



Keith Fortune

June 12, 1955 - April 7, 2024

Keith Bryan Fortune, born to Gladys Richardson in New Haven, CT on June 12th, 1955 went home to be with the Lord on April 7, 2024.

Keith was a man with many facets. He had a passion for clothes and fashion fostered in him at an early age by his mother and grandmother who raised him. This motivated him into becoming a tailor's apprentice, then go on to become a gifted tailor in his own right. Keith was also well-versed in home remodeling. The family looked at him as a jack of all trades.

Keith graduated from Hillhouse High School in 1973 where he played basketball and football. Keith had an infectious smile and personality. He was a people person who could light up a room, a compassionate and caring friend to many who always wanted to help. You would see his most caring side when you'd see him interact with children. Seeing children smile, music, and pineapple upside down cake were among the things that filled Keith with joy.

Keith leaves to mourn his passing, his mother Gladys Richardson, daughter Jenise Minter, grandchildren Paris and Kayci, brother Kendall Richardson, niece Kiana Richardson, cousin Shirley Smith, along with a host of family members and close friends.

Keith was predeceased by his grandmother Clara Armstead.

MATTHEW 11:28-30 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Calling Hour

APR 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

McClam Funeral Home Chapel
95 Dixwell Ave
New Haven, CT 06511

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

TM

“ Our meeting in 1982 in Atl. was not chance, it was by universal design. We were placed where we were supposed to be in each other's lives. When Keith shared this photo with me years ago, I could only smile. I believe he was 3 or 4 at the time. He was already dapper, handsome and full of swagger as a little boy. He became a man of class, character, love and light in his adult life. Keith you are loved & missed by many.



TanYa Washington Moore - May 05, 2024 at 12:22 PM

KP

“ When I heard of Keith's passing it was quite shocking. He and I had spent an hour plus on the phone 2 weeks ago, talking, laughing and reminiscing about our fifth grade class at Lincoln Street School. He worked and was good friends with my brother Jerome for years. Oh how I will miss him in my life. Condolences to his family with love and prayers.

Karen Perkins - April 12, 2024 at 09:01 PM

DM

“ It is with great sadness to learn that Keith passed. My condolences to his mother, brother, and daughter. It was a pleasure when Keith lived with the Marino family because we enjoyed his kindness, smiles, and conversations. Keith enjoyed sharing his talents, skills in remodeling, and music. He enjoyed playing with the dogs and our granddaughter. He will be greatly missed. May he rest in peace.



Doris Marino - April 12, 2024 at 05:17 PM

JC

*With heartfelt condolences you will always be a part of my heart...
Janice Crawley.*

Janice Crawley - July 19, 2024 at 04:49 PM

LB

“ Rip Keith. I remember living next door to you for years. We were good friends and enjoyed many garage parties behind your house. My sympathy goes out to the family. Linda Jones Bond

Linda Jones Bond - April 12, 2024 at 04:43 PM

MR

“ Rest in peace, Keith. I will always remember your humor and hearty laugh. I recall going to Atlanta to attend college in the early 80's and you were living there. It was comforting to know somebody in ATL when I was so far from home for the first time. My deepest sympathies to Mom Gladys, Kendall (Brother), Kiana (niece), daughter - Jenise Minter, and family.

*Monica Hammie Richardson
New Haven, CT*

Monica Hammie Richardson - April 11, 2024 at 07:13 PM

JP

“ My friend, you will be missed. I enjoyed our time together when you remodel my laundry room you out did yourself. To the family; may loving memories bring you peace, comfort, and Strength.

Joyce Pittman - April 11, 2024 at 11:32 AM

CB

“ Keith was full of kindness and compassion. He will be missed and remembered. A true friend. May he S.I.P. 🙏

Cheryl Bennett - April 09, 2024 at 11:32 AM

GS

Kieth was very good friend of the Sutton family

Gregory Sutton - April 12, 2024 at 08:13 AM

HF

To the Fortune family, my family and I are sadden to hear that Keith passed away. We are keeping you in our warmest thoughts, and sending healing prayers to you during your time of loss. Keith was always nice to me and my family, well spoken and always respectful. In fact, he was one of the nicest person in our building. We are very grateful to have known him these past several years. We can't imagine the loss you are feeling, and to those who knew him along the way. We will always remember how well he dressed, being polite every time you saw him. just a pure gentleman. Our continuous thoughts and prayers to each of you, during this time, and may Keith sleep in peace.
The Harris Family

Harris Family - April 14, 2024 at 10:37 AM

AA

RIP brother Keith, and my thoughts and prayers to the family.

Amber Arnold-Anderson - April 17, 2024 at 09:38 PM