



Keith C. Cash

March 23, 1962 - March 20, 2013

Keith C. Cash, 50, Chief of Police at Indiana University in Bloomington died suddenly on Wednesday, March 20 at IU Health-Bloomington Hospital of natural causes. He was born in Louisville, KY on March 23, 1962 the son of Judy (Carrico) Cash and Tom Cash. He was raised in Jeffersonville, IN, graduating from Jeffersonville High School. At Indiana University/Bloomington, he received his bachelor's and master's degrees in criminal justice. In 1994 he joined the IU Police Department and he served as operation's captain on the police force for nine years.

Keith graduated from the Federal Bureau of investigation National Academy in 2004. He was named Police Chief of Indiana University in October 2010. In 2011, Keith was honored by Indiana University student media with the Trevor R. brown Award. He served on the Board of the Indiana Association of Indiana Chiefs of Police and was a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

He is survived by his mother, Judy Cash of Jeffersonville, his father and step-mother, Tom and Kathy Cash of Floyds Knobs, IN, his brothers and sister-in-law; Steve and Nancy Cash of Lafayette, In and Mike Cash of United Arab Emirates, one sister-in-law, Tricia Cash of Brunswick, MD, nephews Wyatt Cash and Aaron Cash, niece Audrey Cash and two half-sisters, Kristen Cash and Brittany Cash-Reichenbach.

He was preceded in death by one brother, David M. Cash

Celebration of Life services will be held at 4:00 p.m. (EST) Monday, March 25th at the IU Auditorium. Friends may visit the family in the vestibule of the auditorium from 1:00-4:00 p.m. on Monday. Memorial contributions may be made to the Keith C. Cash Memorial Fund, c/o of the IU Foundation, PO Box 500, Bloomington, IN 47402.

Contributions received will be used to benefit the IU Police Dept, the IU Police Academy and the IU Police Service Animal fund. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.allenfuneralhome.org

Keith will be missed by many friends, numerous cousins, uncles, aunts and his best-buddy canine friend, German Shepherd, Alibi. Keith was a giving person, sharing, even in death as an Organ Donor.

Tribute Wall

RO

“ Sorry for your loss. Keith and I spent a lot of time back in 2002-2006 and he was truly a genuinely a kind and giving person. I just found last weekend that he passed away. I will always remember his love for cooking breakfast and having friends over for cookouts. All of you are in my thoughts.

Robert Carter - October 26, 2015 at 04:12 PM

SC

“ I lived with Keith and his best buddy Willie in the summer of 85' and remained friends for many years after. Lost touch with the busy life that marriage and 2 kids brought. Always considered Keith a great guy that you could depend on....wish I had stayed in touch, but still consider him a good friend even though we have not talked in years - I am sure he felt the same. Always new I could pick up the phone and start up where we left off many years before- now we won't get that chance - a buddy from my youth I won't see again...miss him already...

Scott Puck - October 26, 2015 at 04:12 PM

DO

“ I was able to serve under Chief Cash when I was a part-time police officer from 2003-2006. He was a great man that supported his officers, drilled us hard to ensure that we knew the law and applied it without prejudice, and he made IU and the surrounding community a better place to live, work, and go to school. He passed away too soon, but he made a huge difference to so many people, I'm just one of thousands. St. Michael must have needed some good backup to call him home early - thank you for everything and rest in peace. Your guidance, dedication, and professionalism will live on in those you trained and worked with.

Doug Wietlisbach - October 26, 2015 at 04:12 PM

SA

“ To the family of Keith Cash: Keith was a valued and trusted colleague. I often depended on his sage advice to help students. A real team player, Keith was dedicated to IU and will be greatly missed. My thoughts are with you as you grieve and I hope that memories of Keith will help you heal.
Sally Jones

Sally Jones - October 26, 2015 at 04:12 PM

WI

“ To the Cash family please accept my deepest sympathy for your loss.

William Davis, Security Officer, IUPD - October 26, 2015 at 04:12 PM

B(

“ Kathy, Tom, Kristen, Brittany,
I was unaware that Keith was your son and half brother. I knew him when he went to Jeff and IU. Our families sympathy goes out to the your whole extednded family.

*Barb McCulloch
Melanie and Megan Gullett*

Barbara McCulloch (Gullett) - October 26, 2015 at 04:12 PM

MA

“ To the Cash family:

I had the good fortune to work with Keith the past 18 months in my role as head of media relations for IU, and can tell you that Keith was the perfect colleague. Smart, dedicated, caring about Bloomington, IU and those around him.

I join the thousands of people whose lives Keith touched in sharing my deepest sorrow and sympathy over this terrible loss. My thoughts are with you during what I know is a most difficult time.

