



Kevin Joseph Genelin

November 28, 1956 - June 27, 2011

Kevin Joseph Genelin, 54, of Fort Payne passed away Monday June 27, 2011, in Birmingham at UAB Hospital. Kevin was born November 28, 1956, in Le Centre, MN, and spent the majority of his early life in Tomahawk, WI. He moved to Fort Payne in 1982. He was formerly the Plant Manager of the Heil Corporation, and he was the V.P. and General Manager of Industrial Packaging Corporation. He was also a member of the Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church, where he served as Parish Council President and was active in the Religious Education Program, the RCIA Program, and the Birmingham Cursillo Movement, where he served as secretary to the Secretariat. Kevin enjoyed fishing, hunting, carpentry, portrait drawing, and playing cribbage, but most of all he loved spending time with friends and family. He was an active member of the community and donated both his time and his goodwill to anyone in need. Funeral Mass will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday at the Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church. The family will receive friends on Friday from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Wilson Funeral Home. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Bread of Life Community Ministries, P.O. Box 681446, Fort Payne, AL 35968. Kevin was a founding member of the Bread of Life Community Ministries, and he also served as Grand Knight of Columbus Council #13152 and was the Faithful Navigator for Assembly #2867. He served on the board of directors of the Dekalb County Red Cross and UGF. Survivors include his son, Beau James Genelin, Birmingham; daughter Brittany Leigh Genelin, NY; daughter Kalika

Jaye Genelin, Atlanta; parents James and Patricia Genelin, WI; brothers Tony Genelin, Brian Genelin, and Jeff Genelin, WI; Mike Genelin, IL; and sisters Mary Hardel, WI, and Peggy Johnson, WI.

Tribute Wall



“ *Kevin Joseph Genelin*

January 12, 2023 at 10:45 AM



“ *My first job out of college was working for Kevin, being a Wisconsin guy, we hit it off and enjoyed our 8 months together while working for the Heil company. Today I decided to look him up only to find he had passed away in 2011. God works in mysterious ways sometimes. To Kevin's family, just a short note to say, you had a great man to raise you, I'm certain he is with you each and every day....my belated condolences.*

Paul Warren - August 14, 2019 at 11:56 AM



*Hi Paul! This is Kevin's daughter, Brittany. I like to come here every once-in-a-while when I'm thinking of Dad. I'm not sure you'll see this message but I need you to know your message means the world to me! I sent it to my sister, Kali, and my brother, Beau. It gives such comfort to know how many lives Big Kev reached in his short but far-reaching & immensely impactful time on Earth. We were raised by a great man, absolutely!
Thank you for this note. And I know for certain that if my dad made an impact in your life, you definitely made an impact in his. Sending you so much love!
Britt Genelin*

Britt - January 10, 2024 at 07:52 PM



“ *I am sorry for your loss. Your dad was always friendly and helpful in the community and I'm sure this is still a shock. You are in our prayers.*

Liz Barrontine - July 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of you on the loss of a wonderful man. Kevin will be missed by many. God Bless and comfort you all!

Debbie and Randy Gamble - July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

WK

“ I considered Kevin A good friend and I know he was a good hearted, kind & compassionate person. The funeral service was a beautiful tribute to a wonderful person. I am so grateful that I got to share with Kevin's Mom & Dad and Son how Kevin went out of his way to say hi to my Mother & Dad at Burger King. What an angel of compassion he will always be to me, just like he was to my parents. May God always bless you.

Wayne Killian - July 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ What can you say,kevin was a great friend,father and community member.I along with my brother were fortunate to know kevin from as far back as heil to later working with him at IPC.He raised 3 wonderful children who he was so proud of and always put first, but he is in a better place,and we will meet again, God Bless you my friend and thank you for everything you always did for us all

Steve Prater - July 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ Beau and Brittany, we are so sorry to hear of your dad's death. Just one of the things we remember is all the huge pieces of corrugated paper he donated to be used for the FPHS proms. There were so many other things he did to make the Fort Payne community a better place. He will be missed.--Charlotte and Elizabeth Gentry

Gentry Family - July 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ Our prayers are with you all. Kevin was a wonderful man and will be missed.

Lowell & Joyce Pannell - July 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ Our sympathies are extended to the family of this wonderful man.

Lowell & Joyce Pannell - July 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TV

“ Kevin will be greatly missed on earth, but will be eternally happy with Our Lord. Our prayers are with you, DeColores, Tim and Penny Vaughn

Tim and Penny Vaughn - July 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ Kali, Brittany, Beau, Jim, Pat, Tony, Mike, Mary, Peggy, Brian, Jeff and all of the rest of Kevin's family, I am sorry for you loss, my heart has been heavy since Monday. Most of my memories are from his childhood from when he was born, baby sitting him and his siblings, learning how to water ski and then spending some weekends with me after I was married. He will be in my heart forever. Love you all.
Trudy

Trudy Eisenhauer - July 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NA

“ Kevin, will surely be missed by his community. He always had a smile, a helping hand, loving spirit and giving heart. He was not only a Parisioner but friend as well to myself and my son. He touched our lives and will live on in our hearts. Nance and Gary

Nance ODonnell, Gary Aube - June 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ You will be greatly missed Kevin. Thanks for being such a wonderful person, friend, and boss to my dad. He loved you!

Angela Wooten - June 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Kali, Brittany & Beau, We were extremely saddened to hear about your father's death. We shared many happy memories. He was always the story-teller and gave us many unforgettable laughs during those long nights of cards. Please know that you three are in our prayers and if there is anything that we can do, just ask. We love you guys!

Jorge, Lynn & Staci Castro - June 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Dear Genelin Family: When I think of Kevin, I'm reminded of my first love. Baseball. No one ever played shortstop more gracefully or could throw a ball faster than Kevin. I'm a better person for having known him. My thoughts and prayers are with you. I am so sorry and saddened by your loss. Jon

Jon Martin - June 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ My sympathies and prayers to the family at this difficult time. I remember Kevin for his laughter and kindness. Although I may have not talked to Kevin in many years I was able to stay in touch on-line. Love Kris

Kris (Ward) Keene - June 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Our condolences go out to the family. Kevin was a wonderful friend to us & will be greatly missed.

Joe & Pat Flaherty - June 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Kevin was a kind and generous man and he will be missed by all who knew him.

JoAnn & Jerry Newton - June 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

John and Sarah Haase - June 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ I am so sorry to hear this tragic news. Kevin was a good man and friend. I have had the privilege of knowing Kevin since November 23rd 1988, the day he hired me at Heil. We had a great working relationship. And in the years since he left Heil, he was always quick to go out of his way to say hello (Most every Sunday morning at Jacks). Please know that the entire Genelin family will be in my prayers. Rev. Benjie Mason

Benjie Mason - June 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM