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A private funeral service celebrating the life of Darius S. Shackelford, 24 of Youngstown, formerly of Newark will be held with Pastor Steven Osborne officiating. Private burial will be at Newark Memorial Gardens.

Darius passed away tragically February 7, 2021 as the result of an automobile accident in Youngstown. He was born December 11, 1996 in Newark to Ronald Agin of Newark and Danielle Shackelford of Gahanna.

Darius was a student at Youngstown State University where he was a scholarship wide receiver on the Youngstown State University football team. Darius attended Newark High School from 2011-2015 where he lettered in three varsity sports (Baseball, Basketball and Football). Darius was a beloved Son, Brother, Grandson, Godson, Nephew, Cousin, Friend, Teammate, and Mentor. His bigger than life personality and the light from within could be felt the moment he entered a room. His grandparents must have known something was very special about Darius at the time when they nicknamed him the moniker King Darius from the Bible or KD for short.

In addition to his parents, Darius is survived by his maternal grandparents, Daniel and Marie Shackelford, Sr. of Newark; paternal grandparents, Charlotte Agin of Newark and Randy (Gennie) Agin of Newark; brothers, Devonta F. Shackelford, Dominique T. Shackelford, Tyler Smith, Jordin Agin, Chase Smith and Xavier Agin, all of Newark; sisters, Noel Smith of Columbus and Mila Agin of Newark; uncles, Daniel (Jennifer) Shackelford, Jr., Damian (Rachel) Shackelford, Randy (Heidi) Agin, all of Newark; aunts, D'wan (Derick) Vickroy of Lancaster, Tina Agin-Hollins of Newark; God parents, George and Kim Cross, special God family, Jackie (Cory) Britton, Colten Britton, Mackenzi Britton; Numerous extended family Shackelford, Allen, and Agin; girlfriend, Taylor Bell; special friends, Khayle Woods, Dustin Stoneburner, Kaysey Brokaw, Jordan Dartis, Julian Williams, Jacob Snelling; along with a host of friends and teammates.

Darius was preceded in death by his brother, Cornelius Matthew Shackelford.



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Darius will lay in repose in the Newark High School Auditorium, 314 Granville St., Newark on Saturday, February 13, 2021 from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. Due to pandemic concerns, those in attendance will be screened, must wear face coverings, and will be asked to process socially distanced through the auditorium to pay tribute to Darius.

A special thank you to great uncle Samuel Shackelford for your assistance during this time.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Darius S. Shackelford Foundation, P.O. Box 825, Newark, OH 43058-0825.

The Newark Chapel of Vensil & Chute Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.



Tribute Wall

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NA

Nastashia posted:

My love is with you. Shack was a good friend to me, and always made me feel welcomed. I am truly grateful to have known him. As I sit here, I'm still in so much disbelief. I pray for your healing.

February 25 at 5:39 AM

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February 25 at 5:39 AM

RB

Rosbee45@Yahoo.Com Berry posted:

Our deepest condolences to the family, we will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. Love Lorraine and Danita Berry

February 16 at 6:34 AM

MB

Molly Boorn posted:

You are a great brother, a great godson, you will be missed a lot. We love you rest in heaven Dar.

February 15 at 9:34 PM

SG

Sha Ron E. Grice posted:

May the love of friends and family carry you through your grief. And may the Creator continually embrace you all with his loving arms throughout this time of sorrow. Peace & Many Blessings.

February 15 at 4:44 PM

HE

Hope B. Ellis posted:

MY SINCERE SYMPATHY FOR THE LOSS OF YOUR FAMILY MEMBER. MAY THE GOOD LORD BLESS AND KEEP YOU ALL.

February 14 at 10:42 AM



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AN

Annette posted:

My heart broke when I walked in the auditorium, but I was able to find some consolation in seeing how many people cared. Although my son graduated with him, he never really got the chance to know him well. His grandmother drove the bus for my children, and his grandfather lived in our neighborhood. Our prayers are with the family at this time of bereavement. May God bring you comfort with good memories.

February 14 at 3:26 AM

JS

Jannet Sprague posted:

im so sorry for your loss. it hits home when you know the family. Darius played ball with my grandson. prayers to the family

February 13 at 12:45 PM

DG

Dolly Garrett posted:

As the days and weeks pass, and as you return to life's routine, may you continue to feel comforted by the love and support of family and friends.

