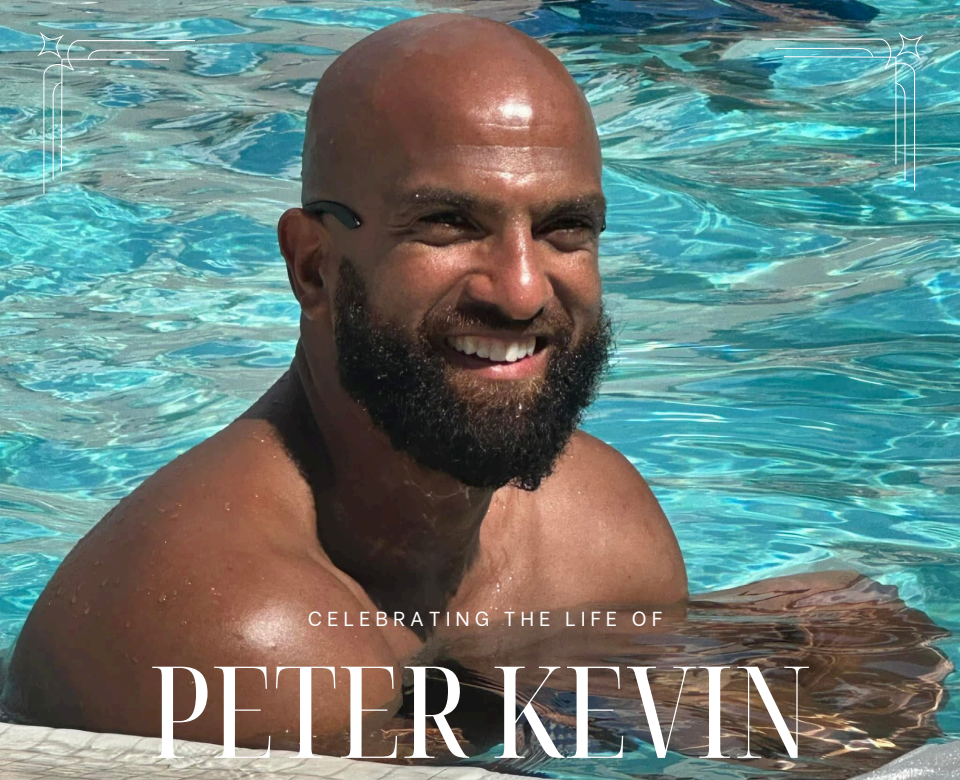




CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

PETER KEVIN KING JR.

JANUARY 25, 1982 - MARCH 08, 2025

Honoring the life of a Man after God's Own Heart. Whose Presence Will Forever Make Us Laugh, Feel Loved, and Protected. His Impact And Influence Will Live On For Eternity. We are here today to remember a man who is so much more than a friend, a brother, or even family. Petie is a light in all of our lives. He is the person who always showed up, no matter what. Whether you needed a laugh, a helping hand, or just someone to be there, Petie never hesitated. He has a way of making every moment brighter, every burden a little lighter, and every challenge seem a little less impossible just by being himself.

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OBITUARY

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PETER KEVIN KING JR. WAS BORN ON MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 1982, IN BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS. FROM BIRTH, PETIE EXHIBITED A SPIRIT OF STRENGTH AND A PRESENCE THAT COMMANDED THE ENTIRE ROOM. HIS FATHER, PETER KEVIN KING, AND MOTHER, JEMMA KING, RAISED HIM IN THE QUIET AND SAFE TOWN OF RANDOLPH, MA. THROUGHOUT HIS LIFE, AUNT AVA NURTURED AND CARED FOR HIM, AS HE WAS BORN FROM HER WOMB. AUNT LINKEY, AUNT MARY ELLEN, AUNTIE JOANNE, AND YOLANDE ALSO PLAYED VITAL ROLES IN HIS EARLY YEARS, PROVIDING LOVE, LAUGHTER, AND LESSONS, ALONG WITH HIS GODPARENTS, CHRIS KING AND VIRGINIA PATTERSON.

THE MOST UNCONDITIONAL LOVE HE RECEIVED FROM THE VERY BEGINNING CAME FROM HIS PARENTS, WHO ADORED HIM. THEY RAISED HIM TO BE THE KIND, STRONG, AND LOYAL MAN THAT EVERYONE CAME TO KNOW AND LOVE. HIS PARENTS WERE HIS GREATEST SUPPORTERS, HIS BIGGEST CHEERLEADERS, AND HIS SAFE PLACE. NO MATTER WHAT, THEY WERE ALWAYS THERE FOR HIM, AND HE RETURNED THAT LOVE DEEPLY. PETIE WAS NOT JUST THEIR SON—HE WAS THEIR PRIDE, THEIR JOY, AND THEIR HEART. THE LOVE BETWEEN A PARENT AND CHILD IS ETERNAL, AND THOUGH HE IS NO LONGER PHYSICALLY WITH US, THAT LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.

