



Keith Elijah Burwell

June 11, 1989 - March 11, 2016

No obituary found for this tribute.

Previous Events

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Tribute Wall



“ *Keith Elijah Burwell*

November 11, 2022 at 12:38 PM

TM

Still missing you bro. I'll never forget ❤️

Tasha McCoy - August 20, 2025 at 04:15 PM



“ *As we approach Gemini season, it's tough knowing you won't be here in the physical for our usual joint b-day turn up. Miss you bro. Red candle lit* 🙏



Rick Lawrence - April 30, 2017 at 07:25 PM

TS

“ *Tasha L Sterrette lit a candle in memory of Keith Elijah Burwell*



Tasha L Sterrette - March 08, 2017 at 07:56 AM

TS

Always in my heart

Tasha L Sterrette - March 08, 2017 at 07:57 AM

TS

“ I will never forget bro... rest in eternal paradise. Love always and forever Tash💙



Tasha Sterrette - December 21, 2016 at 10:02 PM



“ True definition of swagg we miss u and love u 4ever



Tasha Sterrette - September 04, 2016 at 11:23 PM



“ Just thinking of you bro...continue to rest easy and thank you for watching over me💙🙏🙏



Tasha Sterrette - September 04, 2016 at 11:17 PM

LF

“ Just thinking about you cuzo.. love ya

Lamar Freeman - August 29, 2016 at 09:30 PM



Love u cuzin 🙏

Tasha Sterrette - September 04, 2016 at 11:17 PM



“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Tasha Sterrette - May 29, 2016 at 10:29 PM



“ Just thinking of u bro...you are forever in my heart. You legacy will live on
#Kswaggaforever #untilwemeetagain



Tasha Sterrette - May 29, 2016 at 10:23 PM



*your

Tasha Sterrette - September 04, 2016 at 11:18 PM



“ Hey my brother my friend miss you every day I think about you I cry you was so fun to be around thank for letting me into your life. Gone too soon bro but will never for gotten r.l.p brother God love you best to the family be strong

Fitz Rainford - April 14, 2016 at 07:29 PM



“ Keith was a very special young man. Full of brilliant ideas and energy. His mother wanted a mentor for him but when we met he was clear on where he was going and what he had to do to get there. I stepped back but we recently talked about him taking his group on international trips. I am so sad that I just found out about his passing today. To his family you have to remember that he is with the Almighty trying run things. I am so glad I got to meet him and network with him. To all his friends remember what he showed you. If you have a dream go for it HARD! Sleep peaceful young brother. God will take care of you.

*Laurence Pinckney
Zenbiz Travel*



Laurence Pinckney - March 22, 2016 at 07:45 PM

Clarissa Heredia

“ Hey Big Bro;
Don't think I ever got the chance to say thank you for your support and always being there for me so thank you. Thanks for being that mentor and always saying how proud I'm making you. I will continue on this path of the entertainment business with you by my side and always remembering those talks we had . P.S Make sure you save me a VIP up there !
Love Clarissabeth



Clarissa Heredia - March 18, 2016 at 10:07 PM

RF

“ Robin Tirado And Family lit a candle in memory of Keith Elijah Burwell



Robin Tirado and family - March 18, 2016 at 06:22 PM

DF

“ Rise up in Splendor! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you- Isaiah 60. vs1. To Keith's Family, he was a wonderful man with a golden heart and a vibrant spirit. May the grace of God give you the strength to endure and remember that God never send the winter, without the joy of spring, so though today your hearts are crying, tomorrow it will sing. Oneluv!! Auntie Dee (Sasha-Gaye's Aunt)



Dee Flowers - March 18, 2016 at 03:27 PM

TS

Beautiful

Tasha L Sterrette - March 08, 2017 at 07:59 AM

KK

“ Kimberly Young and Family (We love you uncle Keith!!) purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Keith Elijah Burwell.



Kimberly Young and Family (We love you uncle Keith!!) -
March 18, 2016 at 01:00 PM

SB

“ Sending love and support to Melinda (Mom), Kalik (brother) and Keith Sr. (father) of Keith Burwell. The Lord will take it from here. From Sharon Brooks



Sharon Brooks - March 18, 2016 at 12:51 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Keith Elijah Burwell.



