Keith Leon Gilmore, son of William H. Gilmore, Sr. and Bernita McClain, was born on January 31, 1984 in Baltimore, Maryland. On February 7, 2019, he was taken suddenly from this life.

Keith received his education in Baltimore City Public Schools. He graduated in 2010, with a Bachelor’s degree in Psychology and a minor in Criminal Justice from Coppin State University - and guess who he shared a class with? His Mother! He later became an active member of the alumni association.

After graduating, Keith immediately began to put his degrees to work. First by working at The Retreat at Sheppard Pratt and years later working for the Maryland State Department of Corrections in the Pre-Trial Detention and Services Division. Later, he discovered an opportunity that suited his love of the outdoors. He became a railroad conductor with the Norfolk Southern Corporation - a job he greatly enjoyed.

Keith lived and he loved! He had an amazing ability to capture life, and all he encountered in it, with his photographs. He did what he enjoyed - concerts, plays, white water rafting, exploring, dining out, traveling – he did it all and a companion wasn’t necessary. Keith was politically astute and socially aware. He also had a dry sense of humor and a sarcastic wit that would land him in debates that ranged from celebrity Twitter beefs (he got kicked off Twitter twice) to living room conversations about soul music.

Keith loved anything dealing with music-dancing, singing, parades... he enjoyed a good parade. He had so many talents, he could draw/ paint and was a great baker. People paid for his sweet potato pies. He was an ordained minister and officiated the weddings of his good friends and his uncle and had become the family historian, cultivating the family tree.

Keith, with his beautiful smile and his infectious laugh, will be sorely missed. He was very intentional in his relationships. Anyone he allowed into his life was touched deeply, and he touched so many.

Keith leaves to cherish his memory: his parents, William Gilmore Sr. and Valjean Gilmore, Bernita McClain and Larry McClain; siblings, William Jr. “Sputty”, David, Kenneth, Charles, John, Donald, Melvin, Cory, Deborah, Lea, Lydia, Katrina, Karen, Yvette, LaTia, Lynette, Tekeya, and a bonus sister Adrienne; aunt, Mary; uncle, James; a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins including Sean, Jonathan and Xavier with whom he shared special friendships; one best friend, Ray; and a bunch of other friends.