HIS SISTER, TAKISHA KING, WAS HIS FIRST INTRODUCTION TO STRENGTH AND SUPPORT. SHE WASN'T JUST HIS SIBLING—SHE WAS HIS BUILT-IN BEST FRIEND, THEIR BOND WAS UNBREAKABLE, FULL OF LAUGHTER AND A LOVE THAT ONLY A SIBLING CAN TRULY UNDERSTAND. TAKISHA LOVED HIM FIERCELY, AND HE CARRIED THAT LOVE WITH HIM IN EVERYTHING HE DID. TAKISHA AND PETIE REPRESENTED THE BOLDNESS AND PASSION OF THE KING HOUSEHOLD.

DURING HIS YEARS AT MARTIN E. YOUNG ELEMENTARY, PETER DEVELOPED LONG-LASTING FRIENDSHIPS THAT GREW INTO A BROTHERHOOD WITH MATT, BRITT, PAT, DAN, AND MANY OTHERS. HIS ONE AND ONLY PET TURTLE, NAMED DANNY AFTER ONE OF HIS BEST FRIENDS, WAS A TESTAMENT TO THE BONDS HE FORMED. WHILE THE COMMUNITY HE WAS BORN INTO WASN'T SPECIFICALLY MADE WITH HIM IN MIND, GOD PROVIDED PETER WITH A STRONG FOUNDATION OF BROTHERHOOD AND THE RIGHT VILLAGE TO NURTURE HIS HEART, WHICH WAS ALWAYS FULL.

PETER SPENT COUNTLESS SUMMERS WITH HIS SISTER TAKISHA, BRANDI, AND ALL OF HIS EXTENDED FAMILY. IN HIS ADOLESCENCE, HE BECAME AN EXCEPTIONAL HONORS STUDENT AT CATHOLIC MEMORIAL. ALTHOUGH HE OFTEN WONDERED WHY HIS PARENTS WOULD SEND HIM TO AN ALL-BOYS SCHOOL, IT WAS THERE THAT HE EXCELLED IN EVERY SPORT AND ACADEMIC CHALLENGE. PETER EARNED A SCHOLARSHIP TO BABSON COLLEGE, WHERE HIS BROTHERHOOD EXPANDED, CREATING ENDLESS MEMORIES WITH JOHN, JOC, OWTUAN, AND MANY OTHERS. HE SPENT IMMEASURABLE HOURS IN THE GYM WITH HIS "BIG BROTHER" COUSIN CALVIN, MASTERING THE ART OF SCULPTING THE HUMAN BODY. PETER GRADUATED FROM BABSON WITH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN BUSINESS FINANCE, ALONG WITH HIS TAN, WASHBOARD ABS. AFTER DIPPING HIS TOES INTO CORPORATE AMERICA, PETER REALIZED THAT HIS PURPOSE COULDN'T BE CONFINED TO A CUBICLE.

WITH HIS GIFTED MINDSET AND GENEROUS HEART, PETER SET HIS SIGHTS ON SERVING AND PROTECTING HIS COMMUNITY AS A BOSTON POLICE OFFICER. AS A MAN OF INTEGRITY, IT WAS ONLY NATURAL FOR HIM TO STEP UP, HELP THE HELPLESS, AND BECOME AN EXAMPLE FOR BOTH THIS GENERATION AND THOSE TO COME.

PETIE WAS NEVER JUST PRESENT—HE WAS FULLY INVESTED. WHEN HE LOVED SOMEONE, HE LOVED THEM WITH HIS WHOLE HEART. HE HAD A UNIQUE WAY OF MAKING OTHERS FEEL LIKE THEY MATTERED, LIKE THEY WERE IMPORTANT. HE DID THIS FOR SO MANY PEOPLE, MAKING EVERYONE FEEL SEEN AND VALUED. AND IF YOU KNEW PETIE, YOU WERE WELL AWARE OF HIS COMPETITIVE SPIRIT, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT CAME TO VIDEO GAMES. AS HIS GOD-SISTER TAINA FONDLY RECALLED, "WE SPENT SO MANY NIGHTS BATTLING IT OUT, AND WHENEVER HE STARTED LOSING, WHAT WOULD HE DO? HE'D STAND RIGHT IN FRONT OF THE TV, BLOCKING THE SCREEN, JUST SO NO ONE ELSE COULD WIN. IT WAS FRUSTRATINGLY HILARIOUS AND SO COMPLETELY PETIE."