March 18, 2016 at 11:36 AM

Jenn
Tehan

“ *Jenn Tehan lit a candle in memory of Keith
Elijah Burwell*



Jenn Tehan - March 18, 2016 at 11:25 AM

KA

“ *keeping this family in my thoughts and
prayers!!!! Rest in Peace Keith!!!*



katie - March 18, 2016 at 11:24 AM

Jessica
Mallory

“ *Jessica Mallory lit a candle in memory of
Keith Elijah Burwell*



Jessica Mallory - March 18, 2016 at 10:24 AM

Desi
Rosa

“ *Desi Rosa lit a candle in memory of Keith
Elijah Burwell*



Desi Rosa - March 18, 2016 at 10:19 AM

Desi
Rosa

“ *The man was truly a beautiful soul and touched everyone he came into contact with. He send me this pic on his recent deployment, he said he thought he looked better anytime he was making silly face, that's the silliest thing I've ever heard. R.I.P. Keith - gone but not forgotten. <3*



Desi Rosa - March 18, 2016 at 10:12 AM



“ *4 files added to the tribute wall*



Mayfield Goddard-Adetimirin - March 18, 2016 at 09:08 AM

DR

“ Man...you were such a good dude b. Met you like four years ago in CT while I was bartending at The Russell. You came in with like 3 beautiful woman lol, so I thought "who is this guy". Lol. Now most dudes don't show love, especially in that setting. But you're Keith lol. You showed crazy love that night. Tipped well, had fun, no drama, it was just a good night. After that you were a loyal customer and always welcome in our spot. It's been a while since I've seen you but you were never forgotten bro. Condolences to your family and loved ones. Reading all these posts brought a few tears to my eye. You were loved by many.
You'll be missed for sure brobama.

Drew - March 18, 2016 at 06:01 AM

JP

“ Jacqueline Pridgen lit a candle in memory of
Keith Elijah Burwell



Jacqueline pridgen - March 17, 2016 at 11:55 PM



Berthonya
Joas

“ Keith,

You were not my friend, but I cannot imagine my uhart experience without you being a part of it. I thank you for always being a friendly face and a warm and inviting presence on campus. Thank you for always looking out for the Uhart family whenever we were off campus, if it was a Keith party we knew we would be good. Thank you for being one of the people who encouraged me to get involved in the multicultural organizations on campus. We did not have to be close personal friends to be affected by your smile and personality. It's like that for a lot of us. Like many I was introduced to you through red caps orientation and can only remember you going over plans for your 21st birthday coming up in a few weeks, I should've known then. Lol it's bizarre to believe that you'll never catch me doing some embarrassing dance when I think no one is watching again. 😂 Or let's be honest get to witness you host another bsu fashion show. I won't be able to make it to say a proper see you later but I'll be there in spirit. Uhart will never be the same without you. We'll miss you forever.

Berthonya Joas - March 17, 2016 at 06:56 AM

BR

“I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.”



Your loving spirit will be deeply missed! Whenever I think of you I can see you dancing and laughing acting a fool making everyone around you laugh. Although your time here was cut short you most certainly made every second of it count by living your life to the fullest! You always embraced me with a big warm hug and a huge smile and I will always carry those memories with me. Thank you for bringing joy into my life, you will always have a special place in my heart. May your beautiful should rest peacefully until we meet again :)

Brittany - March 16, 2016 at 08:31 PM

FF

“From Desiree & Dawn Benton and Family purchased the Cheryl's Love and Support Sympathy Tower for the family of Keith Elijah Burwell.”



From Desiree & Dawn Benton and Family - March 16, 2016 at 04:59 PM

Harold
Moncada

“ I don't even know where to start. Burwell was the type of person who could walk into a room full of depressed people and in seconds he would have them all laughing and joking. I met Burwell in 2013. It was in the Manchester recruiting station. He was funny looking. His head was too small like he always joked. From that day on we were best of friends. Burwell was the big brother I never had. We were too alike. We kicked outside of drill and you would always catch us together at drill. Burwell was one of the main reasons I went to drill. Knowing my brother was there and as soon I got there it would be nothing but jokes. You always looked out for me, you always had my back. You were always there when I needed someone to talk to. We talked about the future plenty of times and I always told you, you were meant for something big. Just like someone told me god takes the best people to his garden. I know you're up there already making friends and see people you've lost and missed. When I first got the news I didn't know how to take it. I haven't been the same since Friday. I'm going to be strong and push through this. I know you wouldn't want to see me like this. I gotta keep your spirit alive. It sucks that you won't become sargeant major of the army like I always told you would, and you know I didn't want to become a sargeant I always told you that was for you but I'm going to do it for you. rest in peace big bro. Please watch over me, and I'll see you soon. You still owe me that fair one for not going to drill this weekend haha.

