



Kevin Eugene Ahern

December 5, 1950 - June 12, 2025

Kevin Eugene Ahern passed away peacefully on June 12, 2025, in Haymarket, Virginia, at the age of 74. Born in Baltimore, Maryland on December 5, 1950, he was the son of the late Eugene Francis Ahern and Martha Donegan Ahern.

A lifelong explorer at heart, Kevin's career took him around the world—living and working in countries including Germany, Scotland, Iran, and Saudi Arabia. After returning to the United States, he met the love of his life, Emilee, in Texas. Together they continued their global journey, settling in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, where they raised their two sons, Brian (Rachel) and Chris Ahern.

Kevin embraced adventure and culture with deep curiosity and warmth. He was an avid skier, a devoted cyclist, and a generous host—never happier than when organizing his signature shrimp boils surrounded by friends and family.

He was predeceased by his parents, his sister Denise Ahern Sternberg, and his brother Terry Ahern. He is survived by his beloved wife, Emilee Ahern; his sons Brian (Rachel), Chris Ahern; his grandson Kieran; his siblings Christy (Sheldon) and John Ahern; and many friends and extended family across the globe who will deeply miss his stories, his laughter, and his open-hearted spirit.

A celebration of Kevin's life will be held on Tuesday, June 24th at 11 a.m. at St. Katherine Drexel Catholic Church in Haymarket, VA. Afterwards, a reception will be held from 12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at The Buckland House located in the Carter's Mill community. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you honor Kevin's memory by spending time with loved ones and embracing a sense of adventure, just as he always did.

St. Katherine Drexel Catholic Church - 15000 Waterfall Road, Haymarket, VA
20169

The Buckland House, Carter's Mill Community - 15875 Rose Ellene Lane,
Haymarket, VA

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

JUN **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Katharine Drexel Catholic Church
15000 Waterfall Rd.
Haymarket, VA 20169

Reception

JUN **24**. 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

The Buckland House, Carter's Mill Community
15875 Rose Ellene Lane
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Tribute Wall

DI

“ This is such a great loss for all of us, Kevin was a person with golden heart, he was a visionary leader who transformed Quality department with implementation of latest inspection technology, a remarkable mentor who developed his employees to become leaders and set quality standards in the industry. Beyond his professional accomplishments, Kevin was known for his warm personality and genuine kindness. Christmas celebrations in Dubai was so much lively when Kevin was here, he would ensure each of our kids receive gifts and play with the children.

We will miss Kevin dearly, his legacy of leadership, innovation and compassion will continue to inspire us. Condolences to Emilee and family.



Dinesh - June 25, 2025 at 02:31 AM

SS

“ Kevin was larger than life. I started my Oil & Gas career under him in 1994 in McDermott Dubai and worked for him for 10 years. I am going to miss him as my mentor and my first Boss in Oil & Gas. I grew up under his guidance, how to work under best business ethics and to have a character to stand for what is right. Kevin lived his life to the fullest, and I admire him for all his hard work he put to take McDermott Quality Dept. where it is today. I am saddened by this loss and offer my deepest condolences. My thoughts and prayers are with the grieving family. May he rest in peace.
Susheel Sharma

Susheel Sharma - June 24, 2025 at 03:03 AM

MW

“ Across almost 40 years of working with Kevin at McDermotts.... so much more than ‘the boss’ and colleague for so many. Always there but so unfairly taken too early.
Murray and Maria.

Murray Wilson - June 23, 2025 at 06:44 PM

SC

“ Kevin was a great leader, friend and mentor. Compassionate humanbeing with the donut right attitude 🙌. He has built that Quality Culture in McDermott which can't be forgotten. My family back in Dubai enjoyed the December Santa 🎅 and use to wait for the December special day every year. Coming to houston and having an opportunity to meet Kevin once in a while was always a blessing. His sense of humor with facial expressions can't be forgotten. We will miss the once in a while lunch with Kevin in his favorite restaurants in Houston.....pic back from June 2021.....Thanks for everything 🙏 and may his soul rest in peace 🙏



Sameer Chauhan - June 22, 2025 at 06:54 PM

SI

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Sisira - June 21, 2025 at 01:49 AM

