



Darnell H. Potter

September 18, 1978 - September 9, 2015

Darnell Hamilton Potter was born on September 18, 1978 in Lakenheath, England. He was the youngest of four children born to Rudell Sr. and Alice Faye Potter and was lovingly known as "My Baby."

Darnell answered the Lord's call to come home early in the morning on September 9, 2015. Even though he was at his parent's home in Dover, Delaware, there was no time to say I love you or good-bye.

He attended the public schools in Dover, DE, graduating in 1996. His accomplishments included: 1996 Outstanding Musical Accomplishment - All State Musical Chorus. Darnell was also a member of the Select Ensemble Choir, the marching band and was a Drum Major during both his junior and senior years.

Darnell received the ROTC Outstanding Service and Conduct in Competitive Drill and Outstanding Achievement AFJROTC in Academics Awards. He was also a recipient of A Young Achievers Award and a Whatcoat U.M. Church Bessie McDowell Scholarship Award.

After graduating high school, he attended Delaware State College, known today as Delaware State University, with a major in Comprehensive Music Education. He was a member of the Approaching Storm Marching Band.

As a member of Whatcoat United Methodist Church, Darnell served as an Acolyte and he enriched the music department with sweet melodies from his Alto, Tenor and Soprano saxophones.

Darnell worked for many years at Citibank US as a Client Experience

Manager where he handled the ExxonMobil and Shell Oil accounts.

He enjoyed music, cars, traveling, movies and cheering for his favorite team, The Pittsburgh Steelers.

In addition to his parents, Darnell leaves to cherish his memories: his sisters, Faye Gaston (Gregory) of Magnolia, Delaware and Kimberly Jackson (Anthony) of Coatesville, Pennsylvania; a brother, Rudell Potter, Jr. of Dover, Delaware; his nieces and nephews: Tyorzel*, Natasha, Ashley, Joshua, Caleb, NiChelle, Diane, Jonathon, Anthony, Jordon, Samara, and Isaiah; a host of special aunts, uncles, special family friends: Olivia Thomas, Robin Klein, Kathy Hayes as well as many other family members and friends and his beloved cat, Chester.

*Tyorzel passed away within 24 hours of Darnell's passing.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Darnell H. Potter, please visit our Heartfelt Sympathies Store.

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“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.” - Matthew 5:4.

No one can prepare you for a loss, as there are times when it comes like a swift wind. However, please take comfort in knowing that Darnell is now resting in the arms of our Lord.

We extend our deepest condolences to you and your family during this time of grief and sorrow, and we will continue to cover you in prayer everyday.

The Campbell, Royal and Williams Families - October 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BC

“My prayers and condolences for the Potter family. I worked for Rudell Sr. in England and remember when Darnell was born. I also worked for Rudell Sr. at Dover AFB. It is very heartbreaking to lose a child and I pray GOD gives the family peace.

Bill Collins - September 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JG

“I am so sorry for your loss. Have been praying for all of the Potter family and will continue to in the days ahead. He was such a special guy and had such a big heart. He will always have a special place in my heart and will be missed. He was loved so very much.

Jody Garcia - September 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Darnell. We spent a lot of hours in the past ten years talking and laughing. Those Steelers will play for you. I talked you through Citi. I love you. You were my friend. A bear in Bear, DE on Bear. Your candle burned out way to soon. Brad

Brad Carnes - September 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Our dear Brother & Sister R H POTTER and family:

*Deepest sympathies in this time of bereavement!
Draw strength from The Good LORD!*

Yours lovingly: WinstonTheGREAT Jamaica Lumsden.

Dr. WinstonTheGREAT Jamaica Lumsden - September 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ When I think of Darnell, several words come to mind; Joyful, Happy, Sunny and Fun. I will always remember Darnell and his wonderful smile. His smile could always make me feel better. He was always happy and joking and so much fun to be around. Darnell and I were in band and AFJROTC together. We had a lot of fun. Truly the world has become a little darker without him in it. My love and condolences to Darnells family at this time.

Jackie Conrad Etzweiler - September 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NI

“ You were a big teddy bear, always ready with a smile and laugh. Your memory will live on, you will be missed SO very much. While here you didn't know how much of an impact you had on so many, may you be blessed in your next adventure. Many hugs to your family, your ROTC friends will miss you always.
Much love,
Nina

Nina - September 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ My brother from another mother is gone... I wish him well in his resting place and wish I could be there today. Hugs and thoughts are with his family and friends

Robin Potter - September 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ May Darnell's family and friends find strength and comfort in this time of loss. I had the fortune and privilege of working with Darnell at Citi. He was a trusted colleague and friend, a positive influence in both work and friendship, and he will be missed by many. I will miss his good spirited taunts for being foolish enough to root for any team other than the Steelers. And, I'll always remember the smile on his face upon completing another challenging, but successful week at work, putting on his "shades" and heading out into another well deserved weekend with friends and family. God bless.

Christine Riblett - September 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AA

“ My heart is saddened by the news of Darnell's death. Please know that I, too, grieve for the dear Potter family, most especially his wonderful parents and siblings. My prayers are that you will be supported by knowing that God's grace and mercy will get you through. May God rest his soul.

Peace and love,
Althea W. Armstrong

Althea W. Armstrong - September 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Praying for the Potter family. Thinking of you at this time.

Mitzi Mack - September 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy in the loss of your loved one. Death is an enemy to mankind, but Almighty God promises that in the near future He is going to remove death, sickness and pain. (Revelation 21:3&4) The bible also gives us hope of being reunited with our loved ones again. It tells us at John 5:28&29 that those who are asleep in death will be resurrected. So please take comfort in the bible during your time of grief and may your entire family be comforted and blessed.

Doretha Sampson - September 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ I am so deeply saddened by the sudden loss of my cousin Darnell. Unfortunately I never got the chance to meet him - however we chatted many, many, times on FB. I will remember the good conversations we had about football and will always, always, keep him in my heart.

Love you cousin.

Margo A. Potter - September 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ *To Darnell's Family:*
I am so very sorry for the loss of your Son and Brother. He was a great guy, always cheerful, and so many people loved him. I worked with Darnell at Citibank and got to know him that way. my last memory of him was from a few weeks ago when I tragically lost my mother. He reached out to me during that time and it truly meant a lot to me.

I will continue to pray for your family and will never forget Darnell.
Sincerely,
Tara Hilton

Tara Hilton - September 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ *My deepest heart felt sympathy goes out to all of Darnell's family and friends. We all truly lost a piece of our heart and will always remember the kind gentle soul that he was. I will cherish all the good times that we had until we meet again my friend. All my love.*

Carrie Ayers - September 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Darnell was a special person who loved and accepted people just as they were. I will cherish his memory always. I pray God continues to bless and comfort the family during this difficult time.*

Amy Richardson - September 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM