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Keith O'Neil Giddens, affectionately known as “Koot Dog” by his many friends, was born to Margaret L. Giddens and the late Vernon L. Giddens, Sr. on March 4, 1967, in Nassawadox, VA. He was baptized at Bethel Baptist Church at an early age. Keith received his formal education in Northampton County public schools and graduated in June 1985. After high school, he attended Virginia State University in Petersburg, VA and Salisbury State University in Salisbury, MD. Soon thereafter, he returned to the Eastern Shore to begin construction work. He completed most of his projects by himself or with a small crew. When he wasn't working, he spent most of his free time with his close friends and family.

Keith enjoyed math and building things. He also enjoyed cheering for the San Francisco 49ers, watching tv, playing the lottery, and shooting pool. He also loved Invicta watches. Although Keith was always smiling and cracking jokes, there was no question where you stood with him, because he was direct and straight forward when communicating with people. He enjoyed having conversations with his girls and answering their many questions. Keith, without question, loved his mother and she loved him. He was the “Apple of her Eye.”

Keith was a true fighter who persevered and continued doing all the things he enjoyed and loved even with his diabetes. He was able to travel and venture out to new places, restaurants, events and attend church while spending time with his close and special friend, Paula. On Friday, February 24, 2023, Keith was called home.

Keith was predeceased by: his grandparents, Annie Maude and Lloyd H. Giddens, Sr. and Louise and Norman Giddens, Sr; father, Vernon L. Giddens, Sr.; brother, Vernon L. Giddens, Jr.; sister, Mary Weatherly-Adkins; uncles, Norman Giddens, Jr. and Lloyd H. Giddens, Jr.; aunts, Effie Spady and Margaret Washington; niece, nephew, cousins, and other relatives.

Keith leaves behind to cherish his love and memories: his children, Andrew Keyes, Shaneka Davis, Ashleigh Smith and Zyrik Summers; his mother, Margaret L. Giddens; Special Friend, Paula Waller of Baltimore, MD; sisters, Faith Evans (Rodney) of Philadelphia, PA, Annie Kellam (James) and Janice Walter (Burleigh), both Exmore, VA, Gay Weatherly-Roberts (Dana, Sr.) of Felton, DE and Andrea Giddens-Bolden (Sam) of Chesapeake, VA; brothers, Toriano Giddens (Yashica) of Dover, DE, Joe Weatherly of Daugherty, VA, Elroy Weatherly (Susan) of Clarksville, TN, Leroy Weatherly (Linda) of Exmore, VA, and Thomas (Anordia) of Chesapeake, VA ; a great-aunt, Margaret Webb of Nassawadox, VA; aunts, Jane Cabarrus and Mary Hampton Giddens; uncle, Wilmor (Dot) Giddens and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins. He had a special place in his heart for his Aunt and second mom, Annie Mae Fisher of Daugherty, VA, Cousins, Deborah Griffin of Hare Valley, VA and Terry White of Painter, VA and his "Road Dog", William Cornelius, Jr.

LOVINGLY SUBMITTED ~ THE FAMILY

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 3. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Smith & Scott Funeral Home - Exmore
3204 Main St.
Exmore, VA 23350
(757) 442-4999
info@benniesmithfuneralhome.com
<https://www.benniesmithfuneralhome.com/>

Visitation

MAR 4. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Bethel Baptist Church
7638 Bayside Road
Franktown, VA 23354

Tribute Wall



“ Sending my prayers&condolences to the family. Thankful to know the gentle giant carpenter that renovated a room for me. Very kind soft spoken and a great carpenter has gained his wings. You're building for the Kingdom now.
🕊️ Rest on peacefully 🕊️

Shenia Davis - March 08, 2023 at 09:28 AM



“ A true friend from years ago. I'll always remember the good times.
Rest in Paradise.

Teresa Epps (Danville, Virginia)

Teresa Epps - March 04, 2023 at 09:31 PM



“ You have my deepest sympathy and unwavering support. Wishing you peace, comfort, courage, and lots of love at this time of sorrow. My heart goes out to the family at this difficult time.
The Chandler Family
Tonya Chandler

Tonya Chandler - March 03, 2023 at 05:00 PM

GJ

“ I would like to express heartfelt condolences to the family of our beloved classmate Keith Giddens. You will surely be missed and now heaven has gained an angel. We will ALWAYS love you from the graduating class of (85) from the Northampton High School. Take your rest cousin, friend and homeboy. See you on the other side❤️🙏 Sleep on "Koot"
Gregory O'Neil Johnson and the class of 1985

Gregory Johnson - March 03, 2023 at 06:50 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Keith O'Neil Giddens.



March 02, 2023 at 09:57 PM

FB

“ Our prayers and condolences to the family of Keith Giddens. May God bring you comfort and piece in your hours of need.

Frizzell and Vanessa Burton - March 02, 2023 at 09:46 AM

KB

“ To the family of Keith Giddens,

May God continue to bless and keep you during your time of sorrow.

From Kevin Bull (NHS Class of 85) and family.

Kevin Bull - March 02, 2023 at 03:57 AM

KV

“ Kevin Bull and Family, Woodbridge, VA purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Keith O'Neil Giddens.



Kevin Bull and Family, Woodbridge, VA - March 02, 2023 at 03:50 AM

AK

“ I love you Dad.

ANDREW KEYES - March 01, 2023 at 09:15 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Keith O'Neil Giddens.



March 01, 2023 at 06:29 PM

DW

“ Take your rest Keith. I will always remember your smile. Every time I said something, you would smile and laugh no matter what it was and (call me crazy). I will always remember that about you. You had a heart of gold and will be truly missed. Continued prayers to your family.



Diana Walker - March 01, 2023 at 01:20 PM

SB

“ *It breaks my heart to know you aren't just a text or call away.
Thanks for sharing a piece of you and your life through the years. A
heart of gold stopped beating, two shining eyes at rest, God broke
our hearts to prove, only he knows what's best. So long for now.*

Sharon Bland - March 01, 2023 at 11:13 AM

AL

“ *Take your rest Keith
Ashleigh and I will remember the good times
You are truly missed*



Alicia - March 01, 2023 at 04:58 AM