



Kevin R. Pyle

June 1, 1955 - December 25, 2020

Kevin Pyle passed away unexpectedly over the Christmas holiday. Kevin was a cherished son, brother, uncle, cousin, and most notably, a loving father. He was kind, spirited, and utterly authentic, always marching to the beat of his own drum. His wit, irreverence, and zany sense-of-humor entertained everyone who interacted with him, and his playful heart lifted the hearts of many.

Kevin spent his early childhood in Detroit, where he cultivated a love for sports and music that defined his later adulthood. As a boy, he collected and traded baseball cards and avidly followed all of the Detroit teams. In adolescence, Kevin was captivated by rock-and-roll and spent many years developing his natural talent as a musician and honing his guitar ability until he became skilled enough to play professionally. In addition to jamming to heavy rock, he could sing a ballad that pulled your heartstrings.

Kevin paid it forward by sharing his musical talent with others, teaching many the art of the guitar. He was a member of several bands that played at popular clubs throughout the area, and he developed deep, long-term relationships with other musician friends who were a very important part of his life.

Professionally, Kevin landed in IT and worked for Delta Dental for over 11 years, most recently in the position of Information Security Administrator. He loved working at Delta and felt part of a world-class team there. He often spoke of his great respect and admiration for his manager and co-workers at the company. Another big part of Kevin's world was his beloved cats, whom he treated like members of the family.

But the light and joy of Kevin's life was his daughter, Stephanie. He was happiest when he was with Steff or talking about her. He spoke so proudly of her resilience and strength of character, and did everything possible to be the most supportive and loving father he could be.

In these few short paragraphs, it's not possible to capture the uniqueness of Kevin, his irreplaceability, and the immeasurable imprint he has left on our lives. Rest in peace, our beloved Kev. Our love for you is eternal, and we will meet again.

Because of COVID, there will be no visitation or memorial service at this time. If you wish to be notified when the memorial is scheduled, please contact Laura Pyle at

laurapyle11@gmail.com.

If desired, a memorial contribution can be made to the Michigan Humane Society, one of Kevin's favorite charities.

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Comments



“ I was shocked and saddened to hear the passing of Kevin. I grew up with Kevin as part of our musical circle from high school and into professional musicianship a few years later. People mentioned his authenticity, clearly that was one of his greatest attributes. Great sense of humor and an incredible singing voice, I always liked him a ton. Rest in peace, old friend! Jim Jones

Jim Jones - January 30 at 12:15 PM



“ I first met Kevin when he hired in at Delta Dental Michigan. Never met a more caring, friendly and funny guy and enjoyed working with him for several years. He was a genuine person in this age where so many hide behind fake persona's.

Will miss him and know there was a special place in heaven for him where he no rocks the heavens with his guitar in hand.

Rest in Peace my friend.

Russ Dyere - January 20 at 02:15 PM



“ I first met Kevin when I hired him as an IT security access management engineer at Delta Dental Michigan.. He was awesome at his interview and kept that attitude for the next five years I was his manager. His next manager Bill, said he didn't miss a step after I moved on. He never spoke ill of people and always cherished "Stef" especially when he bought his home.

I didn't stay in close contact in the years since but his coworkers periodically would update me on the team and what they were up to. They were a great team and Kevin made them better with his attention to detail and passion from his music that flowed through his being. Rest in peace Brother.

Philip Burnett - January 18 at 11:01 PM



“ Love you Kevin! Your hilarious and wild stories of your band days brought so much joy to the team. Your dedication and penchant for helping us grow will always hold a place in our hearts. We know you're loving on Romeo and strumming away. Thank you for being a good friend.

Alexis - January 06 at 10:25 AM



“ Sending my thoughts and prayers to Kevin's family and friends. I am extremely grateful to have know Kevin. He has touched many people's lives with his kindness especially mine. I worked with Kevin at Delta and we always talked every morning when getting coffee about our cats. He will be missed by everyone but will live in our hearts forever.

Jerry Denomme - January 05 at 02:50 PM



“ Hi. This is Kevin's ex wife Jodi. Just know that we have Miles the cat with us now. He is making himself right at home

Jodi - January 07 at 04:18 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers to Kevin's family and friends. I will miss seeing that smile , wit, and humor. He was always there to help when needed. He will be missed by his Delta family and I was blessed to have the honor of calling him a friend for many years.

Mike Proper - January 05 at 09:48 AM



“ My sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Kevin. His kindness and that smile will be missed by all who knew him.

Suzi Klepinger - January 05 at 08:39 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers to family and friends of Kevin. I have this wonderful picture of Kevin in my mind with a big smile on this face. I worked with Kevin at Delta Dental and he was always so positive and kind to everyone. He will be missed.

