



Kevin James Battleday

September 3, 1953 - December 25, 2020

Kevin James Battleday, age 67, of Rensselaer, Indiana, passed away Friday, December 25, 2020 at Franciscan Health Rensselaer. He was born in Rensselaer, Indiana on September 3, 1953, the son of Robert and Agnes (Souder) Battleday.

Kevin attended the Michigan City Public Schools and then immediately enlisted and served in the United States Army. Kevin was a welder by trade and worked in various places including Chief Industries in Rensselaer. He was also a carpenter who owned his own construction company for several years.

In his younger years, Kevin enjoyed the open road on his Goldwing motorcycle and playing softball. Then, in his later years, he loved camping with his family, playing with his grandchildren, working on various around-the-home projects and making wooden plaques in his spare time.

He was especially proud to have celebrated almost 5 years of sobriety. He helped numerous veterans with their sobriety. He became an Indiana Community Health Worker/Certified Recovery Specialist in August 2018. The organization, Celebrate Recovery, was a huge part of his sobriety. Kevin gave his life to his Lord & Savior and was baptized on April 24, 2017. Kevin had a generous heart and was known for his care for others and offering to help anyone, whenever he could.

Kevin is survived by his children, Jamie (Max) Valentine of Rensselaer and Robert (Sam) Battleday of Lake Village, IN; step-daughters, Aleena (Jared) McCord, Brook, IN and Kaylee Krull, Rensselaer, IN; his former wife, Teri (Vogt) Battleday, Rensselaer, IN; siblings, Richard (Sis) Battleday, Wanatah, IN, Charlie (Lea) Battleday, Valparaiso, IN, Lynn (Don) Peterson, Nunnely, TN, Eva (Frolin) Allegre, Valparaiso, IN, Eddie (Geri) Battleday, Michigan City, IN; grandchildren, Trevor, Zack, Brennen, Owen, Zhiya, Emmarie, Eddie, Brynlee Grace, Kingston, Harper, Hunter and Derrick.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one grandson, Jared Valentine.

A public visitation will be held on Wednesday, December 30, 2020 from 4:00-6:00PM at Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer. Social distancing, a maximum number of 25 people will be enforced, and masks must be worn at all services due to the current pandemic. Private funeral services will be at 6:00PM with full military rites afforded. A Celebration of Life is being planned for the Summer of 2021.

Memorial contributions may be made in Kevin's memory to Celebrate Recovery of Indianapolis or to the Family.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **30**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer

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Tribute Wall



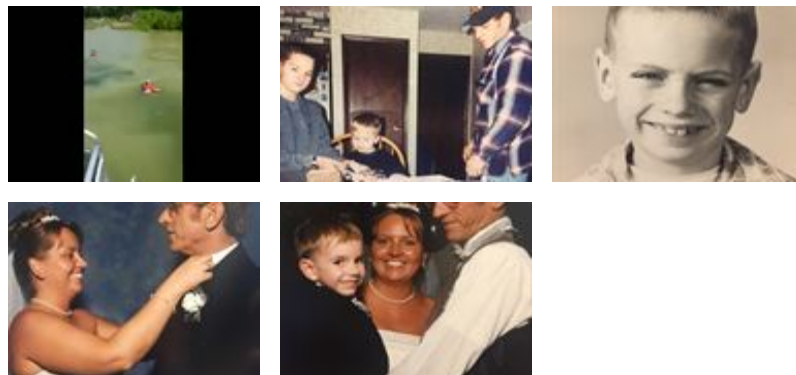
“ *Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Kevin James Battleday*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - December 30, 2020 at 12:30 PM



“ *61 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - December 30, 2020 at 11:40 AM

BW

“ Kevin had a gentle way about him, an understanding of addiction cultivated perfectly by God's love. He had a welcoming warmth about him and a kind word for all. Exactly what was needed to help others. Every time I saw him my day was a bit brighter just seeing his radiant smile. I know God has assigned him a very special heavenly job.

Brenda Walker

Brenda Walker - December 29, 2020 at 09:51 PM

DS

Thank you for sharing this. I remember my cousin as a little boy. Sweetie

Darlene Swaim - December 31, 2020 at 09:56 AM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kevin James Battleday.*



December 29, 2020 at 01:00 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kevin James Battleday.*



December 28, 2020 at 05:46 PM

TJ

“ We will treasure the wood placques that Kevin made for us. He was on a roll there for awhile and we have several. He helped us install new flooring and a door in our bathroom. He was always there whenever anybody needed him....and even when we didn't. ;) Our hearts ache for you, his family. We share your pain in this tremendous loss.

Tami and Tim Jacobs - December 28, 2020 at 03:41 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kevin James Battleday.



December 28, 2020 at 03:37 PM

JB

“ JAMAIE AND FAMILY: OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES Jamie, may god bless and keep you in the coming days.....jim boles and family

james boles - December 28, 2020 at 07:49 AM



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December 27, 2020 at 09:04 PM