age of

1 when he refused to go to bed without playing “Sadie the Cleaning Lady” on his record player - over and over again. His parents and big sister Kim were driven insane with the song, and he managed to wear out 4 copies of the record. Shane went on to learn to play the organ and shared the family’s love of performing arts and live entertainment.

His love for music led him to karaoke. He was a regular karaoke tragic at a number of venues, until one day one of the karaoke hosts asked if he'd like to take over, as the host was retiring. Shane jumped at the chance. But there was a surprise: after the karaoke, there was music and dancing, so Shane had a 30-second crash course in DJing before going on stage for his first professional set. His great song selection meant he was forgiven for the dodgy mixes in those first few sets. Thankfully his mixing skills improved rapidly, and he became the DJ Shanobear we all know and love, and went on to play parties and festivals all over Australia and even the world. His proudest moment was when he was asked to headline for Seattle Pride, on the main stage.



Shane's other loves were travel and photography. His day job as a travel agent for Holland America Cruises was the first 'real job' that he truly loved. Working from home meant he could delegate difficult cases to the Chief Complaints Officer, Gypsy the dog. And the staff discounts meant he

could take cruises all over the world, visiting many ports, and taking many pictures. While travelling, his outgoing and friendly nature made him lots of friends all over the world, and he shared his friendships with all of us, so we all became friends together, across oceans and continents.

Shane lived his life his way, and touched the lives of so many people. He was a loving partner, son, brother, uncle and friend. He would not want us to be sad but to remember the journey each one of us had the opportunity to share with him.



A Message from Charles

Shane was a caring and loving man. He was honest, considerate and supportive. He was my proud, loving husband, and we shared 22 and a half years of our lives together, 22 and a half years of happy memories which will never fade.

He was a generous man; a family man, loved by both our families and dearest friends. He had deep respect for everyone he knew.

He was always first to jump in to help someone in need, whether they were a family member, a friend or stranger.



Our common interests made us strong, and he also recognised that our differences made both of us even stronger together.

With Shane, life was an adventure to explore, to experience and to enjoy. I wouldn't have dreamed of singing karaoke nor DJing, nor going on many overseas trips to exotic locations. He embraces any new ventures with passion and heart. He was passionate about everything he did.

Shane's music was great because he put so much effort, so much work and so much passion as he wanted everything to be special, unique and put together with love. Every DJing

gig he did and every karaoke show he hosted was pure seamless enjoyment. Our Karaoke shows were the best in Australia. Shane's DJing talent expanded to all music genres; Sorry, fellow DJs, he was the best Retro DJ.



When he embarked into his latest venture, photography, he embraced it with the same intense passion. He sees beauty everywhere,

turning ordinary into amazing, bringing out brilliance and inspiration.

Shane was very thoughtful and ensured that everyone is happy. When it comes to birthdays and Christmas, he always came along with something special to surprise the ones he cared about. He will always get me something to do with my radio controlled planes as I'm obsessed with planes; and something with dinosaurs or nature documentaries, that I also love.

I wish that we will grow old together, unfairly fate decided otherwise. Shane is alive in me, he lives in the memory of everyone he has touched, all the friends he made throughout the years, locally and overseas. He will be remembered as the beautiful, wonderful, most caring person he was, and my loving husband.

Shane was all about celebrating life, he is not the kind of person who will dwell on sorrows and sadness. Shane wants people to share happy memories, to cherish every moment, to embrace true friendship and celebrate, love and care for each other, to be inspired and move forward, to enjoy life.



Today we are celebrating Shane's life; The Strength of his kindness, the warmth of his spirit and genuine friendship which will always be felt by the people he loved. Therefore he is still with us.



A Message from Kim

From the moment my baby brother came into the world, I knew we would be close - although I did try to return him to the hospital a few days after Mum and Dad bought him home. He was the apple of his mother's eye and the pride and joy of his father.

We weren't blessed with a large extended family but our house was always filled with friends, laughter and love. Any occasion meant a BBQ in our backyard with family and friends - as well as the neighbourhood kids.

Many a party was spent swimming in the pool, playing billiards on the table my father had made, taking our dinghy (again made by Dad) for a ride in the creek and eating the delicious cheesecakes Mum baked. Every birthday



meant Mum would create and decorate a cake ranging in designs from record players to race tracks.