Vonetta Konzman - January 04 at 05:02 PM



“ Sincere condolences to Kevin's family and friends. Kevin and I worked together on several projects at Delta Dental over the last several years. He was always very helpful. We often ran into each other at the cafeteria and he never failed to tell us about his cats and music. He was so lively and fun. He will be missed at work. Rest in peace dear friend.

Vaishali Nukala - January 04 at 01:35 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers to Kevin's family and friends. I have worked with Kevin at Delta Dental for several years. He was always so professional and friendly. He will be missed by his Delta family.

Kristen Smith - January 04 at 12:14 PM



“ Kevin was my email doppelganger at Delta Dental. We were always getting each other's emails. He was always a joy to work with and I will miss him!

Kevin Romero - January 04 at 11:53 AM



“ Sending thoughts and prayers to Kevin's family and friends. I was fortunate enough to have worked with Kevin at Delta for the past 5 years and will miss his kindness, professionalism and witty nature.

Brock Middlebrooks - January 04 at 10:34 AM



“ So sorry for the family's' loss. Kevin and I were "partners in crime" at Delta Dental. Him and I were the two original admin contractors when the security dept was expanded at Delta. He was like a brother to me. and I will miss him more than you know. He always made me laugh and I loved being on the team with him. I love you Kevin, rest in peace my friend.....



Stephen Thrall - January 04 at 09:43 AM



“ Prayers to Kevin's family, friends and our coworkers here at Delta. I will fondly remember Kevin for his sense of humor whenever I needed him for IT services. Whether I called him or he called me we both would start off with Dunt, Dunt Dunnnn and would laugh... I'm sure others shared the same start of a conversation with him. He was a very good troubleshooter when issues arose and knew who and what was needed. He will be missed by me and many of here at Delta. Farewell and peace buddy.. May the angels welcome you to paradise, may the martyrs greet you on your way. May you see the face of the Lord this day. Halleluiah.



Theresa Ross - January 04 at 09:36 AM



“ So sorry to hear of your loss. I knew Kevin from work at Delta Dental. He was always friendly and helpful. With the pandemic, I did not have recent contact with him though.
May your family keep the good memories with you always.
Carl Richardson

Carl Richardson - January 04 at 09:04 AM



“ I have worked with Kevin for the last 5 years, and knew Kevin well. He always had a jovial attitude when we talked, and took my teasing in stride. We shared many interests, with the largest one being music. He was a great musician, in addition to being a great person. He will be missed.

Tony Gibbons - January 04 at 07:49 AM



“ I was so sorry to hear about the passing of Kevin. We worked together on the same team at Delta Dental. Kevin was a great guy, a hard worker, and always great to be around. He loved to tell jokes and man could he tell a story. You will be missed my friend.

Andy Boyd - January 04 at 07:10 AM



“ So sorry to have heard of Kevin's passing. We shared our talent together & it was always a pleasure to have conversation with. Rest in peace my friend.
Sincerely

Greg Gdaniec

Greg Gdaniec - January 03 at 11:21 PM



“ Kevin, your wit and humor will be greatly missed at Delta Dental. :(Sherri

Sherri Chavora - January 03 at 11:10 PM



“ I, Robin Motisi, am Ian Le Vine's younger sister who loved attending Open Road's performances back in the 70s. Kevin was like another big brother to me. His caring demeanor and loving spirit was addictive as was his guitar playing. May he be at peace always. I'm sorry that he left us so soon.

Robin Motisi - January 02 at 11:55 PM



“ I am Ian LeVine's younger sister, Monica. This is how I met his musician friends and Kevin. I guess you could say that I became a young groupie. I remember it all. Kevin was funny and warm; a good guy! I am so grateful to have such fun memories. I learned so much more about him from your meaningful obituary. Thank you. I wish you comfort and peace. Monica

Monica LeVine - January 02 at 09:16 PM



“ My Deepest Sympathies to the Pyle Family.

Sally Parsell



Sally Parsell - January 02 at 09:04 PM



“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



Ian LeVine - January 02 at 06:18 PM



“ This is Ric Wise. I met Kevin in Junior High and we instantly became friends. A true friend who will be truly missed, sometimes called aka “Dinger”, whom we shared a lot of laughs and good times together. I'll meet you on the 19'th hole Kev. God Bless and Rest In Peace.

Ric Wise - January 02 at 04:42 PM



“ Deep condolences to the Pyle family at the terribly sad news of Kevin's passing. With fond memories of seeing Kevin rock the house "back in the day" at the Wintergarden in Livonia, please know how deeply so many care about your family's loss. Sincere wishes for Peace and Joy in Remembrances.

