



Coach Darwin Valentine

December 26, 1951 - January 17, 2023

Darwin Keith Valentine of Hockley, TX passed away January 17, 2023 after a battle with pancreatic cancer. Darwin was born December 26, 1951 in Jackson, Ohio to the late Coit Albert Valentine and Flossie Cosby Valentine.

A 1970 graduate of Jackson High School, Jackson, Ohio where he excelled in academics and sports. In 1969 and 1970 he was named MVP of the SEOAL and was all Ohioan in football. Darwin was awarded a full football scholarship to attend Central State University, Wilberforce, Ohio where he also set records.

Darwin was a man who tried to accomplish everything he wanted for himself and his family. After graduation from Central State University, he became an offensive coordinator for his alma mater Central State and later followed head coach Jim McKinley to North Carolina A&T, Greensboro, NC. He continued his football coaching career at Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, TX, Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA, Tennessee State University, Nashville, TN and Alabama State University, Montgomery, AL. He retired from coaching college and returned to Hockley, TX where he taught Health and PE at Klein Middle School.

Darwin leaves behind those that will cherish his memories:

His partner of 30 years, Caroline Stevenson, five children, Craig, Byron, Aaron, Darrick and Brittany Valentine all of Hockley, TX and their mother Martina Lynn Valentine, Cleveland, OH, step-daughters, Ronisha and Rainisha Stevenson and leaves behind 13 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren. He also leaves behind his brothers, James Valentine, Columbus, Ohio, Kenneth Valentine, Chillicothe, Ohio and sisters Brenda Varney, Jackson, Ohio, and Rhonda Valentine, Columbus, Ohio, one uncle, Darold Cosby, Columbus, Ohio and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings Norma Valentine, Melody K. Colquitt and Coit D. Valentine. Darwin wished to thank all of the men that he coached over the years for his successes and for becoming the men that they are. He wanted to thank each of them that came to visit him and the numerous players and friends that called.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 27. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Singleton & Sons Funeral Home
627 New Orleans
Hempstead, TX 77445
(979) 826-2425
info@singletonandsonsfh.com
<https://www.singletonandsonsfh.com>

Funeral Service

JAN 28. 2:00 PM (CT)

Singleton & Sons Funeral Home
627 New Orleans
Hempstead, TX 77445
(979) 826-2425
info@singletonandsonsfh.com
<https://www.singletonandsonsfh.com>

Live stream link

JAN 28. 2:00 PM (CT)

Singleton & Sons Funeral Home
627 New Orleans
Hempstead, TX 77445
(979) 826-2425
info@singletonandsonsfh.com
<https://www.singletonandsonsfh.com>

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064076318562&mibextid=LQQJ4d>

Tribute Wall

AV

“ *Love you Uncle....*

Andrea Valentine - February 05, 2023 at 01:36 PM

PH

“ *Our deepest condolences to the family of Coach Darwin Valentine. So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this most painful time.*

Phillip & Cece Hill - January 29, 2023 at 03:54 PM

MB

“ *Condolences to the family. So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family..*
Mike & Janet Barbee



Mike and Janet Barbee - January 29, 2023 at 01:29 AM

BE

“ *I am so glad I was able to reconnect with Coach Val before he got really ill. I will miss my weekly conversations with him. He was a brave brave soul. Through it all, he continued looking forward and living each and every day. RIP Coach Val. Personally, I am happy he shared his life with me; I am elated to know My Coach is not suffering, not in pain and or discomfort; He is resting peacefully, watching, hovering and guiding over all those he cared about. I WILL MISS YOU. THANK YOU!*

Billy J. Mims, Ed.D. - January 28, 2023 at 04:45 PM

KP

“ Rest high on that mountain Darwin. You’ve earned it. I wish that I could have seen you more after our graduation. I still remember our days in elementary school. You were a great friend. I’ll see you again my friend. RIP

