



Darren Terrell Tatum

March 23, 2020

Darren Terrell Tatum (52), of New Orleans, Louisiana, quietly departed this life Monday, March 23rd, 2020. At an early age he professed his faith in Jesus Christ and joined Plymouth Rock Missionary Baptist Church where he was a dedicated member. Darren was born to Thad "Jack" and Gertrude G. Tatum, September, 1967, in New Orleans, Louisiana. He graduated from John McDonogh in 1987 and received a Bachelor of Arts from Grambling State University in 1993.

His beautiful life will forever be cherished in the lives of maternal uncle Albert Bernard Griffin (New Orleans, Louisiana), and Paternal aunt Joesphine Gibson (New Orleans, Louisiana). Darren leaves behind a number of siblings Douglas Tatum, Larry Tatum, Thad H. Tatum, Jr, Mrs. Cynthia & Kenneth Sims of (New Orleans, Louisiana) Michael Tatum (United States), Mrs. Gilda & Michael Johnson (Aurora, Colorado), Mrs. Glenda Atkins & Keith Atkins (Atlanta, Georgia), Gloria Tatum (Memphis, Tennessee), Mark & Betty Tatum (Houston, Texas), and Victor Tatum (Chicago, Illinois). He leaves as his legacy a number of nephews and nieces and wonderful cousins. Darren leaves in his memories several grand-nieces and nephews. The family wants to acknowledge his friendship of Brothers, which he also leaves to cherish his memory to several devoted FRIENDS Corey Dowden, Thaylen & Stacy Armstead, and Glenn & Shondra Williams.

Darren will always be remembered as a huge fan of the New Orleans Saints. Darren was preceded in death by Thad Tatum Sr., (Father), Gertrude G.

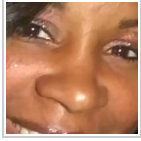
Tatum, (Mother), Christine G. Green (Aunt), Leanna G. Garner (Aunt), Bruce Tatum, (Brother), Eric Tatum, (Brother), Kenneth Tatum, (Brother), Napoleon Tatum, (Uncle), Akira Dozier, (Grand-Niece) and Verizine Cowart (Aunt).

Darren was a loving FRIEND, brother, uncle, and college football player. He worked for the Orleans Parish School District as a substitute teacher and assistant high school football coach until he retired in 2005 and was passionate about affecting the most positive change in people.

A reception will follow at The Tatum's Family House located 3237 Belfort Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana.. The Tatum family would also like to thank his devoted sister Cynthia Sims his caregiver for stepping up to take on the maternal responsibility of providing her brother with a quality of life.

Due to COVID-19, the Funeral Service is private. Arrangements by D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana 70125.

Tribute Wall



“ I’ll miss you verbalizing how much I’m protected while you’re around. You were such a kind soul. Your personality was infectious. Tailgating at Grambling won’t be the same without Tatum burgers. I love you brother. Rest In Peace 🙏.

Deidra Lebron - April 09, 2020 at 01:55 PM

SD

“ I will miss you sweetheart I love you my brother you will be truly missed my fellow Trojan thought I would eating me one of those Tatum burgers take your rest until we meet again you sister Shannon Dalcour

shannon dalcour - April 08, 2020 at 06:45 PM

TP

“ My Trojan brother, rest on

TONI PRICE - April 07, 2020 at 05:30 PM

PS

“ My sincere condolences to the Tatum family. Darren was a very good man with a kind heart that treated everyone like a family member. Everyone loved his spirit and infectious personality. Darren will be missed by everyone that was fortunate to know him. Rest in haven my brother; until we meet again. God bless you.
JMcD4life.....Patrick Smith

Patrick Smith - April 06, 2020 at 10:38 AM

WK

“ Tatum you were a friend and teammate. Rest in heaven my Grambling brother. Gman4Life

Wendell Keller - April 03, 2020 at 01:37 AM

LC

“ My sincere condolences to the Tatum family. Darrin has always been a great friend to me. I am going to miss my Trojan brother. Rest well Darrin.

Leif Calvin - April 02, 2020 at 08:19 PM

BE

“ My Condolences to the Tatum family. Tatum you were loved by so many of us @John Mac. Our Trojan c/o 87 will miss you. You will never be forgotten. We will keep your memory alive. As u would say. That's Betty Brown
Love you my brother see you on the other side.



Betty - April 02, 2020 at 08:18 PM

JE

“ Love you my G-Man brother and i am very sadden by your death. I enjoyed the time together as teammates at Grambling. You always had that gift to light up the room when you was in it. Rest on my brother and God Bless the family.
Yours Truly!
J.J.Ellis
G-Man 1988-1992



Jarrold Ellis - April 02, 2020 at 02:55 PM

RR

“ To the family of man good friend you all have my condolences will see you guys in my prayers

Richard Rodriguez - April 02, 2020 at 02:26 PM

MH

“ Condolences to the family. “Tatum” as we all called him, is an eternal member of the Grambling State University Football Team. Our Brother!!!

Michael Hill - April 02, 2020 at 01:33 PM

KR

“ Kevin Rodney sent a virtual gift in memory of Darren Terrell Tatum



Kevin Rodney - April 02, 2020 at 10:11 AM

MJ

“ My condolences to the family. He was a great person and TEAMMATE. He was always open hearted and would help you if he could. I enjoyed knowing him during our times at Grambling State University. He will be missed forever. May you rest in peace my G-MAN BROTHER.



Michael Jiles - April 02, 2020 at 09:41 AM

MJ

“ *My condolences to Paw-Paw AB and the rest of the family. Darren will truly be missed. My prayers for peace and comfort to you all.*
Marguerite Jefferson (Mag)

Marguerite Jefferson - April 02, 2020 at 09:40 AM

MG

“ *Darren I love you cousin God is in control, love Mel*



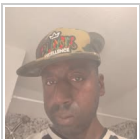
melody green - April 01, 2020 at 07:36 PM



“ *Charles Green lit a candle in memory of Darren Terrell Tatum*



Charles Green - April 01, 2020 at 02:03 PM



“ *Big Unc you will be truly missed i remember teach and i used to cut class and sit in your class u would tell me get yo damn ass to class. Imma miss that fish you used to cook and burgers....will always be my Big Cuz/Big Unc....Rest Peacefully all your pain is over tell my grannies/aunt i love them and everybody else keep us covered and watch over us...*

Charles Green - April 01, 2020 at 01:40 PM

VF

“ *From my family to your, we are sending hugs and prayers to uplift the family. Love you guys!* ”

Veronica Nellon-Hill and Family - April 01, 2020 at 01:30 PM



“ *Melody Green lit a candle in memory of Darren Terrell Tatum* ”



Melody Green - April 01, 2020 at 01:05 PM

NW

“ *Get your rest, Cuz.* ”

Nicole Williams - April 01, 2020 at 11:22 AM