Sincerely,

*Mark Land
Associate Vice President
Public Affairs and Government Relations
Indiana University*

Mark Land - October 26, 2015 at 04:12 PM

TB

“ *I have very fond memories of Chief Cash from my PTO days at IUPD. While he was great at joking around with us, he always treated the PTOs with respect. Truly a tragic loss.*

Tara Uebelhor Bayse - October 26, 2015 at 04:12 PM

JC

“ *We were so deeply saddened and shocked at the news of Keith's passing. He was a cousin in our Cash family and will be dearly missed. I know that he truly liked coming to Fancy Farm, KY to visit relatives. We know that he loved law enforcement and the students at IU. We know that he will be missed. His family is in our thoughts and prayers.*

John and Patricia Carrico - October 26, 2015 at 04:12 PM

PA

“ From all your friends at Frito-Lay and my entire family, please accept our sympathy. Keith and the entire Cash family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Steve- let us know if there is anything we can do to help you through this difficult time.

Paul

Paul Leahy - October 26, 2015 at 04:12 PM

DA

“ My condolence to the family for their loss. I along with many others will also mourn the loss of a great friend. I haven't seen Keith since 1994 upon my retirement from IUPD. That hasn't kept me from thinking about him over the years because he always stood out as someone special who only comes around in one's life very seldom, if at all. Keith was the kind of guy you went to talk too if you were depressed or you had a problem. He had a great sense of humor, wit, positive attitude, and was always willing to listen to anything you might have on your mind. Keith will be missed by everyone not only because of his position at IUPD but more so for the man that he was. For me personally, I will never forget him. Rest in peace my friend.

Daniel Emerick - October 26, 2015 at 04:12 PM

DM

“ On behalf of DeSales University's public safety personnel, please accept my heartfelt condolences as you mourn the loss of your son, sister, brother, uncle and colleague. We will keep Keith and you all in our prayers and thoughts and share our confidence in Keith's now sharing eternal and well earned peace and joy. We give thanks for his public service and are encouraged to know that he will always be kept in happy memory.

Peace,

Mark Plaushin, OSFS
Director

Director Mark Plaushin - October 26, 2015 at 04:12 PM

MA

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I worked with Keith briefly in the 1980's. Like everyone else that Keith knew I quickly felt like I always knew him. He was unassuming, funny, and just a terrific person. I have fond memories of his Halloween parties and the year he tried his ill-advised baby-man costume :)

Life keeps us busy, however, and over the years, I lost touch with Keith but I still think of him often and smile. Unfortunately, I have a previous commitment in Philadelphia and cannot attend the memorial service.

May you find comfort in the knowledge of how many people Keith impacted in his life.

Matthew Biltz - October 26, 2015 at 04:12 PM

HS

“ I'm a 1997 graduate of the Indiana University Police Academy and worked there at IUPD-Bloomington as a PTO until December of 1998. One of my fondest memories of Cash is just after I graduated from the academy and I was working an IU Football game. At the end of the game, the crowd ripped up the artificial turf and was heading to the Goal-Posts. Cash grabbed a bunch of young PTO Officers like myself, ran us out there to the 20 yard line and protected the Goal-Post. I was young, excited and didn't have much bearing that night...I was all over the place. I was standing next to Cash (who was a Sergeant at the time) he looked at me and said "Stay here with me, our job is to protect the Goal-Posts...WE GOT THIS!" I will always remember that. Here is a guy that was like 5'2 tall but was leading young officers and squaring us away. When he said, "We got this" he had some conviction in his voice and I felt very proud to be standing there with him.

Over the years I have moved to some different places but I always try to make it back to IU in the summer for, "Felony Stops" for the IU Police Academy. Every year I'm able to make it back..there is Cash role-playing as a bad-guy with the rest of us. He didn't care if he was a Sergeant, Captain or the Chief. The only thing he cared about was the IUPD and the young officers that were coming out of the academy each summer. He was very approachable no matter what his rank was or what he was doing, always had time to talk to that cadet or the PTO. In my mind, this is why everyone loved the man. He cared about people, his friends, family and co-workers.

When you are a graduate of the IUPD Academy program or work for the IUPD there is a sense that you will always be a part of that IUPD family. Cash exemplified this and it has shown in his 29 years of service of the IUPD. There are just so many good people that work there and I'm just honored to be such a small part of it.

Thanks Cash for being the man and cop you were, you gave young officers like me life lessons; whether it was in the academy, working as a PTO and just being a honorable and decent man....always

giving advice.

You will be missed Cash....may the Lord hold you in his arms and have eternal life. You are End-of-Watch Cash.... Rest easy brother, will take it from here.

Sincerely and Respectfully,

*Harry A. Sims/ DUSM
US Marshals
N/IN- Hammond*

Harry Sims - October 26, 2015 at 04:12 PM

DE

“ *Dear Judy,*

I was so terribly saddened to hear the news of your son, Keith's, sudden passing. I can tell from all that I have read that he was a very caring, giving, respected, and loved person....just like his mom! There are no words to make this any better. I pray that God will surround you and your family with the comfort and love of your and Keith's friends and other family. May He lift you up during this most difficult of times and lead you through the darkness to His light!

