



Kevin Thomas Moriarty

August 11, 1958 - October 23, 2023

Kevin Thomas Moriarty. August 11, 1958 – October 23, 2023, of Manassas Park, Virginia

Kevin Thomas Moriarty was born in Omaha, Nebraska, on August 11th, 1958, To Bob and Virginia Moriarty on his brother, Mike's, second birthday, ruining that one for him.

Preceded in death by parents, Robert and Virginia Moriarty. Survived by wife, Jeri; sister, Molly Moriarty; brother, Mike Moriarty (Barb); nieces, Katie Kumm (Bryan), Megan Walker (John), Brooke Poehling, Cassi Lewis (Clint); nephews, Cory, Taylor, and Austin Poehling; great nieces, Channa Lewis (Jordan Inman), Camryn Lewis, Josephine Kumm, Addie Walker; great nephews, Caleb and Asher Walker; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Gary and Shirley Hinline, sister-in-law Joni Poehling.

He graduated from Omaha's Northwest High School. Post high school he earned a Bachelor's degree in Psychology at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, where he joined Air Force ROTC. Kevin had a life-long love of history, and his ROTC experience resulted in a special interest in military history. Kevin later earned a Master's in Museum Studies at the University of Nebraska, and a Master's in Geography at George Mason University.

Growing up, Kevin loved family vacations, spending the night with his grandparents, visiting his great uncle and aunt, Tom and Harriett on their farm, and building models. He loved camping, the outdoors, and Boy Scouts, where he earned the rank of Eagle Scout and also earned the God & Country Award. His Eagle Scout project involved working with the mentally disabled which had sparked his interest in human services. Kevin worked in that field for a few years after his graduation from UNO, where he despised the bureaucracy but loved the clients. He cared deeply for people who have differing cognitive abilities. He served them in his human services career and in his career with the National Park Service, making sure that the programs he presented were accessible to everyone.

Kevin began working for the NPS as a ranger at Homestead National Monument, where he re-enacted 19th century homesteading, restored a tall grass prairie, and battled many ticks. He later worked at Wind Cave National Park, the National Park Service Midwest Archaeological Center, and the Old Post Office Tower. In 1997, he began working at the National Register of Historic Places, where he remained for the rest of his career. He always wanted to work at one of the National Park Service's military parks but this never happened. Instead this desire was fulfilled by a part-time job at Historic Alexandria's Fort Ward Museum, where worked for two decades.

Kevin had a great love for Irish music and culture. This led to his meeting Jeri Hine at a Touch of Irish Music fundraiser aboard the Belle of Brownville during a Missouri River excursion.

He and Jeri were married on May 30th, 1992. They were happily married for 31 years. They were so compatible that during their long marriage they only had three fights. They could only remember two, but said three in case they forgot one.

Jeri won a trip to Rome in 2000, which was a Jubilee year for the Catholic Church. Being able to walk through the Holy Door and visiting the sites of Saint Peter's ministry inspired Kevin and Jeri to convert to the Church. Kevin was a man of deep faith who believed in service to others. He volunteered in the RCIA & RCIC program at All Saints Church in Manassas for fifteen years, where he led many souls to Christ. He reluctantly gave up this ministry when he was diagnosed with Stage IV colon cancer in 2016. He fought the disease for seven years, never losing his faith or optimism.

As Kevin grew older he began to resemble Santa Claus. His appearance, along with his good humor and gentle disposition resulted in his being drafted to stand in for the real Santa at Homestead National Monument and Fort Ward Museum.

Kevin was loved by Jeri, his family, many friends, and coworkers. He will be treasured and remembered for the love he gave others.

Memorials to St. Vincent de Paul Society or your local animal shelter.

