

THE HOMEGOING CELEBRATION FOR  
LIEUTENANT KEVIN ANDRE MCRAE



NOVEMBER 22, 1970 - MAY 6, 2015

VIEWING: 9:00 A.M.

SERVICE: 11:00 A.M.

D.C. ARMORY  
2001 E CAPITOL STREET SE, WASHINGTON, DC 20003

REVEREND PORTER L. LAWSON, JR. - OFFICIATING





*In Loving Memory of a Very Special Husband*

*When God was making husbands as far I can see,  
He made a special soulmate especially for me,  
He made a perfect gentleman, compassionate and kind,  
with more love and affection than you could ever wish to find,*

*He gave my darling husband a heart of solid gold,  
He gave me wonderful memories only my heart can hold,  
He was someone I could talk to that no one can replace,  
He was someone I could laugh with till tears ran down my face,*

*Next time we meet will be at Heaven's door,  
when I see you standing there I won't cry anymore,  
I will put my arms around you and kiss your smiling face,  
then the pieces of my broken heart will fall back into place.*

*Miss you so much, Trell*



## OBITUARY

Lieutenant Kevin Andre McRae, beloved son of Brenda McRae and William Venison, was born on November 22, 1970 at the Morris Cafritz Memorial Hospital (now United Medical Center) in Washington, D.C. He entered into eternal rest on May 6, 2015; our fallen hero.

Kevin was loved by many, and will surely be missed. He was affable and a leader to whom people gravitated naturally. Kevin loved sports, and cheered for the home teams -- Washington Redskins and Washington Wizards, along with the Pittsburgh Steelers. Kevin also loved to travel and explore the world with his family.

Kevin was reared in a loving, close knit and extended family in his early years. He enjoyed playing board games, cards and electronic games. Since the age of five, Kevin knew he wanted to become a Firefighter when he grew up.

Kevin was educated in the District of Columbia school system. He attended Madeline Victoria Leckie Elementary, Francis Stevens Junior High, and Frank W. Ballou Senior High Schools. While a student at Ballou Senior High School, he entered the cadet program in July 1989 with the D.C. Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department (EMS). Upon successful completion of the cadet program he was underage, and therefore had to wait a short period of time to commence working for the department. He was very excited about his new career and would share details of his training with family and friends. This prompted his first-cousin, the late James McRae, III, and fallen hero, to also enter the cadet program at Ballou Senior High School.

Kevin was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2003, and then promoted to Lieutenant in 2008. He is the 100th D.C. Fire and EMS Department fighter to pass-away in the line of duty. For more than two decades he served with distinction and made the ultimate sacrifice while helping others.

Kevin was a loving husband and father who adored and spent quality time with his family. His union with the late Chiquita Bridgers McRae resulted in the blessed births of two sons, Desmond and Davon McRae. In late 2006, he met the love of his life, Trell McRae. In 2008, they married joining the family with two additional blessings and he became their dad as well: Tiara Parker and Dalonte Mitchell. In 2009, he was also blessed with the birth of his daughter, Keavon McRae. His family was the apple of his eye; he cherished them.

Kevin accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior early in his life. In 2010, he and his wife joined First Baptist Church of Glenarden. He loved the Lord, and he loved attending church services. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Kevin leaves to celebrate his life and cherish fond memories his loving wife, Trell McRae; sons: Dalonte Mitchell, Desmond and Davon McRae; daughters, Tiara Parker and Keavon McRae; mother, Brenda McRae-Hackett; father, William Venison; step-father, John N. Hackett; brother, Darryl Venison; sister, Sharonda Venison; mother-in-law, Jackie Johnson; father-in-law, John Pearson; a host of other relatives; and the D.C. Fire and EMS family and friends.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

INVOCATION

SELECTION

MR. STEPHEN HURD

SCRIPTURE READING

OLD TESTAMENT: PSALM 23  
NEW TESTAMENT: COLOSSIANS 3:12-17

PRAYER OF COMFORT

SELECTION

MR. DEONTE GREY

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OBITUARY (READ SILENTLY)

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MESSAGE OF HOPE

REVEREND PORTER L. LAWSON, JR.  
FROM THE HEART CHURCH MINISTRIES

CALL TO CHRIST

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INTERMENT  
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## ***“The Broken Chain”***

*Little did we know that morning that God  
Was going to call your name.  
In life we loved you dearly,  
In death we do the same.*

*It broke our hearts to lose you,  
You did not go alone;  
For part of us went with you,  
The day God called you home.*

*You left us peaceful memories,  
Your love is still our guide;  
And though we cannot see you,  
You are always at our side.*

*Our family chain is broken,  
And nothing seems the same;  
But as God calls us one by one,  
The “Chain” will link again.*

*-Your children: Tiara, Dalonte, Desmond, DaVon, and Keavon*



**Kevin McRae**

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Dear DC City Council: I do not get paid to sleep.....I get paid to be here late at night when someone you know gets hit by a drunk driver and needs to be cut out of their car and taken to the hospital for emergency surgery.....I get paid to be here on Christmas (and every other holiday) when your neighbor's house catches on fire and they need us to be there within minutes.....I get paid to be here during a blizzard, when nobody else can get to work, and respond to hundreds of emergency calls.....I get paid to be here during a hurricane to cut trees that have fallen down and blocked access to your street so that you can get home to your family.....I get paid to be here when it's 100 degrees outside to help a tourist having a heart attack who needs immediate emergency medical care.....I get paid to be here in the event that we have another terrorist attack to protect the President of the United States and the men and women of the United States Senate.....I do more with less, eat cold meals, miss important events with my family, and put the lives of people I have never met above mine. I love my job and only ask that you become familiar with exactly what I do before you make decisions that will affect my way of life.



# A FIREFIGHTER'S PRAYER

WHEN I AM CALLED TO DUTY,  
GOD WHENEVER FLAMES MAY RAGE,  
GIVE ME THE STRENGTH TO SAVE SOME LIFE  
WHATEVER BE ITS AGE.



HELP ME TO EMBRACE A LITTLE CHILD  
BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE,  
OR SOME OLDER PERSON  
FROM THE HORROR OF THAT FATE.

ENABLE ME TO BE ALERT  
AND HEAR THE WEAKEST SHOUT,  
AND QUICKLY AND EFFICIENTLY  
TO PUT THE FIRE OUT.



I WANT TO FILL MY CALLING  
AND GIVE THE BEST IN ME,  
TO GUARD MY NEIGHBOR  
AND PROTECT HIS PROPERTY.

AND IF ACCORDING TO MY FATE  
I AM TO LOSE MY LIFE,  
PLEASE BLESS WITH YOUR PROTECTING HAND  
MY CHILDREN AND MY WIFE.

~ AUTHOR UNKNOWN ~



## PALLBEARERS:

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