KENTUCKY BUTTER BUNDT CAKE

For the Bundt Cake

- 3 cups (or 13 1/2 ounces) all-purpose flour
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 cup buttermilk, room temperature
- 1 cup butter (softened at room temperature)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 teaspoon almond extract
- 1 teaspoon lemon extract
- 1 teaspoon dark rum or rum extract
- 4 large eggs, (room temperature)

For the Sauce

- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup butter
- 3 tablespoons water
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon each of lemon and almond extract
- 1 teaspoon rum
- 1. Preheat the oven to 325 F. and generously grease and flour (or use baking spray) a 12-cup Bundt pan. Make sure you get all the nooks and crannies of the pan.
- 2. In a large bowl, combine the flour, salt, baking powder and baking soda. Give it a stir. (to ensure a consistent batter, you can mix the dry ingredients in a separate bowl and then add to the ingredients in step 3; mix well)
- 3. Add 2 cups sugar, buttermilk, 1 cup of butter, 1 teaspoon each of vanilla extract, almond extract, lemon extract, rum and the eggs.
- 4. Using an electric mixer, beat on low speed until moistened. Increase the mixer speed to medium-high and beat for about 3-4 minutes until light and fluffy.
- 5. Spoon the batter into the prepared cake pan and spread evenly.
- 6. Bake for 55 to 65 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean.
- 7. Meanwhile, in a small saucepan over medium-low heat, combine the 3/4 cup of sugar, 1/3 cup of butter, 3 tablespoons of water, and 1 teaspoon each of vanilla extract, almond extract, lemon extract and rum; cook, stirring, just until butter melts. Do not bring the mixture to a boil.
- 8. Remove the cake to a rack and (while still in the pan) pierce it all over with a wooden skewer. Pour the hot butter sauce over the warm cake. Let the cake rest in the pan 10 minutes, or until sauce is absorbed.
- 9. Carefully turn out cake onto a plate and sprinkle with some confectioners' sugar. Source: *adapted from thespruceeats.com*

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