



# Darren Adrian William LaGrave

NOV 17, 1972 - JAN 11, 2020



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**D**arren Adrian William LaGrave was born in Toronto, Canada on November 17th, 1972 and passed away January 11th, 2020 after a 7-year battle with cancer.

Darren was born to Stefanie and Peter LaGrave. Upon graduating from Cape Coral High School, he enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard, rising up to Chief Warrant Officer before retiring after 22 years with a medical discharge. He moved to Matlacha after retirement to pursue his passions of boating and fishing.

Darren will forever be remembered as a man of many principles and wise sayings. He will also be remembered as a kind, loving man and father who always looked to bestow his knowledge to the ones he loved.

Darren is preceded in death by his mother, Stefanie. He is survived by the love of his life Natasha Arlos and his son Daulton; his father Peter, stepmother Penny, his brother Christopher and his children Cody and Hannah, his grandmother Leona (101), many other beloved aunts, uncles, and cousins in Canada, and his lifelong friends in Matlacha and Cape Coral.

Time and tide wait for no man.

A Memorial Service for Darren will be celebrated at 11:00 AM on Sunday, January 19, 2020 inside the Chapel at Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, 1589 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers, Florida 33907, (239) 936-0555. Guests will be received for an hour preceding this service for a Gathering with Refreshments beginning at 10:00 AM also inside the Funeral Home. At the conclusion of these ceremonies, a Color Guard from the United States Coast Guard will render Honors in recognition of Mr. LaGrave's service to our country as a member in their ranks.

To share a story or photo, leave a tribute or to offer condolences to the family at this difficult time please visit Mr. LaGrave's memorial webpage located at [www.fortmyersmemorial.com](http://www.fortmyersmemorial.com) and sign his guestbook.



## Events

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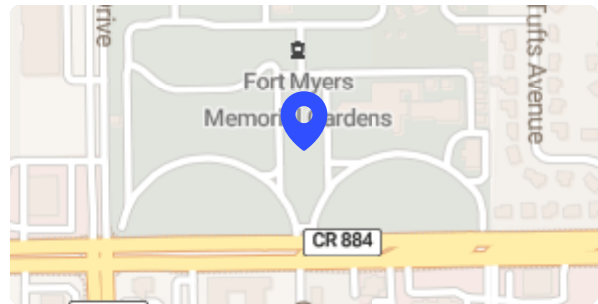
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### Gathering


 **Sunday**, January 19, 2020


 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET


 **Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home**  
1589 Colonial Blvd, Fort Myers FL 33907

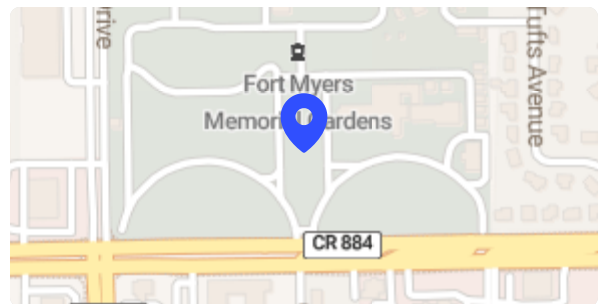


### Memorial Service


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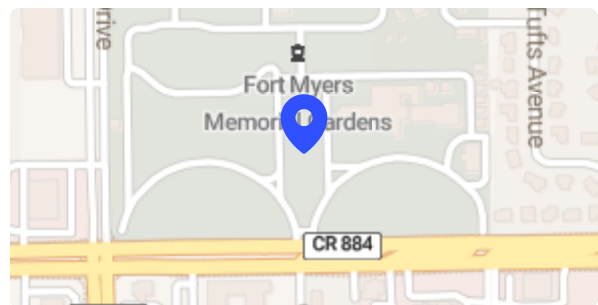


### Military Honors

 **Sunday**, January 19, 2020

 11:45 AM ET

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## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the LaGrave family.



January 20 at 3:35 AM



**Tanya Crossman** posted:

My favorite memory of Darren is a true example of his personality and sense of humor. I have come to know Darren from Sunfish sailing and living on Pine Island. The lifestyle here seemed to suit him! During the afternoons on the water Darren seemed to find plenty of joy in razing me during the races.... all in good heart. Honestly, I never had much to come back with, until one day.... One day I was in town running some errands and ran into a store and back out to my car in 5 minutes, There was a note on the car telling me how "Island fine" I was and that the gals name was Cindy and she worked at Ulta. I thought this very odd, standing next to my car looking around totally perplexed. In that moment, it was time to get out of there! As I am sitting at the light to leave the center, someone is honking at me. As I look around there is Darren and Natasha in the truck. Darren is cracking up 😂, because he was bored while waiting for Natasha and I happened along so he decided to become "Cindy"! From that day forward, I always got to call out to "Cindy" as we sailed past one another... Darren will be missed by many, I am deeply saddened by the loss and my condolences to his family.

