



Kevin Robert Blackwell

June 20, 1958 - October 12, 2025

Kevin Robert Blackwell, age 67, of Waldorf, Maryland passed away on October 12, 2025. Kevin was the son of Clarence Robert and Delma Phyllis (Martin) Blackwell, born to them on June 20, 1958 in Baltimore City, Maryland. He was a 1976 graduate of Baltimore Polytechnic Institute.

Kevin joined the U.S. Coast Guard in 1977 and retired after 26 years as a Petty Officer First Class. He served the Federal Government for 45 years as a Chief Inspector in the Hazardous Materials Division of the Federal Railroad Administration.

He married his wife of 46 years, Deborah Ruth (Spence), on January 20, 1979. He enjoyed fishing, reading, and collecting baseball cards. He was an avid fan of the Baltimore Ravens and Baltimore Orioles and enjoyed watching them play.

Kevin is survived by his loving wife Deborah; daughter, Kelly Davis and her husband Roy; son, Ryan Blackwell and his wife Christina; grandsons, Caleb, Cohen, Silas, and Griffin; mother, Delma Blackwell; siblings, Kimberly Heaney and husband Michael, Kristina Loveland, and Keith Blackwell; along with extended relatives and many beloved friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to be made in Kevin's name to the Rheumatoid Arthritis Foundation (www.helpfightra.org) or the American Heart Association (www.heart.org).

Visitation will be held on Monday October 20, 2025 from 2pm-5pm with a service beginning at 4pm, at Raymond Funeral Services Chapel.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **20**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Service
5635 Washington Avenue
La Plata, MD 20646
(301) 934-2920
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Funeral Service

OCT **20**. 4:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Chapel
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Tribute Wall

KB

“ I remember meeting Kevin when I joined RSPA (PHMSA) in 1991, Kevin was the RAM Investigator at the time and I was stationed in the Central Region. Kevin was extremely patient and helpful with a brand new HazMat "rookie" transferred over from NTSB. In RSPA we were known as Kevin the Good and Kevin the Bad,, depending on the situation at any given time.

Godspeed Kevin on your final journey, you will always be remembered Brother

*Kevin Boehne
Chief/Director, PHMSA Central Region, Retired*

Kevin W. Boehne - October 20, 2025 at 02:30 PM

SW

“ Sharon Garey, Ray Guanti, Steve Wood purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Kevin Robert Blackwell.



Sharon Garey, Ray Guanti, Steve Wood - October 19, 2025 at 07:55 AM

TH

“ Terry, Ernie and Zach Hillock purchased the Fall Fantasia for the family of Kevin Robert Blackwell.



Terry, Ernie and Zach Hillock - October 17, 2025 at 07:35 AM

TH

“ Terry, Ernie and Zach Hillock planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kevin Robert Blackwell.

Terry, Ernie and Zach Hillock - October 17, 2025 at 07:35 AM

TJ

“ I remember just starting out as a Haz Mat Manager for Union Pacific and I needed some guidance on the FRA's OTMA process. I called Mr. Kevin and he explained everything I needed to know and helped me with my questions. It was refreshing to know that the Federal government was there to help us railroaders in the field. For the next few years I always reached out to Mr. Kevin and he was always more than willing to help me. I know he will be up above looking down on us with encouragement and love! You will be missed Mr. Kevin.

Tom Robinson Jr. - October 16, 2025 at 04:07 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kevin Robert Blackwell.



October 16, 2025 at 11:34 AM

SS

“ Steven and Kathleen Spence planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kevin Robert Blackwell.

Steven and Kathleen Spence - October 16, 2025 at 11:34 AM

WS

“ With love from Trent and Shannan purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kevin Robert Blackwell.



With love from Trent and Shannan - October 16, 2025 at 09:35 AM

AF

“ Aunt Nadine & the Knight family purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Kevin Robert Blackwell.



Aunt Nadine & the Knight family - October 16, 2025 at 09:33 AM

KM

“ Debbie, i am so sorry. Kevin was a hard working and talented inspector and a really nice person. My prayers for you and your family.
Kathie (Stokes) Molinar

Kathie Molinar - October 15, 2025 at 08:19 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kevin Robert Blackwell.



October 15, 2025 at 04:51 PM

MC

“ Kevin and I are cousins. I also have Rheumatoid arthritis, and Kevin helped through it so many times especially in the first couple of years. He shared with me tips on how to handle the painful flair-ups and everyday life living with RA. And I will miss his kind words when I got to political crazy on Facebook. CUZ, we will see each other again soon, so save me a spot at the next Blackwell reunion in Heaven.

Michael Connors - October 15, 2025 at 12:34 PM

JA

“ Janet purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Kevin Robert Blackwell.



Janet - October 15, 2025 at 10:29 AM

KE

“ In memory of Kevin Blackwell, a dedicated FRA colleague whose kindness and contributions touched us all. Your presence will be deeply missed, but your impact will live on. May your memory be eternal!



Kurt Eichenlaub - October 14, 2025 at 09:56 PM

LM

My deepest condolences to the Blackwell family. Kevin was a beloved coworker who dedicated all of himself to his family, friends and public service. May his memory live on in all who knew him.

Lisa Matsinger - October 15, 2025 at 06:51 AM

KA

I walk by Kevin's old office almost every day since he retired and I am reminded of how fortunate FRA was to have him among its ranks and how lucky I am to have known him and works along side one of the most dedicated public servant I know. Thanks for everything, Kevin.

Karl Alexy - October 15, 2025 at 07:19 AM

KC

More than 25 years ago, "Kev B" was the first person with the FRA that I ever spoke with. A few years later, he was also one of the first to welcome me to the FRA. He was a fountain of knowledge and was always willing to share his expertise and provide guidance. FRA was blessed to have him. I was blessed to know him. Thanks Kev B. - Kev C

Kevin Cash - October 15, 2025 at 09:13 AM

CW

Kevin was my first introduction to the world of transportation by rail and the mission of the Federal Railroad Administration. I will remember him as being extremely knowledgeable, passionate, personable, extreme lover of roller coasters and mostly for being a true friend. I offer my condolences to the Blackwell family during this time of grief and loss. Although he is no longer physically with us, neither is the physically debilitating pain. What remains and what we can lean on is his wonderful spirit.

Christopher Wells - October 15, 2025 at 09:55 AM