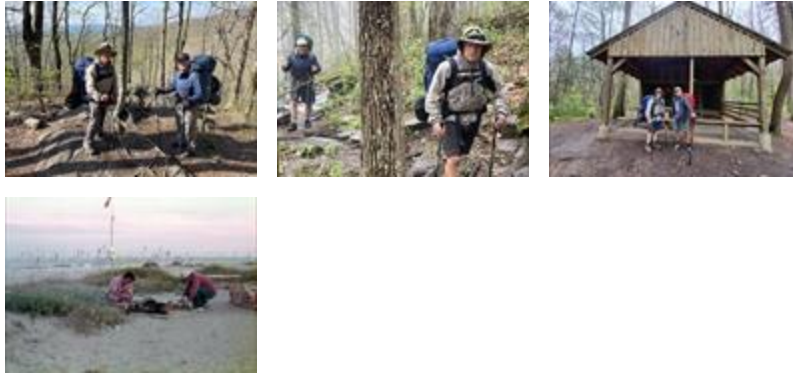
SS

“ Kevin Ahern is an unforgettable friend. He and his family formed a fast bond of friendship with the Sanzgiri's since ours was transferred from the Baku/New Orleans to the Dubai office in 1998. Kevin reigned over the Quality Assurance Team in the Middle East, and several projects in multiple countries served by McDermott all over the world benefited from his adherence to strict industrial quality standards. Kevin personally pioneered advances in the Company Standards, building a solid reputation of innovation and efficiency which resulted in exceptional performance of McDermott Middle East and eventually McDermott East Hemisphere's offshore facilities Fabrication and Installation. Additional to his excellent reputation in the Work environment, Kevin and the entire Ahern family became a famous Dubai institution for wholesome entertainment and fine dining. Kevin's yearly crayfish boils became legendary. His camping trips showed a wide experience of the outdoors, whether in Stateside trails or Middle East sandy trails. He diligently worked on the family boat and took us on many a merry ride over water. His Christmas decorations, dinners, celebrations, carols, family rejoicing made us all feel so comfortable and at ease. His family values are inculcated into the tremendously talented and intelligent, impressive family of his life's love Emilee and sons Brian and Christopher, each with their own retinue they leave behind. Rest in Peace, sir, you lived a life of diligence and quality, and are sorely missed by your friends on earth. Sunil and Jyoti Sanzgiri and our kids all rejoice the life you lived, sincerely condole with the extended bereaved family and friends, and wish you safe happy passage in the hereafter.

Sunil "Linus" Sanzgiri - June 20, 2025 at 10:41 PM

DN

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Dennis Niemeyer - June 20, 2025 at 09:23 AM

GF

“ Kevin & Emilee hosted an elaborate shrimp boil outdoors every year in Lakes of Parkway. He was the ultimate chef and cook in Houston and his generosity was always appreciated. We will miss his boyish smile and gentle manner. Love to Emilee and family ❤️❤️❤️

Gail Folloder - June 19, 2025 at 09:26 PM

TP

“ I'm shocked and saddened to see this. Kevin was always so full of life. Seeing his photo evoked a flood of memories of our conversations and his sense of humor. I truly enjoyed working for him at McDermott. He always treated me with kindness and fairness and he always had my back. Kevin was a great leader and sorely missed when he retired. My condolences go out to his family with prayers for God's peace and comfort.

Teri Parnell - June 19, 2025 at 07:21 PM

LE

I worked for Kevin in Dubai from 1985 - 89. He was a tough boss but knew his steel. We crossed paths several times until 2011 and had many interesting head-to-heads in that time. That was the last time I saw him. Very sad news, condolences to Emilee and family.

Lyn Evans - June 20, 2025 at 02:40 AM

KR

*Shocked and saddened to hear this. Still can not believe that he is no more.
Great leader and great human have ever personally met. I will always remember and respect him.*

Kripal - June 20, 2025 at 03:19 AM

GS

One of the nicest guys. Always helpful. I loved his Hawaiian shirts which showed his relaxed and open attitude. Great dad and loving husband. He will be missed. Our heart goes out to the family. ❤️🙏

Gail Saab - June 20, 2025 at 07:52 AM

SK

I worked under Kevin's leadership more than two decades in Dubai. I have no words to express my grievance at this point in time. Without Kevin we wouldn't have advanced our professional carriers up to this stage. For McDermott automatic welding systems, Advance quality system, PAUT etc. he was the mastermind. Without Kevin's vision, unwavering determination and perseverance, McDermott wouldn't have reached up to this stage so fast. He made leaders with character, knowledge and with ethical values to take over the McDermott quality department future. Kevin is a legend in McDermott history and his contribution and vision towards McDermott growth would remain as an indelible asset forever.

Sisira Kumara

Sisira Kumara - June 20, 2025 at 11:24 PM

BH

Oh, we are so so saddened to hear of Kevin's passing. A warm and embracing hug to you all. We loved spending every moment over the years and a highlight was for sure the ride on the boat in Abu Dhabi! Your faith will get you through and knowing that he is finally at peace. All our love. The Hoosers, bridget, brian, alex, zach and McKenna

Bridget Hooser - July 04, 2025 at 08:36 AM