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**A**DAM JEWELL DELPH, JR. (BUTCH)

Adam Jewell Delph Jr. was born December 26, 1957 in sisters Hospital, Buchanan County, Saint Joseph, Missouri

Adam Jewell Delph Sr. arrived in Sacramento, California in 1959, months later (1959), Adam Jr. along with sisters Patricia, Saundra, Markeita, brother Steven, and Mom joined his Dad.

Adam Jr. attended grade schools, Del Paso Elementary School and Fairbanks Elementary School; and Las Palmas Jr. High and Norte Del Rio High School.

Adam Jr. was nicknamed “Butch”, his younger siblings LaVeil, Kaaron and Linda dragged out “Buu’chee” when calling him, Butch became “Butchie”. Adam Jr. was a happy kid; a prankster, and very good at it. He used to do things to his sister Markeita and he would laugh so hard He could make all kinds of gadgets: a boomerang, a sling shot out of a clothes hanger, a kite that would fly high. He made a toy/game for his sisters Linda and Kaaron, fashioned from a string and a weight, the string secured on one ankle; the string would swing around the ankle and the child would jump over it. Adam Jr. made the first worm shocker, a steel rod he’d cut off, attached electrical cord, bonded with electrical tape, plug intact. With the rod deep in the grass, he would plug it into a socket and wait and watch worms start rushing out of the ground. He also made fishing poles.

Adam Jr. was a total outdoorsman; he would fish, clean fish, fillet the fish and bag it up, ready to fry. When Adam Jr. gave you fish, you just fried it. I would go so far as to say that Adam Jr. made the first catfish nuggets; the boy was so creative!

Adam Jr.’s brothers Steven and LaVeil would go to the levy and fish; Adam Jr. and LaVeil would fish on the regular, not long after, Kaaron Rena joined, Adam Jr. and LaVeil and Kaaron would go fishing a lot, also crawdad fishing, and would sometimes put them in their mother’s bathtub when they had a lot to clean.



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Adam Jr. would be in there breaking them down with a pile of tails, a pile of claws, and a pile of guts; he'd bag them up. He'd also catch frogs for frog legs. Adam Jr. was an excellent cook; nothing he made was ever greasy. He fried a lot of fish and potatoes, boiled crawdad tails, and later got creative and started frying crawdad tails; this was a choice delicacy – fried crawdad tails!

When staying with his mother he would cook breakfast for two before leaving for work. If you were there you were NOT getting any; you'd smell bacon afterwards but there would be nothing there. When mom passed it was breakfast for one, but he'd go into a clean kitchen and come out the same way.

Adam Jr. became a Firefighter with the Department of Forestry, battling them hill fires. He went on to work with brother-in-law James Keith as a Tree Trimmer, applied for his Tree-Trimming License and worked with the City of Sacramento, Lots of weekend work as well.

Adam Jr. did jobs and hired people for jobs. People knocked on his door looking for employment, and he would hire them. It was on the regular, Adam Jr. helped out the Heights, he loved hard and gave hard; he did for just about everybody. Once he gave a lady his garage TV, kids needed TV not girlfriend just friend, Adam Jr. unplugged his TV and gave it to her.

There were no ends to his charity. Taken advantage of was NOT in his vocabulary, he just was that type of guy. Up until his passing folks were knocking on his door for a job. He gave his nephew Aaron his first truck he bought and paid for. No compensation for it, just here you go. Although he never married, it was once thought he would in the early 1990's. He had no kids but he said of these two particular ones: "They says they're mines, but no they're not mines but I raised them from a pup."

Adam Jr. later fell on hard times, took him a minute but he bounced back!

Adam Jr.'s relationship with dad Adam Sr. was fruitful, fishing, going to NFL games, baseball games, road trips, watching games, laughing, frying fish outdoors, and so much more! His final days were gull of taking care of each other; Adam Jr. was very loving and over-protective of his dad, and it was sometimes a comical relationship they had!



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Adam Jr. was preceded in death by his mother, Anna Maureen Delph.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his Dad, Adam Jewell Delph Sr.; 5 sisters: Patricia, Sandra, Markeita, Kaaron and Linda; 2 brothers: Steven and LaVeil; 2 step-brothers: Glasco and Anthony; 1 brother-in-law: Michael; 2 sisters-in-law: Jackie and Sheila; 3 God-children: Jalon, Antoinette, Curtis; and nieces, nephews, aunts, cousins, relatives and many friends.

WE ARE FOREVER GRATEFUL FOR HIS LIFE



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**Antoinette** posted:

🎁❤️HAPPY BIRTHDAY DADDY 🎁❤️I MISS YOU 😞

December 26 at 6:44 AM

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**Antointte** posted:

I think about you all the time!!!! miss you so much Daddy 😞

June 18 at 1:52 PM

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**Antoinette** posted:

Daddy,how I miss you with everyday.I think of all the times we shared and I whisper to myself "I miss you daddy".I love you deeply and dearly, your forever in my heart.With love,Antoinette❤️

May 6 at 10:28 AM

EW

**Edmond Wilder** posted:

My heart felt sympathy goes out to the Delph family, as butchie was a true and loving friend that had a big heart to everyone he came in contact with, he was my closest friend and brother to me, he will be missed dearly by us all that know him, god bless and much loveEdmond

January 8 at 9:00 AM

CT

**Cissy Tillman** posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Adam Jewell Delph

April 29 at 7:53 AM

BL

**Brenda Lee** posted:

Sent a gift in memory of Adam Jewell Delph

April 28 at 4:26 PM



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**Brenda Lee** posted:

My deepest sympathy to the Delph family. I worked with Adam for the duration of his employment for the City of Sacramento, Tree Department. Adam kept me laughing all the time He will be truly missed. Brenda Lee

April 28 at 4:45 AM



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