



Darrell M. Bailey

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Friday, November 3, 2017 at 1:08 am, the world lost a wonderful man and we lost our precious Dad, the wisest man we will ever know to complications of HLH/Hemophagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis. He was kind, loving, caring and the center for many people. Our Dad was the backbone for our family and had the best moral compass of anyone we knew. He always provided for his family and made sure we had everything we needed.

Friends would often call asking if we could ask our dad what he would do in their situation because he inevitably had the right answer. A former student of his once wrote that, "as painful as it was when Coach Bailey got ahold of you, you knew you deserved it." He taught us that fair and consistent even though not always popular, would earn you respect. He always instilled in everyone that education was so very important, and he would unfailingly support you when you chose to follow that path. We so hope that he knew how very much he was loved and respected by so many.

Our one hope is that we made him proud and that he could see that his sweat and often tears did make a difference in many people's lives... not just ours.

Our lives will forever be changed but we know without a shadow of a doubt that as soon as we watched him take his last breath, he was with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, completely healed...not suffering, not tired, not anxious and most of all rejoicing on the streets of gold! We will never be the same. Craig and Kara

Darrell M. Bailey was born on June 9, 1944, in Wauchula, Florida, to Acy Clarence and Myrle Bailey. In November of 1963, he married his high school sweetheart, Linda Smith. They celebrated 53 wedding anniversaries together. Craig was born in 1969 and Kara in 1972. He was a 1966 graduate of his beloved Berry College in Rome, GA, and earned his Masters and Education Specialist degrees from Rollins College in Winter Park, FL. Darrell worked in the Polk and Highlands County school systems for more than 37 years as a teacher, coach and administrator. He was a member of Kathleen Baptist Church. After retirement, he enjoyed traveling the country in his motorhome with his wife and close friends, spending time at his cabin



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in Tennessee and watching any UF Gator teams that were in action.

Darrell was preceded in death by his Father and Mother. He is survived by his wife, Linda Smith Bailey of Lakeland, FL, his son, Craig Bailey (Rhonda) of Gainesville, GA, his daughter Kara Bailey-Anguizola (Jelinek) of Lakeland, FL and his brother, James W. Bailey of Lakeland, FL. His grandchildren are Carter Bailey, Nolan Anguizola, Nathan Anguizola, Julissa Anguizola and Jhonatan Anguizola.

In lieu of flowers, Darrell requested that donations be made to either the Kathleen Baptist Church Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (3939 2nd St NW, Lakeland, FL 33810) or St. Jude Childrens Hospital (<https://www.stjude.org/give.html>).




Visitation will be held on Tuesday, November 7th from 5:00-6:00 pm at Kathleen Baptist Church (3939 2nd St NW, Lakeland, FL 33810) to be immediately followed by a celebration of life service. Graveside service will be held on Wednesday, November 8th at 10 am at Serenity Gardens (3350 Mall Hill Dr, Lakeland, FL 33810).



Events




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Visitation

-  **Tuesday**, November 7, 2017
-  5:00 PM - 6:00 PM ET
-  **Kathleen Baptist Church**
3939 2nd St NW, Lakeland FL 33810






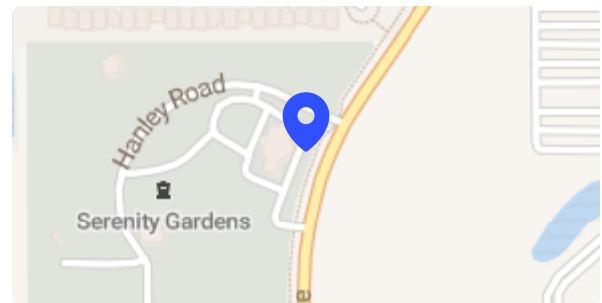
church service

-  **Tuesday**, November 7, 2017
-  6:00 PM ET
-  **Kathleen Baptist Church**
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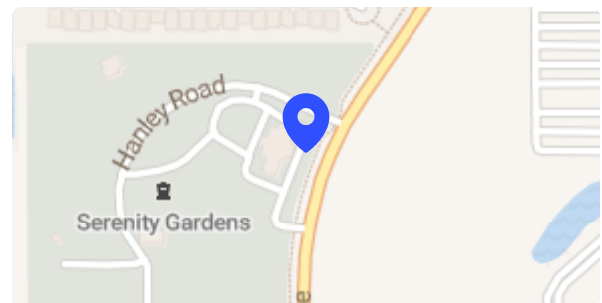
Burial

-  **Wednesday**, November 8, 2017
-  10:00 AM ET
-  **Serenity Gardens - Cemetery**
3350 Mall Hill Drive, Lakeland FL 33810



Cemetery Details

-  **Serenity Gardens - Cemetery**
3350 Mall Hill Drive, Lakeland FL 33810
-  **863-853-5959**



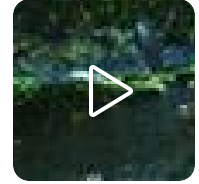


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Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes shared a **Tribute Video**.