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 2. 10:30 AM (ET)

All Saints Catholic Church
9300 Stonewall Rd
Manassas, VA 20110-2566
(703) 368-4500

Tribute Wall

CB

“ *Jeri and family- you have my heartfelt condolences. I just found out about Kevin. He was always my favorite co-worker and I missed him terribly. He turned me onto Irish music and we had lots of conversations about history, the museum field and his beloved 'weiner' dogs (I remember Longfellow). Call me if I can do anything. I'll be making a gift to Vola Lawson asap.*

Cindy Barnard - December 29, 2023 at 10:15 PM

JL

“ *HOLDING YOU IN PRAYER FOR ANGELS SUPPORT...*



JIMMY J LOCKLEAR - December 04, 2023 at 04:39 PM

PD

“ *The Indiana State Historic Preservation Office (Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology) wishes to thank Kevin's family for sharing him with us. He was a steady contact for our program for so very long. His "properties" (the buildings he helped list on the Register) will honor his work for many many years to come.*

Paul Diebold - October 31, 2023 at 02:36 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Kevin Thomas Moriarty.*



October 31, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Kevin Thomas Moriarty.*



October 31, 2023 at 07:58 AM



“ *Anne Graham purchased the Simply Elegant Spa thiphyllum for the family of Kevin Thomas Moriarty.*



Anne Graham - October 29, 2023 at 10:02 PM



“ *Virginia C. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kevin Thomas Moriarty.*

Virginia C. - October 29, 2023 at 09:10 PM

SG

“ Susan G. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Kevin Thomas Moriarty.



Susan G. - October 28, 2023 at 11:40 AM

SC

“ Kevin was a long-time member of Fort Ward's weekend staff, and all of us enjoyed working with him so much - his knowledge of history, his great sense of humor, and boundless camaraderie were appreciated by all! I will always remember his great soldier-led tours of the fort, the Christmas program when he was Soldier Santa, and his "Men of Fort Ward" displays of his soldier figurines which interested visitors of all ages. We will miss him as a good friend and valued coworker. Our sincere condolences to Jeri and Kevin's family. Susan and everyone who "holds down the fort."

Susan Cumbey - October 28, 2023 at 11:12 AM

SC

“ 2 files added to the album Fort Ward Photos



Susan Cumbey - October 28, 2023 at 10:35 AM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Kevin Thomas Moriarty.



October 27, 2023 at 02:22 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kevin Thomas Moriarty.



October 27, 2023 at 02:01 PM



“ Moriarty M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kevin Thomas Moriarty.

Moriarty M. - October 27, 2023 at 11:11 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kevin Thomas Moriarty.

October 26, 2023 at 05:51 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Kevin Thomas Moriarty.*



October 26, 2023 at 05:51 PM



“ *my fondest memory of my friend BIG KEV is when he came to my rescue during the DC earthquake. i've never experienced anything like that so as i was screaming my bodyguard/friend came and hugged me to the steps and made sure i was okay when we were safely out of the building. the next day he came passed my work station and as usual gave me a bear hugged*



pepper - October 26, 2023 at 09:25 AM



Kevin was a fantastic co-worker and full of hilarious stories inherited over a lifetime. Always social and helpful, I will always remember the good times, often filled with humor, that we shared. A co-worker, Pepper, mentioned the earthquake (I believe the August 23, 2011, one from Virginia, a magnitude 5.8 earthquake) that shook our building in DC. I was with Kevin in his cubicle when we felt the quake, like waves shifting under your feet, and I did not know if a near-by building went down or something was bombed and Kevin replied calmly, no, it's just an earthquake. I should have known better, I'm from California. --Rustin

Rustin Quaide - October 26, 2023 at 02:46 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kevin Thomas Moriarty.

October 25, 2023 at 11:45 PM



“ I liked sharing jokes with Kevin. -Ana

Ana Bradley - October 25, 2023 at 06:18 PM



Ana he loved sharing jokes with you.

Alexis - October 26, 2023 at 09:36 AM



Very sorry to hear about the loss of your husband Jeri. Please accept my deepest condolences. Leah Smith

Leah Smith - October 27, 2023 at 08:23 AM



A JOB WELL DONE! RIH KEV

Octavia Pearson - November 02, 2023 at 03:12 PM