



Kevin Matthew Paulling

November 23, 1969 - February 16, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Kevin Matthew Paulling, a beloved son, husband, father, and friend, who departed this life too soon after a 2-year battle with cancer. A proud third-generation native of Leesburg, Florida, Kevin was born on November 23, 1969, and left a legacy of love, laughter, and adventure that will resonate in the hearts of those who knew him.

Kevin's zest for life was evident in everything he did. His love for the water was a defining aspect of his character; whether water skiing, fishing, or scuba diving, he embraced every opportunity to be out on the water. It was often said that his first "vehicle" was a boat, and he would wholeheartedly agree. Teaching others how to water ski was one of his greatest joys, as he loved sharing his passion with anyone willing to give it a try.

A natural-born salesman, Kevin thrived in the fast-paced world of car sales. His high energy and charisma made him a magnetic presence in the dealership, where he formed lasting relationships with customers and colleagues alike.

Kevin's love for animals was just as strong as his love for the water. He shared his home with an array of furry companions, each bearing names that left a lasting impression—sometimes embarrassing—especially when

checking in at vet visits. It's no surprise that his wife, Kim, took the lead on naming their two cherished children, Karley and Kannon, sparing them from the creative monikers that Kevin would otherwise come up with.

Above all, Kevin will be remembered as a devoted husband and a loving father. His family was his world, and he poured his heart into every moment spent with them. With a smile that could light up any room and a heart that embraced everyone, Kevin's spirit will live on in all the memories he created and the lives he touched.

Kevin is survived by his loving wife of 26 years, Kim, their daughter Karley (Paulling) Cerney, son-in-law, Logan Cerney, and son Kannon Paulling, and a host of friends and loved ones who will miss him dearly. He was preceded in death by his father, Hamilton Hunt Paulling, II, his mother Evelyn "Evy" Kay McDonald Paulling, and his brother Hamilton Hunt Paulling, III.

In celebration of Kevin's life, a memorial service will be held on Friday, February 28, 2025 at 4 PM at Beyers Funeral Home Chapel, 1123 W. Main Street, Leesburg, Florida, a celebration of life will follow at the Leesburg Boat Club, 31 Dozier Cir, Leesburg, FL 34748 until 9 PM.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Kevin's honor to a local animal shelter, Cornerstone Hospice or the Education Foundation of Lake County.

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home of Leesburg, Florida.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 28. 4:00 PM (ET)

Beyers Funeral Home & Crematory
1123 W Main St
Leesburg, FL 34748
(352) 787-4343

Celebration of Life

FEB 28. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Leesburg Boat Club
31 Dozier Cir
Leesburg, FL 34748

Tribute Wall



“ *Beyers Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Kevin Matthew Paulling*



Beyers Funeral Home - February 26, 2025 at 11:40 AM

AT

“ *I'm one of the St Matthews, SC. My parents Gat and Gene Paulling adored Hampy and June. Our cousin Pochie spoke of how delighted he was to meet Kevin and I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Ann Paulling Thompson*

Ann Paulling Thompson - September 03, 2025 at 10:31 AM

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Ann Paulling Thompson - September 03, 2025 at 10:33 AM

VO

“ *My sincerest condolences Kim to you and your family. Paul was an incredible and inspiring person. May his cheerful spirit breeze through the seas and trees. I am forever grateful to have crossed paths with you both! Von*

Von - March 03, 2025 at 10:01 PM

NW

“ Sincere condolences from Chad and Natalie Watkins

Natalie Watkins - February 28, 2025 at 12:21 PM

RM

“ I knew Kevin before he married his wonderful . I knew Kevin before he married. The before and after Kevin was the same. He always had a smile. He was always upbeat and outgoing. Most of all you could see the love for Kim in his eyes before and after. I was blessed to know him.

Ruby Mitchell - February 28, 2025 at 11:53 AM

ET

“ Taking care of you in the hospital and watching you push hard even when you felt like hell was incredible to witness. Lovely family. Your Physical Therapist, Ethan.

