



Mr. Kevin Anthony French

April 3, 1974 - November 20, 2020

In Loving Memory Of:

On April 3, 1974 Kevin Anthony French entered this world. He was the second son born to the marriage of Toni and Gregory French. He joined older brother Sean, and nothing was ever the same after the pair of rambunctious brothers joined their large extended family. Kevin endeared himself to everyone with his infectious smile and steady stream of laughter. Growing up on the west side of Detroit, he was fun loving, adventurous and full of pranks. As a boy, he got into lots of mischief, but his twinkling eyes, respectful manner, and heartfelt apologies kept him out of any serious trouble.

Kevin found Christ at an early age and was a long-time member of Peace Missionary Baptist Church. He received his formal education in the Detroit Public Schools. After finishing school he began working. Coupled with an outgoing personality, leadership skills and a no-nonsense, take charge attitude – promotions to supervisory positions quickly followed. His keen eye and attention to detail led to positions as a Quality Inspector/Controller. Recent employment and supervisory positions with Shinola-Detroit LLC., was evidence of his professional qualities.

He entered several real estate business ventures making property repairs and maintenance. Finding his niche for managing group homes and halfway houses quickly became evident. Kevin's resilience and compassion for those he served was displayed by providing proper placement, supervision and care for clientele placed in his care.

Kevin was known to be the life of the party, witty, funny, outgoing and gregarious. He was streetwise and savvy. A big guy who maintained a gruff exterior, his quick wit, sarcasm and brutal honesty gave him a tough edge, but underneath rested a big heart. He loved to cook, and appointed himself the #1 BBQ Grill Master. He had a passion for travel, Peanut M&M's, cigars and tequila.

He enjoyed watching TV, his favorite shows were Everybody Loves Raymond, The History Channel, The Discovery Channel and NFL Football. Most of all Kevin loved to make any and all he encountered laugh.

There was also a softer side to Kevin – he was always there when needed the most. One example of his strong sense of compassion was demonstrated when Kevin saved two small children from a burning house. He was recognized for his heroism with a proclamation by the City of Detroit.

Kevin could often be overheard quoting words of wisdom and guidance from his father Gregory, especially “Family First” and “NO Quit!”

He adored his mother Toni, and was devoted to seeing that she was safe and comfortable. After his mother retired, he made sure to speak with her daily. At times he was reclusive, preferring to “stay in his own lane,” but “Ma” always knew where he was.

Kevin departed this life peacefully on Friday morning, November 20, 2020 at his home in Southfield, MI.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

Wednesday, Dec. 2. 12:30 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Kevin Anthony French*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Although I never met Kevin, my condolences to the French Family. I know his father, Greg and Aunt Lynnette. Kevin's Aunt Lynnette was my college roomie. I am truly sad this Covid-19 pandemic is keeping families from gathering. Rest in Peace, Kevin Anthony.*



Judith L Hatch - December 02, 2020 at 11:43 AM



“ *I met Kevin thru his Brother Sean back in 1988 when me and Sean joined the Marine Corps around the same time and we have been like Brothers every since...We laugh and joked with each other...We worked at the Same job and we even Stayed with each other out of 32 years of knowing each other we only had one argument that lasted for two minutes and then we were back to laughing again....words can't describe how much I'm going to miss you Bro!!! Love you and R.I.H. 😭*

Andre Lawrence - December 02, 2020 at 11:41 AM

MW

“ Greetings Family of Kevin Anthony French. You raised an amazing man and thank you for that
He's been my friend for over 20 years. And I've loved him the entire time. My heart is broken due to this loss. My daddy died on he came to check and comfort me. I thank God for his friendship. I wish we had more time .

Moesesha Warren - December 02, 2020 at 09:11 AM

DS

“ Remembering you as a young child getting into mischief with my sons. I'll always remember the smile you wore. It warmed my heart when we recently reconnected; to see you all grown up, still sporting that smile.
Toni, Greg and Sean, you're in my heart and prayers. Thank you for allowing me to be apart of Kevin's life. God Bless you all.
Deb Salter

Deborah Salter - December 01, 2020 at 02:23 PM

JR

“ Greg, I'm so sorry for your loss. You have my deepest sympathy my prayers are with you and your family. Joanne Roberson and family

Joanne Roberson - November 27, 2020 at 07:24 PM

LJ

“ *The heart remembers most what it has loved best.*

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during these difficult times. May your memories give you peace comfort and strength today tomorrow and always.

With heartfelt sympathy, TJ and LaJoyce



LaJoyce Jones - November 27, 2020 at 05:31 PM

EF

“ *We know this must be a very difficult and demanding time for you all. Please accept our deepest sympathy. Continue to rely on God and know that he hears your prayers, because he cares for you. Truly sorry for your loss.*

Evans family - November 27, 2020 at 04:45 AM

EF

“ *In just a little while all of the pain and sorrow that we feel from the death of our love one will cease and be replaced with joy, because the former things have passed away. Thinking of you all.*

Evans family - November 27, 2020 at 04:39 AM

DM

“ *DPD Academy Classmate John Ogg & wife Michelle purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Kevin Anthony French.*



DPD Academy Classmate John Ogg & wife Michelle -
November 25, 2020 at 11:29 PM