



Kevin Michael O'Connell

February 5, 1966 - March 9, 2018

Kevin Michael O'Connell, a veteran of the U.S. Marines, who loved traveling, motorcycles and spending time with his wife, Leigh, his friends, and his extensive family, died March 9, 2018. He was 52.

He was born on February 5, 1966 in Hartford, Connecticut, the son of the late Daniel M. and Beverly J. (Mildren) O'Connell. He was most recently employed as an Emergency Operations Specialist with the FEMA Operations Center operated under the Department of Homeland Security. Before FEMA, his other pursuits included owning a restaurant, and management in the printing industry.

Kevin and his sidekick Max (his German Shepherd) could often be found hiking in the Manassas Battlefield, playing fetch and chasing squirrels or birds. Kevin also spent many hours on the water captaining various boats. Kevin would teach family and friends how to waterski, paddleboard and sail. Growing up in Cocoa Beach, Kevin was often found by the water sailing and surfing with friends.

He was generous and always eager to lend a hand to those less fortunate. And his favorite holiday was Christmas because it gave him an opportunity to spoil his family members, surprising them with thoughtful gifts. He was also known to pull pranks on his close friends and family members. Kevin truly

enjoyed creating laughter no matter where he was.

Survivors include his wife, Leigh Wade; two stepsons, Jason and Joshua Smith of Fort Myers, FL; three sisters, Jo-Ann Lizon (husband Ned Lizon) of West Hartford, Conn., Joyce O'Connell of East Hartford, Conn., Linda Spahr (husband Alan Spahr) of Lusby, Md.; two brothers, Marc O'Connell (wife Nancy Lieffort) of Southbury Conn, and Brian O'Connell (wife Nancy O'Connell) of Lino Lakes, Minn.; one granddaughter, Harlynn Smith, of Fort Myers, FL.; nieces Kelly O'Connell, Gabrielle Burns (and Andrew Burns), and Emily O'Connell; nephews Dan Lizon (and Amanda Maloney), Bryan Lizon, and Brendan O'Connell. He also had several cousins including Scott Mildren of Martinsville, Va. and Keith Mildren of Texas.

A celebration of life will be held on June 9, 2018 at Hilton Cocoa Beach Oceanfront, 1550 North Atlantic Ave., Cocoa Beach FL from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please donate to your favorite veteran's organization, local Fisher House at the VA Medical Center (for veteran's families) or Serve Our Willing Warriors of Haymarket, Va.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 9. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Hilton Cocoa Beach Oceanfront
1550 North Atlantic Ave.
Cocoa Beach, FL

Tribute Wall

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“ *Gail Kelley lit a candle in memory of Kevin Michael O'Connell*



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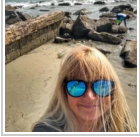
“ *I worked for Kevin in Windsor Locks, Ct when he was a Supervisor for TSA. I always respected him and enjoyed working for him. I'm shocked and saddened by his loss. My deepest sympathy to all of his Family*

gail kelley - June 02, 2018 at 10:26 PM

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“ *I met Kevin when we were serving in Marines together. There was no kinder, funnier and efen caring man. He will forever remembered as a great man.*

Rick McKee - March 18, 2018 at 10:05 AM



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Leigh Wade - March 18, 2018 at 06:50 AM

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Leigh, I'm so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers, God Bless you all.

Claudia Soper

Claudia Soper - March 20, 2018 at 01:36 PM