February 13 at 11:01 AM

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February 13 at 10:57 AM



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BV

Brad Voegele posted:

I wasn't around Darius in person over the years, other than in passing during high school football, as I lived out of state, and out of Newark for much of Darius's time here on earth. However, as a lifelong friend of his father Ronald, a beam of pride always shone bright in his fathers eyes anytime he spoke of his son Darius, He spoke of his Darius having a sensitive side and a heart full of what I would call compassion and love for all in his orbit, as his spirit was and is a beacon of light that lit up the world around him, like many kids- over the years Darius had both family and friends involved in raising and supporting him in his school and home-life, there was a common theme whenever his name came up among family and friends, it consisted of happiness/smiles and a genuine endearment of the boy and over time, Man they knew Darius to be, an example of what a good steward of life looked like, One who loved his neighbors in life, be they family/friends or teammates from his sporting life, or simply a fellow man, woman or child. Darius lived and loved life, and I'm sure his heart and mind were open to the very end, his spirit will transcend this world and overlook us here on earth. May he rest in peace and leave solace in the hearts of those who mourn the loss of his presence here on earth. In loving memory, your honorary Uncle, Brad V.

February 13 at 7:54 AM

JY

Jeff And Jessica Young posted:

May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.

February 13 at 4:28 AM

JG

Jamie Gaddis posted:

My heart breaks to hear of this happening to such a great young man and his awesome family I have known his family a very long time and meet him as a young little boy and got the privilege of watching him grow into a teenager and a young man and a very talented man my heart and prayers go out to him and his family

February 12 at 10:39 PM

SF

Shannon Family posted:

Prayers and condolences

February 12 at 3:46 PM



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BC

Bud Carlson posted:

What a pleasure to watch a young man excel at sports. I so enjoyed you playing basketball, baseball and football. Always being a role model to those younger that looked up to you. You were a special young man. You have left us way too soon. You will be missed by all who supported you. God Bless you!

February 12 at 1:37 PM

GS

Gayla Stromer posted:

Shackelford Family My most sincere and deepest condolences to my family as we remember Darius. Please remember his smile, his passion for life and who he was as a person. His nana Marie (my aunt) made sure that Darius along with his brothers Devonta and Dominique knew the lord. I hope that knowing that Darius knew the lord brings comfort, during this difficult time. May the memories of Darius live on in our hearts for eternity. Love cousin Gayla

February 12 at 11:26 AM

GS

Gayla Stromer posted:

To Danielle, Devonta and Dominique My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Know that God is beside you and carrying you during this difficult time. Please cherish the good times and the wonderful memories that you shared with Darius. May God Bless you and continue to keep you. Love Gayla and Kayla

February 12 at 11:07 AM

CS

Cinda And Joe Sanborn posted:

wonderful young man. So sorry to hear this.. May God be with you

February 12 at 10:45 AM

HH

Hunter Hutchinson posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

February 12 at 10:14 AM



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DG

Doug Gill posted:

Your family are in my prayers!

February 12 at 8:11 AM

KB

Ken Brayer posted:

As long time season ticket holders for YSU football, we had the pleasure of watching Darius demonstrate his skills on many occasions. He was a gentleman on and off the field and would greet campus visitors and fellow class mates with a huge smile and friendly wave. Darius was respected by his fellow players and fans alike for his work ethic and competitive spirit. Ken and Fran Brayer

February 12 at 8:09 AM

RC

Ruth Williams (Clay) posted:

Grief can be so hard, but our special memories help us cope. Remembering you and your loved one today and always.

February 12 at 7:28 AM

TE

Tamara Enright posted:

My thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends. Darius spent a few times with us in our home, hanging out by the pool with our sons. He was always very respectful, grateful, funny and loving. He touch not only my sons lives but our whole family. He will truly be missed!

February 12 at 6:08 AM

GB

Gary / Penny Babcock posted:

Love, Thoughts and Prayers to the family at this time of great loss

February 12 at 5:29 AM



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EF

Edwina Flemister posted:

God sent his angels to rescue you he open the gates to welcome you in even though he knew the sorrow would be in mini hearts that you left behind morning you're passing all the ones that knows the Lord knows that you are In the best hands you could ever be in may your soul rest In Peace from your great aunt

February 12 at 4:37 AM

FK

Fred And Mindy Kelly posted:

May God wrap his arms tight around all of u during this very hard time So very sorry

February 12 at 2:58 AM

JU

Judy posted:

Darius was a good kid, I had the pleasure of watching him play at Newark High School. My heart goes out to his family.