ALTHOUGH PETER DID NOT HAVE CHILDREN OF HIS OWN, HE FATHERED TWO YOUNG MEN, MESSIAH AND TYLER, AS WELL AS HIS GODDAUGHTER, JAMIYAH MALLOY. WHENEVER THEIR FATHERS LACKED INITIATIVE OR COMPETENCE, PETER WAS THERE FOR THEM. ONE THING THAT BROUGHT HIM PURE HAPPINESS WAS WATCHING TYLER GROW INTO THE YOUNG MAN HE IS TODAY. PETER WAS INCREDIBLY PROUD OF TYLER AND BRAGGED ABOUT HIM WHENEVER HE COULD—ABOUT HOW SMART, KIND, AND DRIVEN TYLER WAS. WHETHER IT WAS SCHOOL, SPORTS, OR JUST LIFE IN GENERAL, PETIE WAS ALWAYS CHEERING HIM ON. HE SAW TYLER'S POTENTIAL LONG BEFORE TYLER EVEN RECOGNIZED IT HIMSELF. PETER BELIEVED IN HIM, SUPPORTED HIM, COACHED HIM, AND MADE SURE TYLER KNEW JUST HOW LOVED HE WAS. THERE WASN'T A SINGLE MILESTONE IN TYLER'S LIFE THAT PETER DIDN'T CELEBRATE AS IF IT WERE HIS OWN VICTORY. AND NOW, TYLER CARRIES THAT LOVE AND PRIDE WITH HIM FOREVER.







ORDER OF SERVICE

OPENING PRAYER

St. Katharine Drexel Pastoral Staff
Elder Otis W. Byrd

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament | Psalm 103:1-5
Taina Acevedo | Toya Pierre
New Testament | II Corinthians 4:16 -18
Antionette Lorelike | Lynn Mangum

COMMUNION

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Gift Bearers: Charlotte & Caroline Phillips

MUSICAL SELECTION

Conquerors
Someday We'll All Be Free
by Paul White
Saxophonist Jay Wharton

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EULOGY

Minister Jade Byrd

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Todd Nobles
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Marqus Lorelike
Kevroy Taylor

I NEEDED THE QUIET

I NEEDED THE QUIET, SO HE DREW ME ASIDE
INTO THE SHADOWS WHERE WE COULD CONFIDE;
AWAY FROM THE HUSTLE WHERE ALL THE DAY LONG
I HURRIED AND WORRIED WHEN ACTIVE AND STRONG.

I NEEDED THE QUIET, THOUGH AT FIRST I REBELLED
BUT GENTLY, SO GENTLY MY CROSS HE UPHELD,
AND WHISPERED SO SWEETLY OF SPIRITUAL THINGS,
THOUGH WEAKENED IN MY BODY MY SPIRIT TOOK WINGS
TO HEIGHT NEVER DREAMED OF WHEN ACTIVE AND GAY,
HE LOVED ME SO GENTLY, HE DREW ME AWAY.

I NEEDED THE QUIET, NO PRISON MY BED
BUT A BEAUTIFUL VALLEY OF BLESSINGS INSTEAD;
A PLACE TO GROW RICHER, IN JESUS TO HIDE
I NEEDED THE QUIET, SO HE DREW ME ASIDE.

- AUTHOR UNKNOWN

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THE KING FAMILY APPRECIATES ALL THE SUPPORT AND LOVE THAT HAS
BEEN ABUNDANTLY POURED OUT AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME.



PETER JR.,

I LOVE YOU FOR ETERNITY. YOU ARE MY NAME SAKE, MY HEART & SOUL. IM SO
PROUD OF HOW YOU CARRIED YOURSELF IN LIFE. MAY GOD KEEP YOU SAFE UNTIL
WE MEET AGAIN

LOVE, PETER KEVIN KING SR, YOUR DAD

FROM MY HEART TO YOURS, WE WILL FOREVER BE BONDED WITH NO DOUBT OF
EVER BEING SEPARATED.
LOVE MUM, JEMMA KING

THERE'S NO BUDDY LIKE MY PETIE. I MISS YOU LIKE A HEART MISSES A BEAT BUT I
KNOW YOU ARE ALWAYS WITH ME AND WILL WATCH OVER ME WHEREVER I GO.

LOVE YOU FOREVER AND ALWAYS UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN KID.
YOUR LOVING SISTER, TAKISHA KING

PETER "THE" KING,

THE LOVE OF MY LIFE, THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR LIFE
WITH ME. AS YOU WOULD SAY "YOU'RE MY RIB GIRL" &
THAT I AM. IT WAS A PRIVILEGE, HONOR, & ABSOLUTE
PLEASURE TO LOVE AND BE LOVED BY YOU. YOU ARE MY
PERSON AND OUR LOVE IS A DIRECT REFLECTION OF THE
GLORY OF GOD. WE WERE BLESSED TO EXPERIENCE AND
ACCEPT EACH OTHERS AUTHENTIC SPIRIT. I LOVE YOU
BEYOND WORDS, BEYOND SPACE & TIME, I LOVE YOU MORE
THAN YOU'LL EVER KNOW. LOVE YOUR SLEEPY, JADE

