

# Remembering

Donald "Reid" Key II, 31, of Whispering Pines, North Carolina, passed away on December 27, 2016, at UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Reid was born in Pinehurst, North Carolina, to the late Donald Reid Key and Darlene Parker Key, on March 11, 1985.

Reid married the love of his life, Carrie, on September 15, 2007. They shared a special bond and had a love between them that was contagious. Reid's most proud and memorable moments were the days he and his wife welcomed their two children into this world. Jackson Reid Key was born on July 18, 2010, and Kinsington Marie Key was born on December 11, 2013. From the very start, they knew Reid was going to be not only a wonderful dad to these two children, but also an amazing role model for years to come.

Reid and his family attended New Home Baptist Church in Vass, North Carolina, where he served as a deacon and was serving as the worship director at the time of his passing. Reid dedicated his life to the Lord and enjoyed worshipping Him through music and song.

One of Reid's life's passions was serving his community as a lieutenant on the Whispering Pines Fire Rescue Department. Reid joined the department as a volunteer in August 2013. Within several months, he was certified as an emergency medical driver and quickly established himself as one of the most reliable, active, and dependent volunteers. Reid obtained his North Carolina Firefighter I and II certification through the Office of the State Fire Marshal in September 2016. Reid's commitment and actions were recognized on several occasions. In 2014, he was recognized by the department as Firefighter of the Year. In April 2015, Reid and a team of firefighters were recognized by the Village of Whispering Pines, as well as the county commissioners, for responding to a cardiac arrest which resulted in a CPR save. Two weeks prior to Reid's passing, he reached one of the goals he had set before himself when he was promoted to lieutenant on December 10, 2016. Although Reid's tenure as a lieutenant was brief, his work ethic, dedication, and passion for his department and his community touched many, and his contributions will never be forgotten.

Reid also served his community as a youth baseball and basketball coach, where his leadership skills, love, and dedication touched the lives of many children.

Reid was a wonderful son, brother, and friend and, above all, a dedicated and loving husband and father. He will forever hold a special place in the hearts of those who were blessed to know him.



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***Whispering Pines Fire Rescue  
Department – North Carolina***

***Volunteer Lieutenant***

***December 27, 2016***

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