Harold Moncada - March 16, 2016 at 10:23 AM

TF

“ The Benton Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Keith Elijah Burwell.



The Benton Family - March 15, 2016 at 07:55 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Keith Elijah Burwell.*



March 15, 2016 at 04:55 PM



“ *Love u wookah my brother forever*



kari fisher - March 15, 2016 at 11:43 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Keith Elijah Burwell.*



March 15, 2016 at 11:09 AM



“ *Mary Bellamy lit a candle in memory of Keith Elijah Burwell*



mary Bellamy - March 14, 2016 at 10:15 PM

SK

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Seymone Kelly - March 14, 2016 at 10:14 PM

SK

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Seymone Kelly - March 14, 2016 at 10:13 PM

DC

“ Danielle Carter purchased the Bountiful Memories Casket Spray for the family of Keith Elijah Burwell.



Danielle Carter - March 14, 2016 at 09:31 PM

DE

“ I will light this red candle for you because that's your favorite color ❤️



demaja - March 14, 2016 at 07:59 PM

DE

“ Forever in my heart



demaja - March 14, 2016 at 07:54 PM

DE

“ This was always your favorite photo I took of you picture perfect



demaja - March 14, 2016 at 07:51 PM



“ Crystal Bain lit a candle in memory of Keith Elijah Burwell



Crystal Bain - March 14, 2016 at 07:01 PM



“ *Lysha Funnye lit a candle in memory of Keith Elijah Burwell*



Lysha Funnye - March 14, 2016 at 06:43 PM



“ *Megan Coleman lit a candle in memory of Keith Elijah Burwell*



Megan Coleman - March 14, 2016 at 05:27 PM



“ *Please continue to keep the family and his fiancé in your prayers 🙏
🙏🙏🙏🙏 May he continue to sleep in peace.*




Tasha Sterrette - March 14, 2016 at 04:47 PM

AF

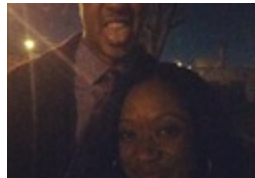
“ *My brother my protector my life I love you bro and I miss you*



Andre Fisher - March 14, 2016 at 04:45 PM

 Maisha Joseph

“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



Maisha Joseph - March 14, 2016 at 02:44 PM

N'

“ *Nicole A. Suissa, Uhart '12 purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Keith Elijah Burwell.*



Nicole A. Suissa, Uhart '12 - March 14, 2016 at 02:04 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Keith Elijah Burwell.*



March 14, 2016 at 12:26 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Keith Elijah Burwell.*



March 14, 2016 at 12:11 PM



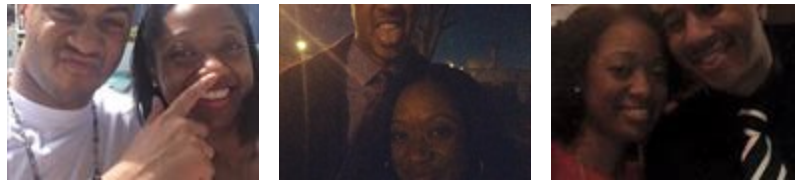
“ *Maisha Joseph lit a candle in memory of Keith Elijah Burwell*



Maisha Joseph - March 14, 2016 at 10:52 AM

Maisha Joseph

“ *Never thought that the silly guy from high school would end up becoming a big part of my life. So thankful that God brought you back into my life five years ago. Always around to be my bright light on a cloudy day. Knowing exactly the right things to do or say to put a smile on my face. All the trips and special moments that I will never forget. No one will ever understand the love that I have for you. I love you so much...always have and always will.*



Maisha Joseph - March 14, 2016 at 10:51 AM



“ *Tranquil Seas was purchased for the family of Keith Elijah Burwell.*



March 14, 2016 at 09:48 AM



“ *3 files added to the album New Album Name*



Seymone Kelly - March 14, 2016 at 09:46 AM

CD

“ What can I say that already hasn't been said about you lil bro? You brought so much joy to those around. You were the type person who always saw a better side to things. Even when things weren't going your way you could never really tell because you would be smiling and it would seem you didn't have a care in the world. From the moment I met you at Uhart I could tell how special you were and that we would be close. Yours was a life truly cut short and I wish more than ever that I had spent more time with you. And even as I am grieving I can imagine you of all people telling me not too be sad and doing your best to help me see that everything is going to be ok. That was just the kind of person you were. I love lil bro and will miss you.