Keith Parks - January 28, 2023 at 12:07 PM



“ Coach Darwin Valentine

January 28, 2023 at 11:58 AM

EJ

“ Elma Johnson lit a candle in memory of Coach Darwin Valentine



Elma Johnson - January 28, 2023 at 11:50 AM

SB

“ Sandra Branch lit a candle in memory of Coach Darwin Valentine



Sandra Branch - January 28, 2023 at 09:46 AM

TB

“ My condolences to the Valentine family and friends. Coach Val was my offensive line coach at NCA&T. He was a very good coach and provided life teaching guidance to me and other players. Rest easy Coach Val. Get them ready for 5th period Power Drill. 🌹🙏.
Prayers of comfort,
Thomas Boone

Thomas Boone - January 27, 2023 at 05:59 PM

RC

“ Rusty & Maria Cosby lit a candle in memory of Coach Darwin Valentine



Rusty & Maria Cosby - January 27, 2023 at 04:31 PM

RC

R.I.H. DARWIN

Rusty Cosby - January 27, 2023 at 04:34 PM



You touched the lives of so many young men and was a positive influence and role model. Job well done Coach Val!!!

Les Blackburn
AGGIE PRIDE

Les Blackburn - January 28, 2023 at 01:51 PM

JA

“ Coach Val was a great man who cared a lot about others. He showed concern for me during my battle with cancer. I am forever grateful to him for that. Condolences to his family. RIP Coach Valentine!

Johnny Alston - January 27, 2023 at 12:44 PM

JA

“ Johnny Alston lit a candle in memory of Coach Darwin Valentine



Johnny Alston - January 27, 2023 at 12:34 PM

DS

“ Coach Val. Our talks in the last several months were priceless! The wisdom and understanding you imparted as my Coach at N. C. A&T, I was able to hand down to my lineman. It was truly an honor knowing you and being a part of your life! D. Spicely Aggies for Life!

Donald Spicely - January 27, 2023 at 10:25 AM

PB

I will forever see that big smile walking the halls of Jackson High School. And scoring touchdowns at JHS. The class of 70 will always remember Darwin with a smile! ❤️

Pam Beatty - January 27, 2023 at 02:56 PM

PV

“ RIP Darwin you will be sadly missed now your sisters and brother is on the other side to welcome you home you made it and until we meet again love you cuz

Priscilla Valentine - January 27, 2023 at 10:17 AM

AV

My dad finally gets to see his brother again...love you uncle...my daddy Coit is there waiting for you...

Andrea Valentine - February 05, 2023 at 01:39 PM

BS

“ *Coach. Thanks for taking a chance on me back in 1988 from St. Augustine High School in New Orleans, Louisiana. It was because of you that we all attended Alabama State University from the New Orleans area. I will miss you dearly. I am glad I was able to spend time with you before you transitioned. We spent many hours on the phone as well. Love you coach.*

Brantley Williams Sr. - January 26, 2023 at 03:36 PM

CT

Hi Brantley lost your number thanks for continuing to be his friend. His cousin in Virginia.

Carol Cosby Tillar - January 26, 2023 at 08:10 PM

MS

“ *Darwin, It has been a pleasure getting to know you during our Central State University Days! You kindness will always be cherished by me! You made your mark on the world as an awesome coach and friend to many! Rest Well, Coach Val! Love, Marsha Stacey Walton*



Marsha Stacey - January 26, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Coach Darwin Valentine.*



January 25, 2023 at 01:25 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Coach Darwin Valentine.*



January 25, 2023 at 11:21 AM



“ *Kathryn Thompson lit a candle in memory of Coach Darwin Valentine*



Kathryn Thompson - January 23, 2023 at 09:47 AM



“ *Rest in peace Coach. May God give comfort to your family.*



Ida & JoKeisha & girls - January 23, 2023 at 08:24 AM

CV

“ *Christina Valentine-Goines lit a candle in memory of Coach Darwin Valentine*



Christina Valentine-Goines - January 22, 2023 at 11:27 PM

TW

“ *Thaddeus & Sally Williams lit a candle in memory of Coach Darwin Valentine*



Thaddeus & Sally Williams - January 22, 2023 at 09:37 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Coach Darwin Valentine.*



