



## Kent R. Proctor

October 21, 1968 - October 29, 2018

Kent R. Proctor, 50, of Lakeland passed away unexpectedly on Monday, October 29th at St. Joseph's Hospital. He was born in Oswego, NY, and attended G. Ray Bodley High School in Fulton. Bear, as he was known, was a local musician, vocalist and drummer for the last 30 years. His parents, the late Richard and Dixie Proctor, were performers in CNY for years and had him on stage singing with his brother at seven years old. At the age of 11, he started marching in drum corps, and continued from 1979 till 1988. He learned to love the drums and received extensive training, going on to teach marching band for several local high schools in his limited spare time. His parents were inducted into the Oswego Music Hall of Fame on Kent's 50th Birthday last Sunday and Kent performed and accepted the award.

He played in several bands not limited to Decree, F5, Kyote Band, Midnight Hour, performing on both drums and lead vocals. In 2003, he switched to lead vocals for CNY area band F5. Kent's musical inspirations were his parents Richard & Dixie Proctor, Aunt Lori McCann, Neil Peart, and Rush (his all-time favorite band).

Kent was the passionate founder of PEP (Proctor Entertainment Project) performing as lead vocalist. For the last few years, he also loved to drive Bus for the Solvay School District where the kids could always count on him to sing with the radio. Before that was a manger for Sutherland Global services on ATT program.

He was an alumnus of the Fulton Gauchos, the Cadets of CNY, and the Rochester Northmen Junior Drum and Bugle Corps. Kent played all over CNY, especially Syracuse and Oswego, with the full Band PEP and PEP Trio. He performed old standards and the classics from country to rock.

Proctor Entertainment specialize in weddings and over last five years Kent DJ over 275 weddings himself all over NYS. He was very excited to debut next month a new project called Rotten Bonnie. He loved his sports, SU basketball, Detroit Lions Football and Yankees Baseball all while hanging out with his dog, Bailey.

He is survived by his wife Jessica (Bailey) Proctor, his sons Gabriel Proctor, Noah and Jack McLean; his brother Richard (Gordon Quackenbush) Proctor, Jr. of Oswego, two nieces; two uncles and many cousins.

Calling hours are 4 to 8 pm, Friday, November 2nd at B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home, 10 Genesee St. in Village of Camillus. Services will be 12 Noon Saturday at Christ Community Church, 3644 Warners Rd, Syracuse, NY 13209.

Private burial will be held in Belle Isle Cemetery, Camillus.

Contributions in lieu of flowers may be made to Solvay Dollars for Scholars, c/o Kevin Riley, 400 Spencer St, Syracuse, NY 13204. Donations will benefit music scholarships.

Please sign his guestbook at [www.BLBUSH.com](http://www.BLBUSH.com)

# Cemetery

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**Belle Isle Cemetery**  
3647 Armstrong Road  
Syracuse, NY, 13209

# Events

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**NOV 2 Visitation 04:00PM - 08:00PM**

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B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home  
10 W. Genesee Street, Camillus, NY, US, 13031

**NOV 3 Service 12:00PM**

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Christ Community Church  
3644 Warners Road, Syracuse, NY, US, 13209

# Comments

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“ Just got word of Bear's passing today. I am so sorry that he is gone. He was a great dude, and a very talented musician. Lots of good memories, like when he had to fill in on drums with Kyote cause I had wrecked my car, lol. We had a lot of good times with the band. He had an awesome voice, as anyone who has heard him sing knows. My best wishes to all of the family. Bear will be sorely missed.



Mark Amisano - November 03, 2018 at 01:08 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kent R. Proctor.



November 03, 2018 at 09:25 AM

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“ Joy DeClercq lit a candle in memory of Kent R. Proctor



Joy deClercq - November 02, 2018 at 11:53 PM

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“ I remember him playing with the Kyote Band here in Pulaski, NY he always was pleasant and made sure everyone had a great time. He will be missed by anyone who had the pleasure of calling him their friend. He really was a giant teddy bear to everyone and we both loved Steve Perry.

Tracey Lance - November 02, 2018 at 07:22 PM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kent R. Proctor.



November 02, 2018 at 02:45 PM

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“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home / Monuments - November 02, 2018 at 12:50 AM

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“ Our prayers and condolences go out to Jessica and the whole family. May God comfort you all at this time. Kent had shared his faith in Jesus, and for this, God willing, we will see him again. What a tragic loss to the music community, at such a young age. Heaven has gained a superb musician, father, and friend. We will miss you, Bear.

Regards in Christ Jesus,  
Dan & Katrina Eason

Dan & Katrina - November 01, 2018 at 08:54 PM

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“ So Sorry for your loss. Kent was a great singer!