Chris Diyaolu - March 14, 2016 at 07:41 AM

KB

“ To Melinda,

*For your loved one the song of life has ended,
But the music of the soul is forever.
In the days to come, during your lonely hours,
May you sometimes hear the music from above,
And know that all is well.*

Classmate 1980-Karen Brown

*I'm so sorry for your loss , May God continue to hold your hand
during this difficult time.*



Karen Brown - March 14, 2016 at 07:39 AM

KM

“ *Kira & Annette Morgan purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Keith Elijah Burwell.*



Kira & Annette Morgan - March 13, 2016 at 11:20 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Keith Elijah Burwell.*



March 13, 2016 at 10:21 PM

TS

“ <https://www.facebook.com/tanika.smith.37/posts/1197173106961254>

Tasha Sterrette - March 13, 2016 at 10:07 PM

CD

“ *Will never forget your positive spirit!*



Cici Damali - March 13, 2016 at 08:05 PM

TS

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Tasha Sterrette - March 13, 2016 at 07:34 PM

TS

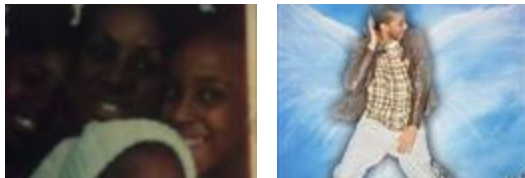
“ Tasha Sterrette lit a candle in memory of
Keith Elijah Burwell



Tasha Sterrette - March 13, 2016 at 07:34 PM

TS

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Tasha Sterrette - March 13, 2016 at 05:44 PM

 Tina
Deloach

“ There is no pain so deep and far as the pain of losing your son.
May the Love of God rest his soul in peace.
We know time heals all wounds.
Stay **STRONG** in Jesus name

Tina Deloach - March 13, 2016 at 05:41 PM

TS

“ 13 files added to the tribute wall



Tasha Sterrette - March 13, 2016 at 05:27 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Keith Elijah Burwell.



March 13, 2016 at 04:43 PM

SK

“ Everyone knows that when it comes to crying it is something I rarely do but today I broke down a couple of times. Keith, where do I start?! I remember the day Peter called me asking if I wanted to be the only girl apart of the "Student Union," radio show on DTFradio. I jumped on the idea! He told me about you and Dre. Telling me that you guys were from Brooklyn but were like his own flesh and blood. The first day we met, it was at Peter's house. I knew it was meant for us four to work together. It was like we knew each other forever. When Dre told me this morning what happened to you, I couldn't believe it. I had to call Peter! I had to make sure. We are a family, you are our brother. We always kept saying how much we all needed to link up but it was never the right time. All I can do now is thank God, that he put such a beautiful soul in my life. You loved life, you always had a smile on your face. I just know that you wouldn't want me to keep crying. You would want me to 'turn up' in your honor because you were the life of the party. I just have to put on my big girl pants and just be happy we got a chance to work together. Keith, you will always be a brother to me and I love you so much.



Seymone Kelly - March 13, 2016 at 04:07 PM

CH

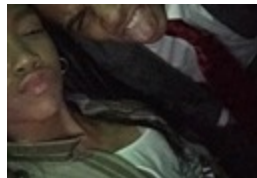
“ Keith,
You were always full of joy. So much life!! I know they say everything happens for a reason & how God might have needed you more but that can't be true. No one needs you more than your family & friends. Taken from us way too soon. From Trinity days we instantly clicked! You became my party partner and for the four years I spent at Trinity everything was lit! You are truly unforgettable. Don't meet too many genuine people. Boy, were you that. I got an angel so I don't need a friend. Thanks for all the memories! Love you and sleep peacefully.

