



Darrell Martin Dees

November 28, 1969 - September 17, 2023

Darrell Martin Dees was born in Plainfield, New Jersey, on November 28, 1969, to Dan Martin Dees (deceased) and Rebecca Dees. He finished life's journey on September 17, 2023, at his home in Charlotte, North Carolina, at the age of 53. Darrell was a cherished son, husband, father, brother, uncle, cousin, and a beloved friend to many.

Darrell received his high school education at Elizabeth High School (Elizabeth, NJ) and then went to the College of Holy Cross (Worcestershire, MA) on a football scholarship. He was later united in holy matrimony to Lillian Gonzalez, and the union was blessed with one child Jared Gonzalez-Dees. Darrell enjoyed playing golf, photography, riding his motorcycle "Buffy" and was a die-hard Green Bay Packers fan. Darrell was loved by his family, friends, and co-workers and will be sincerely missed.

Darrell is survived by his mother, Rebecca Dees (Clermont, FL); wife, Lillian Dees (Charlotte, NC); son, Jared Dees (Charlotte, NC); and sister, Kim West (Nashville, TN).

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **23**. 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life Service

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Tribute Wall

MA

“ *Sending condolences to all who loved him. I'm sorry we never reconnected. Darrell was my childhood friend and I knew him when he went to Elizabeth High School. I recently mentioned that i would live to see him and was told he was no longer with us. I'm happy to read he fell in love and had a wife and child. Rest in heavenly peace old friend. God rest your soul. -- Maria C. Martin (nee Molina)*

Maria - May 10, 2024 at 01:34 PM

AD

“ *This is truly Heartbreaking. I met Darrell through APM Terminals after he moved to Charlotte. We played on the softball team at Maersk and hung out more times than I can count after leaving the office while we worked at APM. He was always so much fun to be around and I will truly miss him. We had so many good memories. You will Forever be truly missed. Til we meet again Darrell Dees. 💜*

Angie Dupler - December 21, 2023 at 08:13 PM

NI

“ Oh this is horrible. I was literally just looking up Darrell's address to send a Christmas card to. I still remember his phone number by heart (easy cause his last 4 were consecutive numbers). Darrell and I worked together remotely at first he in New York and I in California then we both relocated to Charlotte and work closed for APM Terminals projects across the continent and stayed close friends after we departed. Recent years had been hard for us to hang out for various reasons but we always had a great conversation with plenty of laughs when we spoke. I used to always tell him I lived Vicariously through his stories. Reminds me seeing a bunch of his teammates below commenting. My wife is also from Elizabeth HS like 3 or 4 years after Darrel attended. Anyway, once we were in town and she found out some sort of alumni fund raiser at the Elizabeth bowling alley so we went. I got talking to a few guys there and just casually asked if they knew my friend. I still remember the guy like worshipped him telling me he wore eric dickerson glasses (which I later confirmed with Darrel), went to Holy cross, won championship, played DB, etc , etc. I was almost a celebrity with this guy cause I was his friend. Jared he was very proud of you and allways spoke glowingly of your latest pursuits. Lillian the same and was very proud of your corporate success since returning to corporate America. Really sorry to hear of this loss.

NielsAnderson - December 21, 2023 at 03:26 PM

NA

“ I'm floored; So very disappointed to have missed Darrell's home going. Thankful for the opportunity to know his sweet spirit. Darrell and I were colleagues at APM Terminals years ago and stayed in touch with occasional outings: Panthers Games, Whitewater Center etc. He came to a big milestone birthday party for me before covid. He is definitely missed. My condolences to his family.

Nikita Allen - November 19, 2023 at 09:54 PM

DG

“ I’m so glad we were a part of one another’s life, thank you for always having my daughters back. Darrell I will miss when you call me or I call you hearing you say hey now. You will forever be in our hearts. I love you my friend.