January 19 at 6:28 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Sacred Duty Spray to the LaGrave family.



January 18 at 7:36 AM



**Nick Osterhoudt** sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the LaGrave family.



January 17 at 5:38 AM



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NO

**Nick Osterhoudt** lit a candle in honor of Darren.

Dareen's words of wisdom and talks will be missed. The golf games, motorcycle rides, fishing and just sitting and talking with him will leave a void. Not only a friend but as a fellow Coastie. Our passions on life and what we did for our country and families are values that Dareen had. He always had the right words and humor to express and make you laugh. My heart goes out to all of his family and friends. My prayers are with you all. Remember he may be gone, but he is not forgotten. Dareen lives on in all of us. Nick OUSCG AviationRetired



January 17 at 5:28 AM

NA

**Natasha Arlos** shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.



January 16 at 5:46 PM

PT

**Pauline Tribe** posted:

Our sincere heartfelt sympathy to you all. We were so very, very sad to hear that Darren had passed on. Remember seeing him for the first time as a newborn and watched him turn into a wonderful, kind young man. My family and I share many fond memories of when the "boys" were young. Sincerely, Pauline, Rick, Michael and Aaron.

January 16 at 12:02 PM

PT

**Pauline Tribe** shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.



January 16 at 11:54 AM

BP

**Brian Patterson** lit a candle in honor of Darren.



January 16 at 10:21 AM



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TO

**Tom** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Darren A. LaGrave

January 16 at 8:29 AM



LF

**Love Your Touro Nicu Friends** sent a Sacred Duty Spray to the LaGrave family.

January 15 at 5:42 PM



DE

**Dee** posted:

Darren was an amazing man I was honored to know. His presence will be greatly missed. The heavens have gained an angel and we have a big loss. May you Rest In Peace my dear and my prayers are with your family. God bless.

January 15 at 5:38 PM

JK

**Jennifer Keaton** posted:

A man of honor and integrity. A sailor, voracious reader, and a businessman, but foremost a father. A fine legacy in a life cut too short. Godspeed, Darren.

January 15 at 5:04 PM

LF

**Love, The Mueller Family** sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the LaGrave family.

January 15 at 4:44 PM



SM

**Steve & Joan Marie** lit a candle in honor of Darren.

January 15 at 3:49 PM





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**Ryan Allain** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the LaGrave family.



January 15 at 3:22 PM



**Ryan Allain** posted:

Darren and I worked together during his time in Tampa and then in Fort Myers. He was a hard worker, very smart, and loyal. He wasn't afraid to speak up and tell if you if you had your head up your butt and boy am I glad I listened... on more than one occasion. I'm glad we got to hang out a few times since we moved back to SW Florida. Darren, thanks for all the lessons you left me with. You had a career that most in the USCG would envy and you were highly respected. My condolences to you Daulton and your family.

January 15 at 10:51 AM



**Natasha Arlos** January 31 at 12:50 PM

May I have you address Ryan?



**Jeff Egelston** posted:

I look forward to meeting many of Darren's friends and family at his funeral on Sunday. My name is Jeff, and I was stationed with Darren in Cape May New Jersey in the early 90s. He was the first person that I laid eyes on when I walked into the station as a new member. He was a salty Boatswain Mate. He taught me a lot of what I know when it comes to driving boats. Although our paths went separate ways after Cape May, we always kept in touch. I had the pleasure of seeing him about a year ago and we spent the day on the water. I texted Darren routinely. I was fortunate enough to speak to him 4 days before his passing. Darren was an amazing individual. A hard worker. An honest man. Proud of his country, and proud of his family. He believed and knew what was right. Darren will forever be in my heart. My deepest condolences go out to all of Darren's friends and especially to his family. I wish all of you the very best during this very tough time.

January 14 at 5:42 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the LaGrave family.



January 14 at 2:37 PM



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**Dennis Clark** posted:

I didn't get to know Darren that well, but I do know that Tash moved from Louisiana to Florida because she fell in love with Darren. Our hearts and prayers are with Darren's family and our niece Tash as we all are waiting patiently for our real lives to begin in our Heavenly Home. Love, Uncle Dennis and Aunt Nanette There is a beautiful song ' Waiting for My Real Life to Begin' by Colin Hay

January 14 at 12:05 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the LaGrave family.



January 14 at 11:30 AM



**Fort Myers Memorial Gardens** shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.



January 14 at 9:39 AM



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Remembering Darren as a kind wonderful young man.





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## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Darren by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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