Cheechee <3

Cheechee - March 13, 2016 at 12:55 PM

YU

“ Always happy, positive & supportive I love you Keith



Yunique - March 13, 2016 at 12:55 PM

LW

“ It's the first weekend of college me you Christina izzy and Miki were walking thru the village and we noticed you didn't have a nickname.....we stood around joked about different names and we said you know what we are going to call you swagg because you have a fitted cap for every occasion!!!! And the rest was history!!!!

lamara walker - March 13, 2016 at 10:51 AM




Cherelle
Rozie
Mph

“ I graduated from Howard U but I was born at UHART!!! UHART was my beginning into the world. It gave me my first chance at a future and during my time there I met some pretty amazing people. Of course I met Mr. UHART himself as soon as I got there during freshman orientation just like everyone else who started college in Fall, 2008. Keith "Swagger" had the most outgoing personality and was just someone that attracted everyone "Like Literally." I remember back in Fall, 2009 during my sophomore year, I was walking with two friends and wondering why Keith never said much to me. I honestly thought he had something against me. I mean this was my second year at the school, we shared so many of the same friends, I noticed how outgoing he was with everyone else, so why did he barely speak to me? When they spoke to him about it, he then came to me and spoke to me about it. I hadn't really spent as much time on campus as everyone else (I went home almost every weekend) and it isn't that he had anything against me, we just for some reason hadn't spoke till that point. After that night, he made it an effort to say hey on campus, check me on the basketball courts, talk about Miami Heat games and how we were going to win the championship when Lebron took his talents to south beach and write funny but encouraging comments on some of my fb pictures when me and my sister would goof around and introduce some of our dance moves. He always showed me nothing but love moving forward and vice versa. Keith was just this ball of light that could put a smile on your face. Finding out that he left this world broke my heart. Even though we haven't kept in touch most of these years, when I think of UHART and my overall college experience I can't help but think of him and the impact he had on so many people. He left a legacy that will never ever be forgotten and I thank God for allowing me the chance to have known him and spend the time that I did with him. I wish I could be there in Brooklyn for your home going, but I am sending all of my love and prayers to you and your family all the way from Orlando, FL. Keith you were an amazing man and role model. You were a legend that has been put down in the history books. You're an angel who is in a much better place. You were always and forever Keith "Swagger" also known as Mr.

UHART! Rest in Paradise Young King! We love you more than you'll ever know!!!


*Love
Cherelle Rozie*

Cherelle Rozie Mph - March 13, 2016 at 08:59 AM

 Alister
Liljedahl

“ *Keith, Tyrone White, and myself all flew down to Fort Jackson for basic training together. I didn't know at the time but all three of us were assigned to the same batallion and same company for basic. On top of that, all three of us were assigned to the same duty station back in Connecticut and were one of the founding members of the 304th. We shared a lot to basic training experiences together and talked about our best and worst times which was good because we literally shared the same training experience.* ”

Alister Liljedahl - March 13, 2016 at 08:51 AM

 Marc
Johnson-
Bailey

“ *"JB you remind me so much of my younger self...so much talent. You're like the bother i never had."* ”
Burwell



Marc Johnson-Bailey - March 13, 2016 at 08:46 AM



“ *Greatest memory I've had with Keith was at annual training, our platoons shared a tent. We all listened add he shared insightful stories about life as we asked questions. Man, you will be greatly missed Burwell, sleep easy big bruh.* ”

Ayyoo Quan - March 13, 2016 at 08:18 AM

1D

“ SPC Burwell was a great Soldier who was always willing to take on any task. His "can-do" attitude was an example for all Soldiers to follow. He was well-liked and will be missed in our ranks. Please accept our deepest sympathy during this difficult time.



1LT Joshua Drohan, Commander, 304 Quartermaster Company

1LT Joshua Drohan - March 13, 2016 at 08:01 AM

DR

“ Countless memories I will cherish all the good times, so grateful to experience an amazing friendship you are one of a kind. I'll miss you sooo much. Love you.

Deja Robertson - March 12, 2016 at 09:11 PM

BR

“ Keith was a great man. Never knew someone could have such an impact on not just my life but hundreds of others in CT, NY and country wide! Met Keith in 07 at University of Hartford via mutual friends, and then I knew Keith was different. I'm so blessed, amazed and humbled to have called Keith a friend, business partner and great guy! Sleep in peace bro!

Ben Riley - March 12, 2016 at 08:54 PM

AM

To MeLinda,
A lot of people's was saying you raise a good son, you should always hold your head up, you don't have nothing to worry about he is with God, but I will Pray for you and your family's, God Bless.

adrienne murray - March 14, 2016 at 12:53 PM