



Kevin Lamont Gittings

January 31, 1969 - September 8, 2021

Kevin “Verb” Lamont Gittings, 52, of Bristow, Virginia, passed away on September 8, 2021. Kevin was born on January 31, 1969 in Havre de Grace, Maryland, to the late Climesto and Patricia Coley.

Kevin grew up in Aberdeen Maryland, where he attended Aberdeen High School. While attending Aberdeen High School, Kevin played football, wrestling and track. He still holds many county records in these sports. After attending Aberdeen High, Kevin attended Coppin State University where he pledged Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. Kevin left Coppin in his sophomore year to attend the University of Maryland, College Park.

Kevin was a gifted athlete, who excelled in football, wrestling and track; but most of all in rugby. Since picking up the sport at the University of Maryland, College Park, Kevin joined the Maryland Exiles of the American Rugby Union in Bethesda. His amazing play earned him a spot on the USA Rugby National Team, which took him to compete in places around the world, including Greece, Spain, Sri Lanka, Fiji and the Cayman Islands.

Kevin was such a legend on the rugby pitch that many of the players, even his own teammates, only knew him as “Verb”, because that was the only way to describe his speed and agility on the field.

While Kevin was an accomplished, self-taught network engineer and had a long career at numerous companies, his most recent work was behind the lens as a photographer. While it was a part-time job, it was definitely his passion; painstakingly reviewing details of every photoshoot and every photograph he took. He was truly an artist with his camera.

Most of all, Kevin was a devoted husband and father. He helped raise two smart, talented and beautiful daughters that will keep his zest for life and spirit for artistry alive forever.

Kevin was preceded in death by his father Climesto Coley Sr. He is survived by his loving wife of 20 years, Dana Gittings; adoring daughters Zoë and Cameron Gittings of Bristow, Virginia; Mother Patricia Coley of Aberdeen, Maryland; Sisters Kim Wood of Georgia, Centoria Best of North Carolina, Shanda White (Husband, Keon) of Baltimore, Maryland, and Amber Coley of Aberdeen, Maryland; Brothers Climesto Coley, Jr. of Frederick, Maryland, Omar Coley of South Carolina, and Anthony Artis of North Carolina; Mother-in-law Ratna Rao of Bradenton, Florida; Brother-in-law Dave Rao of Washington, D.C.; Godsons Logan and Hunter White of Baltimore, Maryland; and a host of godbrothers, godsisters nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

A funeral service will be held for Kevin at 12:00 PM on Sunday, September 19, 2021, at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, Virginia. A viewing will be held one hour prior to the funeral service, and the family will greet guests in the Celebration of Life room immediately after the service.

Masks are Strongly Encouraged

Previous Events

Viewing

SEP **19**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
pfh@piercefh.com
<https://www.piercefh.com>

Funeral Service

SEP **19**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
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Reception

SEP **19**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home Celebration Room
9609 Center Street
Manassas, VA 20110
<https://www.piercefh.com/who-we-are/celebration-room>

Tribute Wall



“ *Pierce Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Kevin Lamont Gittings*



Pierce Funeral Home - September 17, 2021 at 08:51 AM

MJ

Dana, Zoe and Cameron we are so sorry for your loss. Kevin was always very friendly and so nice to us in the 20 years we were neighbors. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. ❤️
Mark and Kellie Jones

Mark and Kellie Jones - September 19, 2021 at 12:46 PM

NB

“ *Kevin "Verb" Gittings, was an absolutely incredible guy, well liked and loved by all he knew. Can't believe he has left us this soon. Rest in piece my good friend.*

Nick Bell - January 31, 2022 at 10:03 AM

TF

“ *The Strassler Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Kevin Lamont Gittings.*



The Strassler Family - September 17, 2021 at 05:03 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kevin Lamont Gittings.*



September 17, 2021 at 12:29 AM



“ *Your NASA family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Kevin Lamont Gittings.*



Your NASA family - September 16, 2021 at 10:26 PM



“ *Reflections of Gratitude Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Kevin Lamont Gittings.*



September 16, 2021 at 09:12 PM



“ *Bonnie Baggan purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Kevin Lamont Gittings.*



Bonnie Baggan - September 16, 2021 at 04:31 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kevin Lamont Gittings.*



