



Montae LaRue Kaufman Sr

May 28, 1964 - October 3, 2021

Montae LaRue Kaufman Sr. (BamBear) 57, of Louisville went home to be with his Heavenly Father on Sunday, October 3, 2021.

Montae was a 1983 graduate from Fern Creek High School and went on to earn his Paramedicine Degree from Eastern Kentucky University. During his time at E.K.U., he was a volunteer firefighter/EMT for Madison County Fire and he was a proud member of the Loud Shirt Club.

Montae had a passion for protecting and serving others. He worked as a volunteer firefighter for Buechel Fire and began his career as an EMT/Paramedic/Captain for Jefferson County Emergency Medical Services. Montae received several letters of commendation for his service with Jefferson County EMS, and was the recipient of The Jefferson Award for his service during the Standard Gravure workplace shooting in September, 1989. The last 16 years of his working career were dedicated to Wellspring, where he served as Program Manager for their Crisis Stabilization Units (Samuel B. Todd & David J. Block).

Montae loved to spend time with his family and loved his grand babies. He was preceded in death by his loving mother, Dr. Marcia Kaufman-Smith, Melody R. Smith (sister), Garland W. Kaufman (Pops), Elizabeth Ferguson Kaufman (Granny), Donald L. Ernspiker (Father-In-Law), Marie VanMeter (Mother-In-Law) and Thomas (Tommy) M. Woodrow (Brother-In-Law).

Montae leaves behind to cherish his memory his wife of 33 years, Angela Ernspiker Kaufman; his three beautiful children, Tiffany Kaufman (Greg Gore), Montae LaRue Kaufman Jr (Hannah) and Brittany Kaufman; his five grandchildren, Isabelle, Jaxon, Hazel, William and Greg Gore, Jr. (Peanut); Brother - Marcus Smith, Sr., Mother-in-law, Linda Ernspiker; Brother-in-law Steven Ernspiker (Dana), Sister-in-law Deborah Woodrow Prather (Joe). He also leaves behind several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Donations can be made in his memory to Wellspring, P.O. Box 1927, Louisville, KY 40201-1927.

Visitation will be Tuesday, October 12, 2021 from 11am - 1pm at A.D. Porter & Sons-Southeast, 4501 Bardstown Rd. with the funeral to follow at 1pm.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **12.** 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

A. D. Porter and Sons Funeral Home - Southeast
4501 Bardstown Road
Louisville, KY 40218
(502) 491-7885
a.d.portersoutheast@gmail.com
<https://adporters.com/>

Celebration of Life

OCT **12.** 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Montae LaRue Kaufman Sr.*



October 12, 2021 at 09:55 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Montae LaRue Kaufman Sr.*



October 09, 2021 at 12:49 PM



“ *Bam and I were child hood friends we spent a lot of time together as kids Bimmy*

James Taylor - October 07, 2021 at 10:29 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Montae LaRue Kaufman Sr.*



October 07, 2021 at 03:31 PM

TW

“ *My prayers and condolences to the Kaufman family. I hated to hear of such sad news. I loved working with Montae in the Buechel Fire Dept. You will never be forgotten. Rest in Peace Montae.*

Tom Wilson

Tom Wilson - October 07, 2021 at 12:24 AM

MA

“ *Marilyn sent a virtual gift in memory of Montae LaRue Kaufman Sr*



Marilyn - October 06, 2021 at 09:20 PM

AN

“ *This Is Us*



Angela - October 06, 2021 at 12:05 PM

MM

“ *BamBear was one in a million. He loved his Grandkids and his family more than anything. He loved to FaceTime with his family. Bam will be truly missed by many. Get your Rest Sir 🙏😊 You fought a long hard fight. I love you! Mimi*

Mimi Marie - October 06, 2021 at 10:59 AM

DH

You couldn't be around Bam and not laugh or cut up. He was so devoted to his family and gave his all. He could cut up, prank, and just make you feel good even on a bad day. He was a hero to his family and in his profession. Now he flys with the angels and , no doubt, watches over his loved ones. Missing him is an understatement.

Donna Hampton - October 09, 2021 at 01:02 PM