



Kevin Jay Henry

November 3, 1949 - May 24, 2024

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Age 74, of Monroeville, PA, died peacefully on Friday, May 24, 2024. Born in Providence, Rhode Island in 1949, Kevin lived most of his childhood in Kingsport, Tennessee, where with his brother, Stephen, and sister, Stephanie, their mother, Phyllis Dobbins Henry (deceased), raised them to be kind, caring people and to always use proper grammar. Kevin made his way from Tennessee to Pittsburgh in the early 70's. He embraced the 'burgh and the town did the same, becoming his home.

Kevin shared a nearly 40-year marriage full of deep love, tenderness, and happiness with his wife, Kimberly. Over the years, their life together was made abundantly richer by their dogs Joe, Bernice, Murphy, Alfie, Caleb, Nellie, Blue, and, currently, Ricky.

Kevin was a loving brother to Stephen Henry, M.D. (deceased), of Philadelphia, (and sister-in-law, Nancy) and Stephanie Henry Bryant (and brother-in-law, Michael) also of Philadelphia, PA. Kevin dearly loved his nieces, Dana and Molly Henry and his nephews, Connor and Quinn Bryant (and niece-in-law, Melanie). He also loved his mother-in-law, Erma Hoffman, and brother-in-law, Robert Hoffman, both of Pittsburgh.

Through his calling as teacher, therapist, and counselor, Kevin touched the hearts and lives of so many he knew and met at The Rehabilitation Institute of Pittsburgh (currently The Children's Institute of Pittsburgh), Forbes Hospice, the ECaP (Exceptional Cancer Patients) program, and in his private practice, Grateful Heart Therapy.

A student of several spiritual teachings, Kevin was drawn to the Mystery and saw the grace of God in all things. He was devoted to presence and knew that love and laughter were the surest path there. He pursued his interests of reading, movie- and musical theater-going, painting, sketching, writing poetry, playing drums and shakuhachi with intense curiosity and gusto. Kevin was a true Renaissance man whose passion for learning was boundless and whose openness for sharing gems of wisdom and discovery, wrapped in his amazing gift for storytelling, was immeasurable.

A celebration of Kevin's life will be held on Sunday, July 14, 2024 at 4:00pm at the Pittsburgh Friends Meeting House, 4836 Ellsworth Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. Donations in remembrance of Kevin may be made to Doctors Without Borders or Animal Friends, Inc.

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Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 14. 4:00 PM (ET)

Pittsburgh Friends Meeting House
4836 Ellsworth Ave
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Tribute Wall

AU

“ I was just telling someone yesterday how much Kevin helped our family when he was part of my mother's hospice team way back in 1998. I looked him up today, to discover he had passed away. I'm sad; he was so kind to my dear mother and our whole family. My mom adored him. When she passed away, Kevin encouraged me to contact him at any time if I needed any kind of help. I took him up on the kind offer when my father began dating only two months later. I had struggled with accepting the new lady so soon after losing my mother. Kevin's words of wisdom and understanding allowed me to accept her so I could open my heart to my dad's happiness. It's over 27 years now, and I still think of his kindness and compassion. His words will always stay with me. What a wonderful man!

ALF

Autumn - October 02, 2025 at 04:47 PM

 Lou
Hanson

“ Kevin was a therapist of mine in a particularly fraught time in my life. He reintroduced me to my magic, made me laugh, and gifted me with inspiration for my own work as a therapist. When I paint a picture of Kevin, I refer to him as a "Buddha Gene Wilder" because he had the most glorious mix of grounded presence and zany joy. Hugs to you Kim!

Lou Hanson - February 28, 2025 at 09:40 AM

EW

“ Kevin was my field placement supervisor at Forbes Hospice when I was completing my MSW and that experience deeply enriched my understanding of human pain and compassion, in particular with the many tidbits of wisdom he shared over my time there. Indeed, I just found that he had passed because I did a Google search attempting to find his contact information to reach out to express gratitude as I had a recent therapeutic experience that has me thinking of him and our lessons. I am attaching his graduation gift, hanging in my home and my offices over the years. I hope he is resting peacefully. ~Erin Walser



Erin Walser - January 27, 2025 at 09:20 AM

JG

“ Teacher, mentor, loving friend. You made me laugh. You made me think, deeply. I will miss you.

Judy Gusky - June 17, 2024 at 10:22 AM

BE

“ *Condolences to Kim and family. Kevin always presented a positive, unique perspective in times of stress. His devotion to his study was remarkable. When i think of meditation, spiritual practices, words from Kevin often appear. He counseled and instructed many children, in significant need following trauma. I am certain families, who will never learn about his passing, will well remember his loving, caring, nature. Rest in peace and may your spirit live on in those you touched.*

Beth Sinteff-Battaline



beth - June 01, 2024 at 09:18 AM

BB

“ *Our deepest sympathy to Kim and the family. Kevin first came to Pittsburgh when I hired him as a teacher at The Rehabilitation Institute after working with him at Camp Lend-A-Hand. Many years ago. We enjoyed a wonderful friendship for many years. Rest in Peace, old friend.*

Bill Bauer - May 29, 2024 at 04:19 PM