February 12 at 1:06 AM

SM

Shella Miller posted:

You were a great person who taught many. God has you now. Prayers for your family as they lay you to rest. I am Isaiah Dansby's grandma and watched you thrive as a youngster. Shella Miller

February 12 at 12:03 AM

MA

Mattie posted:

This one hurt ; Still shocking to me .. We grew up together , Lived right there on Spencer street .. I'm definitely going to miss you so much brother !! I LOVE U - ALWAYS & FOREVER

February 11 at 6:22 PM



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LT

Lawrence Thomas posted:

Been trying to occupy my mind. Tonight doing house work. Listening to "Kirk Franklin radio" on pandora. Singing and crying for a few hours. Darius, my son how beautiful you were. What joy was your disposition. Your talents were so vast. I remember a time when you were 13. You were throwing the football over my house from the back yard to Dominique who was on the street. I was always captivated at your lovely, pure, innocent, magnificent adoration for all those people you Loved. Thank you for allowing me a bit role in your wonderful life. Blessings upon blessings till we see one another when I get my crown. Only, you will be guiding me and I won't be trying to get you to eat your vegetables.

February 11 at 5:59 PM

SF

Scott Family posted:

May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.

February 11 at 5:52 PM

VI

Victoria posted:

We went to school together and you will be missed by many people

February 11 at 5:22 PM

LC

Linda Cartwright posted:

Deepest sympathies to family, friends, teammates and all who had the pleasure to know Darius. Darius was such an amazing person inside and out, he knew no strangers, always had a smile and gave the biggest hugs! Shine bright in the stars Dar! You are a true inspiration! Love, Linda, Rob, Konner and Kamryn

February 11 at 4:42 PM

MH

Melanie Hottinger posted:

We will never forget you Darius, I will forever keep all the memories close to my heart. I am blessed to have known you since you was like 7 years old playing baseball with Cory. #Vaughnboys. Gone way to soon, RIP Darius

February 11 at 3:48 PM



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JY

Janet Rodden-Yost posted:

Darius, you were such a wonderful addition to the human race! I loved watching you play football, and especially basketball. You were quite the athlete and so much fun to watch! Your personality lit up a room and you made everyone feel like a friend! You will be sorely missed by your extended Newark family! RIH Darius ♥!!

February 11 at 3:08 PM

VB

Vanessa Black posted:

In loving memory of a wonderful person. I will love you and miss you always. Praying for the family with y'all in spirit ♥

February 11 at 3:05 PM

CC

Christi Coleman posted:

My deepest condolences and comforting prayers for all the family and friends. It is a great loss and tragedy that Darius is no longer with us. He is greatly missed already!! I have really enjoyed the times that I had to spend with him. Lighting up a room every time he walked into it! Rest In Peace Shack, we love and miss you!! Love, Mama Christi and family

February 11 at 2:31 PM

JG

Jeff Grindrod posted:

Please allow me to express my condolences for this loss to a great family. My thoughts and prayers are with you during tragic time.

February 11 at 2:20 PM

BF

Bonnie Fannin posted:

I'm so sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed watching him play ball. Prayers for comfort and precious memories of your loved one. Sincerely, Bonnie Fannin

February 11 at 1:45 PM



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PS

Pia Strong posted:

With deepest sympathy. May memories of your loved one comfort you through your sorrow. May the moments you shared always live in your heart. God bless.

February 11 at 1:14 PM

RP

Ron Priest posted:

I m so so sorry to hear of all your loss. I never go to know Darius but I do know Dan real well and I know Dan showed him the way to treat people and to a treat people the way he would want to be treated. He had to be a good man and may he Rest In Peace. My prayers go out to all of you..

February 11 at 12:02 PM

TG

The Galihers posted:

Our family would like to extend our deepest sympathies to the families, friends and teammates of Darius. My son was a freshman on the Newark football team with Darius...and we were able to see him from time to time as his father is our neighbor. We are just so unbelievably sorry.

February 11 at 11:36 AM

AB

Amy Bentley posted:

With my deepest sympathies. Thinking of the entire Shackelford family during this difficult time. Praying you find peace in the midst of your grief.

February 11 at 11:09 AM

PD

Peg Dunlap posted:

I'm so Sorry for your loss.My Thoughts and Prayers are with the Family.

February 11 at 5:07 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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