Love,

Peggy McMichael
Northville

margaret r mcmichael - January 02 at 04:39 PM



“ I met Kevin with Dave Nichols in 10th grade when they both came to my house to see my basset hound named Phineas. They got such a kick out of Phineas. The three of us became good friends and did a lot of kickin' around together. Kevin was a guy I knew I could count on if I needed a favor. We shared a lot of laughs and good times together. Miss you Kevin.

bruce phillips - January 02 at 01:32 PM



“ Sad news. Been many years, but I remember him from a few classes at Bentley. Never too serious, but never cruel. A good guy. May he enjoy his rewards.

Mark Steven - January 02 at 12:55 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Laura Pyle - January 02 at 11:51 AM



“ My memory of Kevin was at Kennedy Elementary School. He sat next to me in school. Kevin teased me a lot and did not let up. His smile covered his entire face! You couldn't help but to laugh too! Kevin spread joy at such a young age. Kevin's music was his blue light. I am so happy Kevin could express his joy, emotion, and talent throughout the years. I am sorry I didn't know him better. Still, Kevin had a lasting effect on me and others. May God's eternal light shine upon you brightly Kevin! As your light shined upon the earth through God's gift to you of music and laughter.

Linda Brennan - January 02 at 11:30 AM



“ I met Kevin in high school, and we sang together in “male select” choir for four years. Our mutual love of music, and Detroit sports teams always gave us something to talk about. Kevin also had a very sarcastic sense of humor and a quick wit. But what I will always remember is his love for his daughter Stephanie. He talked about her always. We both were Father's of daughters and he always asked about my daughter by name. Kevin was a great guy and a good friend, he will missed by many. Rest In Peace Kev.

Bud Riddle - January 02 at 10:43 AM



“ Kevin Pyle was my best friend. He was the best man at my wedding. I met Kevin on the first day of 6th grade, when I was the new kid on the block at Kennedy Elementary school. I tapped the shoulder of the kid in front of me, Kevin turned around and I asked him to borrow a pencil. He looked me right in the eye and said "NO". I loved his sense of humor and we have been best friends ever since.

Kevin was the biggest influence and a mentor to me in all aspects of music, but especially guitar playing. Kevin was a natural teacher and helped any musician in need, and I wouldn't be the guitarist I am today without his support.

I hope that everyone out there has a friendship like Kevin's and mine. We shared many milestones and firsts, and supported each other through the decades.

On New Year's Eve, while my band was playing "Knocking on Heaven's Door", all I could think about was Kevin and the next thing I knew, there was a tear running down my cheek. I will miss him more than words can tell.

Rest in Peace my friend.

David Nichols - January 02 at 10:00 AM



“ I'll miss you Kevin, You inspired/encouraged me as a musician, and were a great friend. You'll always be a part of my life. RIP my friend.



Ron Shanaver - January 02 at 09:28 AM



“ I believe that I met Kevin through a mutual friend, David Nichols, back in the late 60's, early 70's. I remember spending many good times listening to rock 'n' roll music in Kevin's basement in Livonia. I also remember how much Kevin loved playing whiffle ball. We would get together at night in an empty Ford field parking lot and spend hours playing whiffle ball, just me and him! After moving out of Livonia to Auburn Hills, Kevin and I still got together frequently. I'll never forget the one time in Auburn Hills, Kevin asking me to listen to this new song by Ronny Laws, called "Always there". He absolutely LOVED this song! If anybody wishes, please try and have a listen to it. With this said, you will be sorely missed Bother Kev. God rest your soul!

Thomas Cox - January 02 at 09:23 AM



“ I'm stunned and saddened and so very sorry for the family. Stephanie, he loved you dearly and talked about you all the time. I met Kevin at Delta in Okemos and he was a great guy. I also had a band at the time and we found that in common and became good friends. Again to his family, my deepest sympathy.

Mary Ann Juarez - January 02 at 08:02 AM



“ I came to know and love Kevin when we were just out of high school and then bandmates during the period 1975 to 1979. Those were some wild and formative days, to say the least! Though we parted company long ago, I felt, having last spoken with Kevin in November of 2017 after a gap of over 25 years, that our friendship never died. Like so many others, Kevin’s intelligence, kindness, compassion and immense talent left an indelible mark on my soul. I will forever regret that we could not have more of a chance to reconnect. Travel in peace now, brother. You earned it. See you again, further on down the road.

Ian LeVine - January 01 at 04:29 PM



“ Kevin was a sweet, kind man, and his warm brown eyes and great smile were visual representations of these characteristics. I will miss him greatly. May his memory be eternally in our hearts. Julie Giles Sherlock

Julie Sherlock - December 31, 2020 at 08:30 PM