



Douglas "Darrell"
Duckworth, Jr.

May 18, 1988 - July 30, 2026

Douglas "Darrell" Duckworth, Jr., 38, of Morganton, NC, passed away Thursday, July 30, 2026, while surrounded by his family.

Born in Burke County, NC on May 18, 1988, he was the son of Douglas Darrell Duckworth and Peggy Rebecakh Benfield Snipes.

Darrell was a loving father, son, and family man. He was great storyteller, loved to joke around with people, fish, and hunt. He was a helpful person who would give anyone anything he had. Darrell loved good food.

In addition to his parents, those left to cherish his memory include his children, Zaden Lake Duckworth and Richard Thomas "R.T." Duckworth of the home; siblings, Brandy Buchanan (Jeff), Kimberly Powell (Travis), Tommy Duckworth (Heather), and Tanya Cha (Blong); and numerous nieces, nephews, a great-niece, and great-nephews.

Darrell was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Kenneth and Peggy Joyce Benfield; brother, Danny Delane Lackey; step-father, Vernon Snipes; and paternal grandparents, M.T. and Mabel Duckworth.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 6 p.m., Tuesday, August 4, 2026 at Sossoman Funeral Home. A celebration of Darrell's life will follow at 6 p.m. in the

Colonial Chapel of the funeral home with Dr. John Latz officiating.

At this time the family is requesting privacy.

The family would like to express their appreciation to UNC Health Blue Ridge, Dr. Kadry R. Allaboun, MD, Autumn Care of Drexel, and VIA Hospice.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



OMG..... Darrel I can't believe my best friend is gone...and I just now found out about it...I'm so heartbroken right now...I'm gonna miss you so much I'm just glad I kept all your messages....and your initials on my arm...omg I can't take this...you were so special to me and we became close friends even tho we had never met in person...just always look over me please and I'll never forget you I promise...I love you bestie..RIP FLY HIGHER THAN YOU EVER HAVE...YOU ARE GONE FROM ME...BUT YOUR SPIRIT WILL ALWAYS BE WITH ME.....

—Alicia Copeland



Friends since we were 14. I'll always remember you as that big ole' healthy guy in highschool that loved the ladies and got along with most everyone. A jokester and a simple country boy. You will be so missed. I'm so glad you are no longer suffering and have been made new again and are with our Heavenly Father. Gone far too soon but always remembered. Keeping your boys, your Mama and siblings as well as the rest of your family and friends in my prayers. "Darrell with two r's" I never could spell it right back in 9th grade. I'll see you again one day old friend.

—Brandy Orellana (Clark)

Kim and Family, My Prayers are with you all for strength and comfort. May God keep you wrapped in his arms. Darrell was precious and always so kind to me.

Dear Richard, Condolences to your family and you. I am so sorry to hear from my son, Paul, of your dad's passing. May you find peace and joy in the happiest of memories. May you find comfort in the Lord, your heavenly Father. "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." - Isaiah 41:10
Sincerely, Betty Hilton

—Betty Hilton



Darrell, Cuzzo here thank you for so many smiles, jokes, comfort, phone calls, safe space, and so many other wonderful times, and memories. You are by far the strongest, mentally, physically, and emotional Superman I know. We're gonna miss you down here !! love you bunches, -katybird

—Katy williams



To Darrell, his family, friends and children. I am deeply saddened to hear of his passing. Though Darrell and I never met in person, we had become Facebook friends many years ago. I will miss his jokes and his southern accent that I was always fond of. Darrell was a sweetheart. I know he had not been in the best of health over the past months, and he just wanted to be in no more pain. May he rest easy in the arms of Christ now. My sincere condolences to the family

family.

—Holly



Darrell was one of the greatest people I ever had the pleasure to meet. He meant so much to me and my family. He will be greatly missed.

—Angela Reid



Darrell was a wonderful guy. Always kind and didn't mind helping anyone. We have been friends for a long. When he caught Alot of fish he would bring to my Dad. In return my Dad would give him Chow-Chow. My thoughts and prayers are with each of you. Rest easy my brother you have finished your work down here. To be absent from the body. Is to be Present with The Lord.

—Chere Avery



God bless you guys and I love you.

—Cozette townsend

Dear family, Please accept my sincere condolences on the loss of your loved one. When I was at Hillcrest Elementary, Darrell was one of my students. He had a wonderful smile as a young child and treated the other students and staff with kindness and respect. After retiring from the school system and while working for UNC Blue Ridge Health, I was able to reconnect with Darrell via his sister, Kim Powell. He was the same sweet person, only in adult form. May Darrell 's memory live on through his family that he so loved. Susan Pollpeter

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—Susan Roupeter

Rest in Peace Darrell, you were one good man!!!! Good memories of your sweet self

—Josie Taylor

So sorry for your loss sending prayers and my condolences to the family.

—Amy Evans