*Love and prayers,
Debbie Mann*

Deborah Mann - October 26, 2015 at 04:12 PM

SL

“ The ISA Staff and Indiana Sheriffs send our deepest condolences to Keith's Family and Co-workers at IUPD. The loss of a leader is hard for all. Remember Keith for who he was and continue his leadership by all joining together to have a vision of success!

It is obvious he loved his work and the people he was around. I have high respect for the Men and Women he mentored at IUPD.

*Steve Luce
Executive Director
Indiana Sheriffs' Association*

Steve Luce - October 26, 2015 at 04:12 PM

CL

“ The University of Tennessee Health Science Center Police Department was saddened to hear of the passing of Chief Cash and wished to send our condolence to his family.

Chief Lue Walls-Upchurch - October 26, 2015 at 04:12 PM

FR

“ I knew Keith because he used to attend our Monday night sessions at Nick's to "say nothing constructive about work"--when he wasn't tied up working himself.
He had the perfect temperament for a police officer: calm, articulate, patient, able to laugh stuff off.
It was obvious he loved his job. He also liked to do things with his many friends (he wasn't so much into pro sports as into watching pro sports with his friends).
His time was a little shorter than it could have been, but no one has everything. He played the cards he was dealt very well.

Fred Peterson - October 26, 2015 at 04:12 PM

DD

“ Keith Cash was indeed a dear friend as well as a former co-worker, classmate during the IUPD Academy days & IU undergrad years... Keith not only was my friend, he became friends with almost every one I introduced him to back in the day! Keith had that warm smile that touch everyone... I remember we ran into each other at a pizza joint on campus and really hadn't seen each other for several years, Keith said to me... Derrick I was looking at your but I wasn't sure it was you... I thought to myself, that looks like a friend of mine... Wow my heart became elited... After all those years, Keith thought of me as still his friend! I'll never forget that! I was sooo proud that my classmate ended up as the Chief of Police at IUPD... It showed that the cream of the crop always rise to the Top!!! Keith did rise, and he has gone abit higher... He's gone for now, but we will see each other again one day... Maybe then I'll get to see my dear ole friend and we shall reconnect and recall of old times.. Derrick Davis Atlanta GA.. Former IUPD

Derrick Davis - October 26, 2015 at 04:12 PM

DD

“ Keith was a great guy and IUPD was lucky to have him as their Chief. Even though he rose to the level of Chief, he was still the same funny, friendly, and personable person that I've known from when he first became an officer. Keith was the kind of guy who really cared about people and he was completely dedicated to serving his staff and the community. He will be sorely missed.

David Drake - October 26, 2015 at 04:12 PM

CH

“ On behalf of the University of Iowa Public Safety Department: Keith was a true gentleman, professional and wonderful colleague. His sudden death was a shock and a loss we will think about for some time. Our hearts and thoughts go out to his family, friends and everyone he worked with at the IU Police Department and the entire university. *Chuck Green*

Charles Green - October 26, 2015 at 04:12 PM

NA

“ I hate this picture of you Keith because you're not smiling. I had so much fun with you in undergrad. My favorite memories are the cookouts we had at your place with good friends. You will be missed very much.

Nate Sorg - October 26, 2015 at 04:12 PM

PA

“ Keith Cash touched all of our lives throughout the state of Indiana, including those of us at Indiana University Northwest. We were honored to know a kind, honest, good man such as Chief Cash. Our hearts go to our brothers and sisters in Bloomington, other campuses, his friends, and most of all his grieving family.

Chief Patricia Nowak and all police at Indiana University Northwest

Patricia Nowak - October 26, 2015 at 04:12 PM

ER

“ My stay at IUPD as a dispatcher was short but when I crossed paths with Chief Cash he always has a smile on his face and a warmth about him that made it easy to work with him. I was very proud to work for him and IUPD. I wish his family all the best in this time of tragedy.

Eric Evans - October 26, 2015 at 04:12 PM

DA

“ I worked with Keith when I was a part time officer at IUPD and got to come up when I was full time officer at IUSPD to work the football games. I liked to stop in and talk to Keith about old times. He always had a smile on his face. He was a great leader and dedicated officer. I will miss him as will so many others.

Dan Rezits - October 26, 2015 at 04:12 PM

HE

“ My deepest condolences to all of Keith's family and colleagues. It was my pleasure to work with him on a number of tasks - both before he became Chief and after that appointment. Keith was a tremendous asset to IU; he had the perfect skills and personal characteristics to be Chief of a university police department. I always found him to be honest, compassionate, dedicated to the mission of the University, and understanding of the "freedoms" the University expects in order to succeed and promote inquiry. Countless undergraduates also benefited from Keith's understanding of adolescents. Finally, it was always clear that he loved his job. He had a huge impact on IU and, in fact, across the state. A tragic end, but a life very well lived for whom I, and I assume many others, are extraordinarily grateful.

Herbert Terry - October 26, 2015 at 04:12 PM