



Kevin Michael Lavender "Lav"

November 3, 1977 - May 10, 2021

Big Stone Gap/ Norton, VA.

Kevin Michael Lavender "Lav" 43, passed away unexpectedly on Monday May, 10, 2021 at Holston Valley Medical Center.

"Lav" graduated High School class of 1996, from Powell Valley High. He played football, baseball, and wrestling for the Viking's. He was part of many State Championship teams. He was a kind spirit, who always thought of others before himself. He cherished his time spent with his father watching sports. He was a true family man that enjoyed trips to High Knob to capture pictures of the mountains, that he called home. He will be deeply missed by all that knew and loved him.

He was preceded in death by his maternal and paternal grandparents, Zeb and Jane Whitt, and Leon and Rose Lavender, his sister, Mary Ann Penley.

He is survived by his fiancé, Molly Orr of the home, his two sons; Cash Speer, and Justice Lavender both of the home, his parents Mary Jane and Larry Lavender, his aunts, Edna Lanahan, and Violet Moreiera, uncle, Scott Talley, other close and cherished friends and family.

The family will receive friends on Friday evening from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. May 14,

2021 at Holding Funeral Home for the visitation. The funeral service will be conducted following with Pastor Wayne Hagar officiating.

The committal service will be held on Saturday at 11 a.m. in Powell Valley Memorial Gardens, those wishing to attend are asked to assemble at 10:30 to go in procession to the cemetery.

A memorial video has been created for family and friends at:
<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/4F5W69G2NDGTHTYL>

Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

You may go online to view the obituary, sign the guest registry, or leave the family a condolence at www.holdingfuneralhome.com

Holding Funeral Home is honored to serve the Family of Kevin Michael Lavender.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 14. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Holding Funeral Home, Inc.
17 E. 3rd St., N.
P. O. Drawer H
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219
1-276-523-1470
holdingfuneralhome@comcast.net
<http://www.holdingfuneralhome.com>

Service

MAY 14. 7:00 PM (ET)

Holding Funeral Home, Inc.
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Committal Service

MAY 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

Powell Valley Memorial Gardens
5650 Powell Valley Road
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219
(276) 679-0030

Tribute Wall



“ Holding Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Kevin Michael Lavender "Lav"



Holding Funeral Home, Inc. - May 14, 2021 at 10:11 AM

KH

Beautiful video “ Rest high on that Mountain “ 🙏

Kenny H. - May 15, 2021 at 10:15 PM



“ Kevin Michael Lavender "Lav"

October 07, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ Oh how to even start. We were always good friends throughout our schools years and as we got older grew apart but just recently reconnected in the last year and I was so grateful to have this time with you. You will be greatly missed. We love u..

Rachael Sergeant - May 17, 2021 at 01:08 PM



“ Rest in peace, Lav. Thoughts go out to the family and everybody who is hurting.

Tony Patrick - May 15, 2021 at 01:31 PM

HS

“ Kevin was one of the few people in my life I would call my best friend. Unfortunately, I didn't stay connected with him, but back in 1987 when I first came to BSG we were tight. Me and Kevin and Jarrod Hood were always stomping around in the woods, playing games in the street, shooting hoops, playing video games and maybe best of all, making awesome home videos. We called them "Commando movies". That's right, Kevin was an actor. Possibly one of the funniest moments of our lives at the time was watching the scene over and over in which Kevin (in the role of a "bad guy") placed a folding chair over Jon Grimes' head while he was on the floor. It was supposed to look like the cross bar over Jon's neck was choking him. But Kevin accidentally had the chair turned the wrong way and the other cross bar was depressing Jon's head into the floor. For the sake of vrais-semblance as they would say in French film-making (that is, to keep it looking real) Jon protested for a moment but then kept the scene going as Kevin re-adjusted the chair. We howled with laughter many times over that one. So many more great memories of Kevin. My heart is heavy. I send my thoughts and prayers out to all who were touched through their connection to Kevin and who grieve with his passing.

Hugh Scott - May 14, 2021 at 10:35 PM



“ Kevin was the person I always wanted to see when we came to visit! I remember playing with WWF wrestling figures as kids, chasing him with camera trying to get his picture and as teenagers him saying "I'm too big for her to make me mind." referring to his mother (FYI, he was wrong!). He will always have a place in my heart.

Amanda Vest - May 14, 2021 at 09:26 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kevin Michael Lavender "Lav".*



May 13, 2021 at 11:58 PM



“ *Lav we had a million good times together you were like a big brother to me and always looked out for me! I love you more than words could ever express my dear friend! You and Rob kick some ass up there buddy! Until we meet again....*
~Ross~



Ross Phillips - May 13, 2021 at 06:14 PM



“ *Gracie Tompkins lit a candle in memory of Kevin Michael Lavender "Lav"*

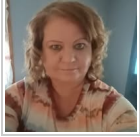


Gracie Tompkins - May 13, 2021 at 05:32 PM



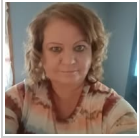
Lav we had a million great times together easily! You were like a big brother to me and always watched out for me. You and Rob kick some ass up there my friend you are dearly missed! Until we meet again my friend....
~Ross Phillips~

Ross Phillips - May 13, 2021 at 06:19 PM



“ *Lav you where awesome guy . You and Rob are having a blast up there . Prayers for your family*

Lori Rutherford - May 13, 2021 at 10:19 AM



“ *Lori Rutherford lit a candle in memory of Kevin Michael Lavender "Lav"*



Lori Rutherford - May 13, 2021 at 10:17 AM



“ *Ken Henry lit a candle in memory of Kevin Michael Lavender "Lav"*



Ken Henry - May 12, 2021 at 11:12 PM



So sorry for your lost, Mary Jane and Larry! ❤️

Ken Henry - May 12, 2021 at 11:16 PM



“ *Susie Fig lit a candle in memory of Kevin Michael Lavender "Lav"*



Susie Fig - May 12, 2021 at 08:46 PM

LL

“ *Lisa Light sent a virtual gift in memory of Kevin Michael Lavender "Lav"* ”



Lisa Light - May 12, 2021 at 07:58 PM



“ *Very sorry to hear this!* ”

Janet Wilson - May 12, 2021 at 07:09 PM

JA

“ *Janet lit a candle in memory of Kevin Michael Lavender "Lav"* ”



Janet - May 12, 2021 at 07:03 PM

JA

“ *SUCH A GOOD FRIEND..GONE TO SOON.. PRAYING FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS..* ”

Janet - May 12, 2021 at 07:03 PM