Shane had a special relationship with his grandparents Nan and Dar. They were instrumental in giving Shane his love of travel when he was 15 they took him on his first cruise.



Our parents showed us that family isn't just about biological connections; that "family" are the people that love and support you unconditionally. Our parents also taught us that you should never judge anyone by the labels that society attached to them. Anyone was welcome in our house as long as they showed the same level of respect for each other as my parents afforded them.

Shane continued to live by that philosophy and this is evident by the friends that he made all over the world. Shane was quick to defend anyone who needed it, and always stood up for what he believed in.

My parents and I were thrilled when Shane bought Charles home to meet the family. We fell in love with him just as quickly as Shane had. My parents will always tell people they have two sons, and I was so fortunate to count Charles as my brother.

As my only sibling, Shane has been beside me through all of life's ups and downs. He stood at the altar when I was married; he celebrated the birth of my two children; we have cried at the loss of our loved ones and, as all good siblings, had our fair share of disagreements.



Shane adored his nephew Lachlan and niece Lauren. To them he was the crazy Uncle who would arrive with presents, take Lachlan roller skating, or go on shopping sprees or attend dance parties with Lauren. It is sad that Shane won't be there to celebrate their life milestones in the future but they know he will always be with them in his heart.

Shane would not want any of us to be sad at his passing but to celebrate the good times, the laughter and the adventures.

John Lennon said it best when he wrote - Life is what happens to you when you are busy making other plans. While we all planned a long future with Shane, that wasn't to be. The family takes comfort in knowing that Shane lived life on his terms and had over 22 years of love and happiness with Charles.





Songs

The Gambler

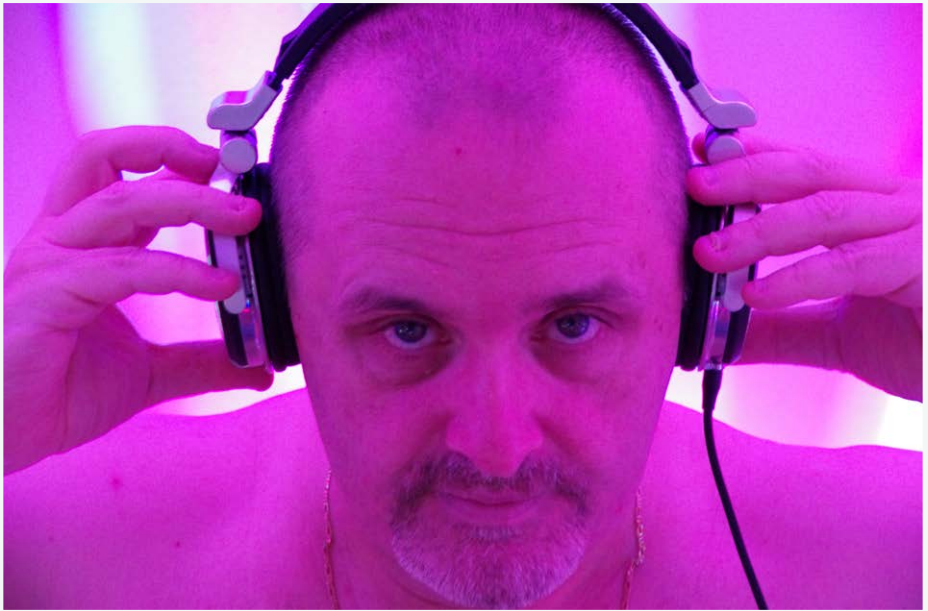
Sung by Shane

How Do I Live

LeAnne Rimes

Xanadu

Olivia Newton-John



Sharing

Please send your stories, memories and pictures to memories@shanobear.com and we'll put them up on shanobear.com soon, along with the slideshow from today.

Future Celebration

We will also be having a celebration of Shane's life in the near future, when we can all be together without restriction.

Special Thanks

A special thank you to Michelle Lignos, for bringing us the rainbow. We owe you so much beer, and so much more.





**Thank you for your kind thoughts, love and attendance,
and for joining us to celebrate Shane's life.**