November 6 at 11:40 AM



Susan Brewer posted:

A beautiful life well lived for the Lord. Darrell was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather whom we shall meet again on those golden shores. Prayers and peace to his family and friends. Susan Brewer from Kathleen Baptist Church

November 7 at 12:41 PM



Fanguy posted:

Bailey Family, The tribute wall was heart touching. It was beautiful. You all will have memories to last a lifetime. Thank you for sharing. Praying for you all at this difficult time. Understand His Purpose There's a purpose for each petal That graces every flower, There's a purpose to each second In each minute in each hour, There's a purpose to each sunrise That lights the sky each day --- And a purpose to each trail We find along life's way, And although a purpose might not be revealed at once to man, Nothing in God's kingdoms without a perfect plan! Helen Steiner Rice God bless you all. Cyrus and Renee Fanguy

November 7 at 10:42 AM



Loretta Cameron posted:

There are so many stories, so many memories, that I find it impossible to share just one. I have the utmost respect for this man who was like a brother to me. My heart grieves for his family, as the loss of a loved one is never easy. My comfort is knowing that one day we will rejoice together on the streets of gold, joined by an eternal bond of being a part of the family of Christ. Until then, brother Darrell, Godspeed. Loretta Bellucci Cameron

November 7 at 9:22 AM



Laurie Adams posted:

Mr. Bailey was a wonderful Boss as our Principal. I'll always remember him coming out of his office and jiggling his keys, making jokes during the busy work days. He knew how to work yet make everyone feel happy. He will be missed.

November 6 at 2:07 PM



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The Gainesville Middle School Band sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Bailey family.

November 6 at 11:44 AM



Julie Gunter posted:

Coach Bailey was a good friend of my dads (James Denham)- two of the most dedicated teachers ever to walk the campus of KJHS. I had the privilege of visiting Mr. Bailey two years ago in the hospital... so glad I was able to visit with him. My sincere condolences to his family

November 6 at 11:09 AM



Mary Buckner lit a candle in honor of Darrell.

Linda, Craig, Kara. and all the family, may God Bless each of you during this time with strength and peace. Darrell's Legacy will live on forever and the impact on the people's lives he touched. He was a wonderful man the world was blessed to have him, thank you all for sharing him with all of us. I know he loved all of you and was extremely proud of your accomplishments. Rest in Peace Darrell, Heaven gained another special Angel on November 3rd. Daniel, Devlon, Mynu and I thank you ,Linda and Kara for being there for us when we lost Ted. Your love and support will never be forgotten and we want you to know we are here for you . You all are in our prayers. Our Love to all of you.....Carol Buckner

November 6 at 11:08 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Bailey family.

November 6 at 10:18 AM



Karen Henderson posted:

Words will never express how sorry I am to hear about the passing of your father. I will keep you and your family in my prayers during this difficult time. Karen Henderson (GMS)

November 6 at 6:24 AM



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Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Bailey family.



November 5 at 4:09 PM



Linda Summers posted:

I knew Darrell through his life-long friendship with my brother, Terrell Nail. Over 16-years ago my daughter found herself quite ill and struggling academically. Darrell gave us wise advice and she decided to stay the course and not to pursue a GED instead of a HS diploma. She healed, graduated HS and went on to complete a Master's Degree. I'm forever grateful for Darrell's wisdom. I'm so sorry for your loss, but so thankful for the legacy left by such a good man.

November 5 at 3:17 PM



Sandra Bath posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. Darrell was a fine man and I always enjoyed visiting with him. Prayers for all of you. Sandra Bath

November 5 at 1:58 PM



Michele Turner posted:

I am so very sorry for your family's loss, Craig. My prayers are with you and your family as you seek God's peace and comfort at this difficult time. -Michele Turner (GMS)

November 5 at 1:53 PM



Sue Shelton posted:

I will always remember Darrell as a great friend and wonderful boss.

November 5 at 12:18 PM



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Bob & Sandy Treadway November 19 at 5:51 PM

Blessings to one and all, may the peace of our Lord JESUS CHRIST grant comfort in this difficult time, it won't be long to the great reunion at the marriage feast of the Lamb. Bob & Sandy Treadway

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Carol Hutchinson November 8 at 1:16 PM

That was the most beautiful thing I have ever read.



Memories only last if you share them

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



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