January 22, 2023 at 02:25 PM

RB

“ *Coach Valentine has been a great friend who I have known since 1974, we have worked together at three HBCU's He was a great offensive line coach and has produced several players to be in the NFL.*

Ronald Beard - January 22, 2023 at 02:16 PM

MS

“ Coach Valentine was a very simple man and he didn't ask for much. He was a wonderful soul and I enjoyed being around. He gave me strong advice when I really needed it. He lived a full life and he accomplished all his goals. I appreciate him so much and I'm so glad he's in a better place at this time. Walk with God for the rest of your days.

Machelle Snyder - January 22, 2023 at 11:08 AM

SC

“ Jackson, Ohio's star football player.

Sandra Channell - January 22, 2023 at 08:59 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Coach Darwin Valentine.



January 21, 2023 at 09:30 PM

DW

“ To all the family. Prayers to you all. Sorry for your loss! I can remember when you guys all rode my Dad's bus. Prayers

Donnie Wills - January 21, 2023 at 08:12 PM

BV

“ To a great brother that I will never forget our days in Texas and in Ohio together. I will never forget talking to you every day. Love you brother and some day we will meet again.



Brenda Valentine Varney - January 21, 2023 at 07:06 PM

SH

“ A great cousin I will miss all our conversations what great memories I will always cherish from our childhood and most recent years ❤️
May you now find peace and rest

Shelia - January 21, 2023 at 06:50 PM

MD

“ Maria Delgado lit a candle in memory of Coach Darwin Valentine



Maria Delgado - January 21, 2023 at 06:47 PM

DM

“ Deborah Martin lit a candle in memory of Coach Darwin Valentine



Deborah Martin - January 21, 2023 at 06:30 PM

KV

“ *The family!*



Kenny Valentine - January 21, 2023 at 04:12 PM

BR

“ *I am the daughter (Brittany), I will cherish every moment that we spent together. There is nothing like the love we had for each other, no matter how near or far we are. I will miss my big baby as he called me fat baby.*



Brittany - January 21, 2023 at 02:51 PM

KV

Absolutely beautiful Brittany❤️❤️

Kenny Valentine - January 21, 2023 at 04:58 PM

TO

“ *Saddened to hear of Darwin's passing. He was an outstanding player and leader for our HS team. I'll always remember his big smile and winning attitude.*

I hope his family is able to find comfort in this time of grief.

Terry Osborne

terry osborne - January 21, 2023 at 02:33 PM

KV

“ *Brotherly Love!*
James, Darwin & Kenny



Kenny Valentine - January 21, 2023 at 12:36 PM

TR

I am saddened by the passing of your brother, Kenny. I remember Darwin at Central State University....playing football and later coaching. He was quiet, but would always flash that bright smile of his! Please accept my sincere condolences. My prayer for you and your family is for comfort and strength in the difficult days ahead.

Tina Robinson

Tina Robinson - January 23, 2023 at 09:21 AM

KV

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Kenny Vsentine - January 21, 2023 at 12:30 PM

JV

“ *Precious Memories*
WRITTEN BY: BOB DYLAN

*As I travel down life's pathway,
Know not what the years may hold.
As I ponder, hopes grow fonder,
Precious memories flood my soul*

*Precious father, loving mother,
Glide across the lonely years.
And old homes scenes of my childhood in fond memory appears.*

*Precious memories, how they linger
How they ever flood my soul.
In the stillness of the midnight,
Precious sacred scenes unfold.
♪♪ Sending love!*

Joanna Valentine - January 21, 2023 at 11:30 AM

ED

“ *Coach Darwin Valentine was my Pilot, that's what I called him. He made sure they would come pick me up when I was off to spend time with them and I'll never forget 'My Pilot.'*
Rest Well Thy Good and Faithful Servant 🙏🙏

Ella Douglas - January 21, 2023 at 11:28 AM

DS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Dr George M Small - January 21, 2023 at 11:19 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Coach Darwin Valentine.