Ethan - February 24, 2025 at 11:00 PM

YP

“ Wow... this is so hard to believe. KP.... there wasn't anyone else like him. He never changed. Kevin always greeted me with a smile. He was a clown in school and nothing changed afterwards. lol To love life and live life like he did is my goal. Although, I hadn't physically seen KP in a few years he will be missed. Praying for Kim and the children. Rest well KP. 🕊️

Yolanda Presley - February 23, 2025 at 05:15 PM

EC

“ I have sat back several times this past week and tried to come up with just what to say it's been a (as the saying goes) hot minute since I have seen Kevin (and Kim) but you would have thought it was only several days. I have wonderful memories of growing up with KP! I still laugh knowing his mom let me tutor! I remember her conversation with me, vividly.... “You will make sure he's serious and stay's focused on studies; not paintball or four-wheeling” I accepted the “job” and always made sure we were back in the house at the dining room table by the time she walked in the front-door (no evidence of paint or mud)!
KP always saw the fun, the love, and the good in people, always. And never, never did he resist welcoming you as if it had been just mere days/week
Rest High on That Mountain now KP, your legacy will carry on through Kim and the children....
You were loved my ole friend, and you will forever be missed...
Erika

Erika Corley - February 21, 2025 at 06:33 PM

RP

“ Kevin was always such a nice guy, very funny and just overall great guy. I don't care if it was 2 weeks, 2 months or 2 years between the times we would see each other he ALWAYS called me by my Entire name....HEY THERE ROSALIND PEEPLES what's up girl, then start laughing because I'm giving him the side eye for calling my whole name.... I will miss you Kevin and Rosalind Peeples will 4-ever remember you. GOD'S Blessings of comfort and Peace to all , he left behind

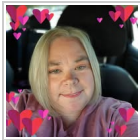
Rosalind Peeples-Johnson - February 21, 2025 at 12:00 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Kevin Matthew Paulling.*



February 20, 2025 at 01:19 PM



“ *I remember him from school, he was a very nice guy*

Pamela Morgan - February 19, 2025 at 01:04 PM



“ *kevin joined my gym in the tenth grade. we have been close friends ever since. {40 years} he changed the attitude in every room he entered. we had soo many great times together! i sat and thought for hours after i got the terrible news, and i could not think of any time i ever knew him that he said a bad word about anyone! kevin loved life, and he loved everyone! and his family love him soo much. i am so lucky that i got to ski with kevin at night {not a good idea} {but his idea} and many, many sunday fundays with kim and kevin and 2 of the sweetest kids i know. god i love this family!!
rob hicks {lower caps are on purpose, he knows me}*

ROB HICKS - February 18, 2025 at 08:11 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear about Kevin's passing. He was one of my favorite students n I enjoyed having him in my class. My prayers are with his family n I am sure Kevin is in heaven entertaining everyone as he always has done.*



georgette Wilson (Eason) - February 18, 2025 at 07:13 PM

RD

“ We couldn't have asked for better neighbors when we moved here than the KPz!! We have plenty of stories & tons of love for the entire family...but this is about Kevin. We had such wonderful times - boating, fishing, Sunday Fun-days, Leesburg boat club events, meals, Halloween night in the driveway, Christmas decorations, holidays, and so much more. Kevin is a larger-than-life force that brought smiles and cheer to every person, animal and function. He loved his family immensely and enjoyed entertaining. He had a tremendous sense of humor, loved 80's music, and LOVED to TALK about anything and everything. Kevin showed me how boating was safe at night. He was an amazing water-skier (see my tribute video). I could go on forever...all I know is...I'll really miss waving bye to him every morning when he left for work. It was how we started our days...Love you Big Sexy. You're forever in my heart.

Reggie Doherty-Evans - February 18, 2025 at 03:33 PM

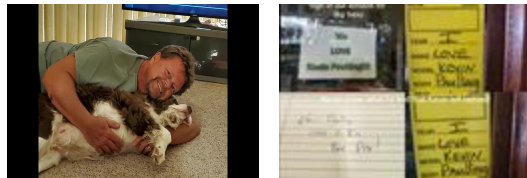
RD

I would always find things he wrote in our house or even on a key chain. Once I was at a club meeting and someone asked for a piece of paper. I was about to rip it off when I saw another little note Kevin had left. I went to the next sheet LOL!!!

Regina Doherty - February 18, 2025 at 03:48 PM

RE

“ 2 files added to the album We LOVE Kevin Paulling!