September 16, 2021 at 10:07 AM



“ *The Gaeths purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Kevin Lamont Gittings.*



The Gaeths - September 15, 2021 at 08:48 PM



“ *Dear Dana,
My deepest condolences go out to your family*

Sanjoy Sundaesan - September 15, 2021 at 06:09 PM



“ *Dear Dana,
I am very sorry to hear of Kevin's passing. Prayers for strength and courage to you and your daughters.
Sincerely,
Maitrayee Vadali*

Maitrayee Vadali - September 15, 2021 at 05:07 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kevin Lamont Gittings.*



September 15, 2021 at 03:43 PM



“ *Leigh Marmes and Jan Hansen purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kevin Lamont Gittings.*



Leigh Marmes and Jan Hansen - September 15, 2021 at 08:29 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to all who knew and loved Kevin. Kevin had a way of lighting up a room with his sense of humor combined with his ability to connect to just about anyone immediately.*

Kevin, I will miss you.... You brightened my day more often than you know! You were always available and always reached out if you knew I was going through something. Your epic GIFs made me smile. I'm glad we could keep in touch over the years. Rest In Peace my dear friend ❤️

Lisa Rooksby - September 15, 2021 at 05:22 AM

ED

“ I worked with Kevin since December 2019. He was my team lead and even though I was new to the "networking world", he would always provide encouragement. He was a great leader and on numerous occasions tried to help me understand what I needed to know without making me feel less than or inadequate. You will truly be missed. The positive influence you had on my life in such a short period of time has provided me with the courage to "keep going". Rest in Peace Kevin. 🙏

Eileen Davis - September 14, 2021 at 07:45 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kevin Lamont Gittings.



September 14, 2021 at 06:52 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kevin Lamont Gittings.



September 14, 2021 at 04:13 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Kevin Lamont Gittings.



September 14, 2021 at 03:26 PM



“ I’m still in shock! I have so many wonderful memories of Kevin. He was a special Spotlight Dad! Kevin was not only a dedicated father to his girls but took many pictures of all the dancers. Kevin was at every parade and performance of Spotlight always catching the best pictures. We could always call on him for anything. He also was a “crew” member of the comp team. We will miss you our dear friend but never forgotten. RIP❤️

Bonnie Baggan - September 14, 2021 at 03:26 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kevin Lamont Gittings.



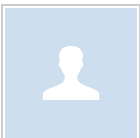
September 14, 2021 at 03:16 PM



“ Shanda W. purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Kevin Lamont Gittings.



Shanda W. - September 14, 2021 at 03:05 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Kevin Lamont Gittings.



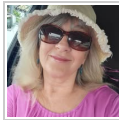
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Will Lyster - September 14, 2021 at 01:39 PM



Kevin was a dear friend in High School. One of my BEST friends. He was always so cheerful and funny and one heck of an athlete always. I am so sorry to hear this news. REST IN PEACE Dear Kevin. You will NEVER be forgotten ♡♡♡♡

Jackie Decker - September 14, 2021 at 05:10 PM

SD

We're so very sorry to hear of your husband/father's passing, Dana and family. We remember meeting him at your Mom's house in Great Oak as your Mom lived next door to us around the time of your wedding. He seemed like a very kind man. Wishing you all comfort, may he rest in paradise.

Shelly Dingeman - September 14, 2021 at 08:16 PM

RR

We are very saddened to hear the news of Kevin's passing away. Our deepest sympathies and condolences to Dana, children, Nagarathna and family. Wishing you all comfort and healing during this time of great loss. From - Revati Rao, Keshav & Shanthi Rao.

Revati Rao, Keshav & Shanthi Rao - September 19, 2021 at 08:11 AM

MM

*Dear Dana, Zoe, and Cameron,
It was an honour to meet the four of you in Miami several years ago.
We will miss Kevin's weekly hilarious GIFs he would send via
Whatsapp, our crazy conversations with me about Canadian politics,
and his hilarious snapchat photos. I write this with a smile remembering
him. He would always remind Mark and I that it was the anniversary of
us all meeting. Although we never did get together for an NFL game,
your visit to us in Canada will never be forgotten. We will miss his
contagious smile forever. You are all in our thoughts..... Michele, Mark,
Micaela, and Nathan*

Michele McLean - September 23, 2021 at 08:21 AM