January 21, 2023 at 11:17 AM

JJ

“ Jacqueline Jeffery lit a candle in memory of Coach Darwin Valentine



Jacqueline Jeffery - January 21, 2023 at 11:04 AM

KV

“ I loved you brother! You always tried to look after me. My sincere condolences to all the friends and family that will miss you dearly. Prayers for strength for your beautiful children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. I saw the smile each of you put on his face. Rest in Heavenly Peace, until we meet again.

Kenny Valentine - January 21, 2023 at 11:02 AM

WB

My deepest condolences to the family of a truly great man and Coach. Thanks for all you've done for me!!

Wheeler Brown - January 21, 2023 at 11:20 AM

RP

“ *Peace and blessings to coach Val and his family. It goes beyond words how much his acquaintance has meant to me and my family. I'll be forever indebted to you coach, you help change this country boys life. Thanks for recruiting me to A&T. I still have the business card you gave me in the fall of 1978. May you continue to rest in peace.*



Randall Ponder - January 21, 2023 at 10:47 AM

DS

“ *AGGIE PRIDE!*

CLASS OF 79'



Dr George M Small - January 21, 2023 at 10:43 AM

JF

“ I met Darwin, Coach Val, early in his coaching career at North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro. we spent a lot of time on the road together, and he really taught me a lot of what I think I know about football. He always had a positive attitude, lots of energy, and above all he cared about young people. He loved his players, and his players loved him right back.

We both left A&T to pursue our respective professional careers. While we didn't stay in touch regularly, we did keep up with each other through mutual friends like Coach Ron Beard .

May Val rest comfortably in peace.

Joe Faust

joseph faust - January 21, 2023 at 10:42 AM

DS

Well said my friend! Thank you for reaching out and sharing the hearts of many former players. Coach Val continues to live in each of us, FOREVER!

Dr George M Small - January 21, 2023 at 11:07 AM

DS

“ We send our deepest condolences to Coach Val's family! Coach Val touched many student-athletes over the years. I will personally be eternally grateful for his presence in my life. God's divine grace and peace during this time.

Sincerely yours,

*Dr. George M Small
Head Football Coach
Hoke County High School
Raeford, North Carolina*



Dr George M Small - January 21, 2023 at 10:39 AM

CM

“ Craig Martin lit a candle in memory of Coach Darwin Valentine



Craig Martin - January 21, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Coach Darwin Valentine.



January 21, 2023 at 09:51 AM

BE

“ I woll miss you Coach Val. So glad we had the opportunity to reconnect each other before you went on to be with our Lord and Savior. I will miss you. However, I am so happy to know you are no longer suffering. You are at Peaceful place now. I celebrate you and I Love ya!

AggiePride 😊

Billy J. Mims, Ed.D - January 21, 2023 at 09:27 AM

CV

“ Cherrelle Valentine lit a candle in memory of Coach Darwin Valentine



Cherrelle Valentine - January 21, 2023 at 07:44 AM

MF

“ Our Sincerest Condolences to the Valentine's.



Montelongo Family - January 20, 2023 at 09:43 PM

CT

“ Words cannot express the sorrow and sadness I feel. I am glad I came to visit you in October and I am only sad that I did not visit sooner. You are like a brother yo me and I will miss our long conversations, the jokes, the stories and I will hold onto the memories❤️❤️love you cuz. Until we meet again 🙏🏻🏈

Carol Cosby Tillar - January 20, 2023 at 09:29 PM

SH

Prayers and love to the family. I too am going to miss our long talks. You were one of a kind. Being double cousins is like brothers and sisters we've had wonderful times and memories of our childhood. Until we meet again RIP ❤️

Shelia - January 21, 2023 at 09:27 AM

SN

“ *Shawnte Nolan lit a candle in memory of Coach Darwin Valentine*



Shawnte Nolan - January 20, 2023 at 09:15 PM

TJ

“ *Tasha Jeffery lit a candle in memory of Coach Darwin Valentine*



Tasha Jeffery - January 20, 2023 at 08:57 PM