Reggie & Chris Evans - February 18, 2025 at 12:25 PM

SS

“ Kevin was one of a kind. His love for life and family was seen in every smile. He was an amazing human! I have so so many memories of all the laughter that our families shared. From the beginning the Love Shack , to all the vacations. Working together, boating and yes THE GORILLA WALK ! I truly enjoyed every time we got together . It's been many years but you my friend will always be in my heart. Kim I'm sending love , hugs and prayer for you and the kids.

Susan Smith - February 18, 2025 at 07:43 AM

KS

“ So sad to hear of Kevin's passing. I loved him dearly. Lots of my childhood memories included Kevin & Kim! From working at the party shoppe, to being at the dealership & all of our boating weekends! He was the best! Sending y'all love & prayers!

Kelly Smith - February 18, 2025 at 01:20 AM

HA

“ I am so deeply sorry for the loss of Mr. Paulling. I feel incredibly grateful to have known him—he was always so kind to me, full of humor, and radiated joy in a way that made everyone around him feel welcome.

I will never forget New Year’s Eve leading into 2021, spending the night with him, Mrs. Kim, and their children. We were all on their dock playing with fireworks, I just remembered how goofy he was being — his effortless childlike joy. That is who he was to me, and that is how I will always remember him—a joyful, humorous, loving, and devoted man. The love he shared with Mrs. Kim left a lasting impression on me; their bond was full of warmth and admiration, a beautiful testament to the life they built together.

My heart is with his family, and I hope they find comfort in the love and memories he leaves behind. May he rest peacefully

Haley Abbott - February 17, 2025 at 11:41 PM

TR

“ I am so sorry for your precious loss❤️🙏 know God is with you all to love, protect and comfort you all🙏 I met Kevin when he was a 10 year old little boy. He was such a funny little guy and always a little jokester 😊 his family and Our family The Bjorn’s were neighbors and great friends. They were a sweet and wonderful family❤️ prayers for you Kim, his wife and your children 🙏 life is so short so share your Love always, no room for hate❤️ he was always smiling and happy!

Tami Boyce Bjorn Roosa - February 17, 2025 at 09:01 PM

JP

“ Kevin was a one of a kind ! Sweetest soul with a beautiful heart..I was honored to have crossed paths with him and Kim..My heart is sad. May God bless you through this journey.

Jo Poulson - February 17, 2025 at 07:34 PM

RS

“ Kevin was always a fun loving guy. He was a fellow classmate and class of 89 graduate. My condolences to his family.

Rebecca Sanford - February 17, 2025 at 06:41 PM

MM

“ So sorry for the loss of Kevin Pauling. I'll always remember his love of life. The Pauling family is so special. You guys will be in my prayers.



Megan Maher - February 17, 2025 at 05:27 PM

KB

“ I'll never forget when John and I were meeting you guys over at Daytona for the races and Kevin came out and picked us up outside the track in the Jeep and we pulled in underneath the tunnel and there were people walking all through there coming in and out of the track and Kevin blew the train horn while we were in the tunnel and scared the heck out of everybody and they were all hollering at us and we were just laughing our butts off fun memory.

Keith Buse - February 17, 2025 at 05:16 PM

FO

We have so many wonderful boating memories with Kevin. He will be missed by everyone who knew him. We pray that resurrection faith will comfort you in this time of sorrow.

Fred O'Brien - February 17, 2025 at 06:20 PM

JA

One of the most polite and happy person I have ever known.. His zest for life was enjoyed by everyone around him. You could not be unhappy around him. Even us "Old" people were caught up in his happiness. RIP to one of the best.

Jake - February 17, 2025 at 06:35 PM

BB

*Kimberly and Family,
We am so sorry for your loss. We are keeping you in our prayers. It is very difficult to lose a spouse. In our hearts for all the difficult days ahead . Love you.*

*Aaron Byers
Brenda Byers*

Brenda J Byers - February 18, 2025 at 02:24 PM

PB

So sorry too hear this .have known keven a long time.

Phillip baldwin - February 19, 2025 at 12:08 PM

SG

*Kim...I was so saddened hearing the news from Shanon. My heart is broken for you and your children . You and Kevin have the most precious love story that few get to have. My prayers are with you all.
Sharon Gamble*

Sharon Gamble - February 19, 2025 at 03:44 PM