Dawn Greene - October 23, 2023 at 02:36 PM



“ So sorry to hear this. Rest peacefully my friend. 😞

Erica Bundy - September 27, 2023 at 06:21 PM

KK

“ I was also a teammate of Darryl’s at Holy Cross. It’s a sad day learning of Darryl’s passing. He was one of the first guys I met at HC, and with us both being from NJ, we had that as an initial bond. He was a strong, quiet, humble, thoughtful gentleman who we were glad to go to battle with every Saturday. A genuinely good man in every way, who had the respect and affection of every one of his teammates. A consummate great brother.

Kevin Kauffman - September 27, 2023 at 09:17 AM

TD

“ I was a teammate of Darells at Holy Cross. He had a smile that lit up a room. I will remember him fondly and will keep his family in my prayers. God Bless you Brother.

Tim Downing

Tim Downing - September 23, 2023 at 06:41 PM

KW

Thank you so much! I am Kim (D" 's sister). I will share your comments at his celebration of life in NJ. If you would like to receive an Evite, please RSVP to kmrwest1135@gmail.com for details

kim west - September 26, 2023 at 12:38 PM



“ *I grew up with Dees in Elizabeth, NJ. He was a few years ahead of me, but we connected through mutual friends and the EHS football culture. I was surprised to run into him at a Cox Mill H.S. (Concord, NC) football game several years ago and we reconnected at that time. Thereafter, we would run into each other at the barbershop, grocery store or at our favorite breakfast spot The Sweet Spot. We ran into each other there about 2 months ago and he told me that he wasn't feeling too well. Each time I would go back hoping to see him in better health and spirits. You will be missed Dees. Condolences to your family and friends.*

*David A. Johnson
EHS c/o 1990*

David Johnson - September 23, 2023 at 01:47 PM

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kim west - September 26, 2023 at 12:39 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darrell Martin Dees.*



September 23, 2023 at 09:39 AM

MB

“ To my classmate and friend... Gonna miss you. But, rest now... I will see you again. Until then, rest...



Maury Bonner - September 22, 2023 at 11:52 PM

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kim west - September 26, 2023 at 04:40 PM

KD

“ Rest in peace my dear sweet cousin. Your infectious smile and charm will truly be missed.
Love always,
Cousin Khrista

Khrista Dees - September 22, 2023 at 11:21 PM

JM

“ Jose and Romy Minaya planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Darrell Martin Dees.

Jose and Romy Minaya - September 22, 2023 at 09:11 PM



“ Jose and Romy Minaya purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Darrell Martin Dees.



Jose and Romy Minaya - September 22, 2023 at 09:11 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Darrell Martin Dees.



September 22, 2023 at 06:43 PM



“ 32 files added to the album Life Tributes



A.E. Grier & Sons Funeral and Cremation, LLC. - September 22, 2023 at 06:20 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darrell Martin Dees.*



September 22, 2023 at 05:46 PM



“ *Bib, you were the best brother-in-law a girl could ask for. You were also a friend. I will miss you. Until paradise. Ren and Stempy forever.*

*Love you,
Ajhezza*

Ajhezza Martinez - September 22, 2023 at 01:02 PM



“ *George and Ajhezza Martinez purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Darrell Martin Dees.*



George and Ajhezza Martinez - September 22, 2023 at 10:37 AM



“ *Papa and Mama Gonzalez planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Darrell Martin Dees.*

Papa and Mama Gonzalez - September 22, 2023 at 10:32 AM

PG

“ *Papa and Mama Gonzalez purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Darrell Martin Dees.*



Papa and Mama Gonzalez - September 22, 2023 at 10:32 AM

FL

“ *Familia León sent a virtual gift in memory of Darrell Dees*



Familia González León - September 22, 2023 at 10:27 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Darrell Martin Dees.*



September 22, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Darrell Martin Dees.*



September 22, 2023 at 10:18 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Darrell Martin Dees.*

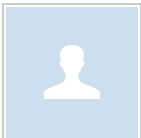


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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Darrell Martin Dees.

September 22, 2023 at 08:23 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Darrell Martin Dees.*



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