**Teresa** - November 01, 2018 at 12:01 PM

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“ My son-in-law added so much to our family. He was fun, caring, full of love. He called me "ma" and it was a pleasure to stand in for Dixie even though I would never or could ever take her place in Kent's heart. We talked about the Lord and that is always where I pointed him. His faith was determined, confident and set on Jesus as His Lord and Savior. I know I will see him again one day and for that reason I have peace. I love you and will miss you til we meet again. I know who holds our future. Always in my heart-----Ma Bailey

**Linda Johnson-Bailey** - November 01, 2018 at 08:51 AM



“ I knew Kent and his brother Dixie and dick I purchased the farm Tavern from them rest in peace Kent

**James Savage** - November 01, 2018 at 10:25 AM

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“ So sorry for your loss

**cathy monticelli** - November 01, 2018 at 07:59 AM

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“ I was so sad when I heard of Kent's sudden passing. Kent and Jessica both provided great music and fun for my 30th class reunion five years ago. Jessica, I cannot imagine the heartbreak you and your boys and family are feeling. I just know, that with Kent's love of our Lord, that he is in paradise. May he rest in eternal peace and may God's perpetual light shine upon him. I will keep you all in my prayers and heart. May your memories help to ease your grief and keep you warm.

**Christine Werbeck** - November 01, 2018 at 07:58 AM

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“ Plenty of memories there are but always seeing him play awesome music and being a great friend. I wish my deepest thoughts to the family because he was a wonderful man that will truly be missed.

**Sarah Straight** - November 01, 2018 at 06:46 AM



“ Thank You

**Jessica Proctor** - November 01, 2018 at 08:13 AM

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“ I have known Kent for years, hadn't seen him in awhile, my husband and I were attending a wedding he was doing last year! He talk so proudly of Jessica and their boys! Jessica, his exact words is he never knew what love was until he met you! I remembered playing our version of name that tune with him and I would beat him, teasing him that he was in a band and I beat him! Kent is going to be missed by so many because of his personality and talents, he had so many friends! RIP Kent! Jessica, their boys and Richard are in my thoughts and prayers! Christine Bellavia

**Christine Bellavia** - October 31, 2018 at 05:58 PM



“ Thank You

**Jessica Proctor** - November 01, 2018 at 08:14 AM

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“ I remember the first time I met Bear when he was the lead singer with F-5, he was a bundle of energy with a voice that had a range a mile long. He was always so glad to see you when ever we ran into each other and would always embrace with hand shake and hug. He was a very special person and an awesome entertainer that will be truly missed both performance and friendship, love you brother!

**Donald Romano** - October 31, 2018 at 05:53 PM



“ Thank You

**Jessica Proctor** - November 01, 2018 at 08:16 AM



“ Jessica, I am sorry for the loss of your husband. He truly was a special man, as I'm sure you know. He touched many peoples lives. My mother, who is now passed, loved him, I did, many friends from "Midnight Hour" Era....the list goes on. Sending you hugs, and prayers for you and your boys... RIP Bear. "Thoughts of You"...running threw my head... Catrina Nolan

**Catrina L Nolan** - November 01, 2018 at 08:32 AM



“ Jessica, Linda & Family, So very sorry for your loss. May God Bless you all & give you comfort and strength through this difficult time. My thoughts & prayers are with you all.

**Carole Lombard** - November 01, 2018 at 09:01 AM

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“ RIP Kent. You left this world too soon. You left an emptiness at the bus garage. I will miss the laughter and the why Johnny in the morning while we were pre tripping.

**John Prince** - October 31, 2018 at 05:32 PM



“ He loved driving school bus and loved the ppl he worked with

**Jessica Proctor** - November 01, 2018 at 07:17 AM

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“ I have known Bear for years. i use to do lights for the Kyote Band. when he got on stage and sang Born to be wild he Rocked my socks off. i can't listen to that song with out seeing him on stage singing it ! Rip my friend. you will be missed by many. you had a heart of gold. :)



**Charleen Norris** - October 31, 2018 at 05:07 PM



“ He had a huge heart

**Jessica Proctor** - November 01, 2018 at 08:18 AM

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“ I met Kent in May of 2016 when he came in to fill out application to be a bus driver. He took the job seriously, trained and was appointed a run in Sept of 2016. PEP was the DJ for my daughters wedding August of 2016 . Kent played in one of the bands with my uncle Rick Jewett. Over a 2 year span with many conversation you realize what a small world we really live in and how short life can be. There are no words for the loss the bus garage felt when we heard the news. It is sad and he will be missed. Rest in peace Kent.

**Bobbie Jo Eastman**

**Bobbie Jo Eastman** - October 31, 2018 at 03:25 PM



“ Thank you for being a great boss... Kent loved driving school bus

**Jessica Proctor** - November 01, 2018 at 07:19 AM

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“ I mixed sound for a few bands that he was in, it was a great pleasure for he had a nice vocal and big smile.he will be missed for sure.

**Barry Dunham** - October 31, 2018 at 02:46 PM

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“ Just met Kent in person at the Hall of fame induction Ceremony!! I knew his parents well and Kent did them proud that day which happened to be his birthday! RIP Kent you will be missed!!

**Brian Rusaw** - October 31, 2018 at 02:19 PM

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“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Kent R. Proctor.



October 31, 2018 at 10:47 AM