



Darren Adrian William LaGrave

November 17, 1972 - January 11, 2020

Darren 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 and sign his guestbook.

Events

JAN 19 **Gathering** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home
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JAN 19 **Memorial Service** 11:00AM

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JAN 19 **Military Honors** 11:45AM

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Comments



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NATASHA ARLOS - January 26 at 09:33 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Darren Adrian William LaGrave.



January 20 at 07:35 AM



“ 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.



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Darren Adrian William LaGrave.



January 18 at 11:36 AM



“ Nick Osterhoudt purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Darren Adrian William LaGrave.



Nick Osterhoudt - January 17 at 09:38 AM



“ Daren'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 Daren 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. Daren lives on in all of us.

Nick O
USCG Aviation
Retired



Nick Osterhoudt - January 17 at 09:28 AM



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NATASHA ARLOS - January 16 at 09:46 PM



“ 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.

Pauline Tribe - January 16 at 04:02 PM



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Pauline Tribe - January 16 at 03:54 PM



“ Brian Patterson lit a candle in memory of Darren Adrian William LaGrave



Brian Patterson - January 16 at 02:21 PM



“ Darren A. LaGrave



Tom - January 16 at 12:29 PM



“ Love your Touro NICU friends purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Darren Adrian William LaGrave.



Love your Touro NICU friends - January 15 at 09:42 PM



“ 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.

dee - January 15 at 09:38 PM



“ 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.

Jennifer Keaton - January 15 at 09:04 PM



“ Love, The Mueller Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Darren Adrian William LaGrave.



Love, The Mueller Family - January 15 at 08:44 PM



“ Steve & Joan Marie lit a candle in memory of Darren Adrian William LaGrave



Steve & Joan Marie - January 15 at 07:49 PM



“ Ryan Allain purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Darren Adrian William LaGrave.



Ryan Allain - January 15 at 07:22 PM



“ 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.

Ryan Allain - January 15 at 02:51 PM



“ May I have your address Ryan?

NATASHA ARLOS - January 31 at 04:50 PM



“ 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.

Jeff Egelston - January 14 at 09:42 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Darren Adrian William LaGrave.



January 14 at 06:37 PM



“ 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

Dennis Clark - January 14 at 04:05 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Darren Adrian William LaGrave.



January 14 at 03:30 PM



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Fort Myers Memorial Gardens - January 14 at 01:39 PM