



Daniel "Dan" Hensley Kerr

July 6, 1971 - October 17, 2025

Daniel Hensley Kerr, beloved son, father, and grandfather, of Cumming, Georgia, passed away peacefully at home on Friday, October 17, 2025. Dan was born in Athens, Tennessee, on July 6, 1971, the younger son of Larry and Sarah Kerr. He grew up in Athens, Johannesburg (South Africa), Lake Charles (Louisiana), and Wilton (Connecticut), and graduated from Wilton High School in 1989.

Dan earned both his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in finance from Boston College in 1993 and 1994. He had a successful 30+ year career as a bond broker for Truist, though his work never felt like a priority compared to his family and friends.

Sports were a huge part of Dan's life from the very beginning. He played football at Boston College — even appearing on the cover of Sports Illustrated on November 29, 1993, after Boston College's iconic win over Notre Dame. He loved coaching in the Gwinnett Football League and was one of the winningest coaches in the league's history.

Dan was an avid hunter and fisherman who loved spending time in nature with his father, children, and friends. A proud member of the "Apt to Miss" hunting club in Monticello, Georgia, he could be found there most weekends in the fall. More than anything, Dan loved his family. He was deeply proud of his children and found immense joy in watching them build lives and families of their own. Becoming "Pappaw" was a role he cherished every single day.

Dan is survived by his parents, Sarah and Larry Kerr; his children, Collin Kerr

(Lydia), Austin Kerr (Keeley), and Kendall Kerr; and his grandchildren, Kieran and Kayson Kerr. He was preceded in death by his son, Ryan Bishop Kerr; his brother, Read Edward Kerr; his maternal grandparents, Elizabeth and Isaac King Jr.; and his paternal grandparents, Freida and Lawrence Kerr.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Tom Coughlin Jay Fund, PO Box 50798, Jacksonville Beach, FL 32240.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, October 24, at 3:00 p.m. at Rising Church, 710 Power Avenue, Buford, GA 30518. Visitation to follow.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT **24**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Rising Church
710 Power Avenue
Buford, GA 30518

Tribute Wall

AG

“ *My husband and I coached alongside Dan in the Gwinnett Football League. We laughed and cheered each other. He was a fabulous coach but more importantly, a mentor to the children that he worked with. He is coaching in Heaven.*

Anne Goulart - October 22, 2025 at 01:51 PM

SA

That is for sure!!!

sarah - October 22, 2025 at 05:22 PM

AP

“ *I had the honor and pleasure of coaching Dan at Boston College. He played on multiple Special Teams Units for me. He played with Great Effort and Ferocity, Always with a smile on his face. I always appreciated his willingness to play Special Teams and his desire to contribute to the success of the Boston College Football Team.*

Alan M. Paquette - October 20, 2025 at 08:19 PM

GC

“ *I worked about 10 feet from Dan for 15 years. He was a great man. Covid was hard because I did not get to see Dan everyday. Dan loved his family and was so proud of his children. He loved being a Dad and it showed. We were all better people from working with Dan. He will missed. RIP brother. Love you, Grier Campbell*

Grier Campbell - October 20, 2025 at 07:29 PM

CP

“Everybody loved working with Dan. I thought he was a gentle giant. He will be missed.

Charlotte Parks - October 20, 2025 at 05:06 PM

TC

“When I was a kid I played on “Coach Dan’s” football team along with his son Austin. This season we were undefeated and not a point had been scored on us. Norcross was about to score a touchdown. Coach Dan called timeout and he specifically told me as a defensive tackle I could not drop back into coverage. I must not of heard him as I intercepted the ball in the end zone and we remained unscored on until the semi finals. I remember coming off the field with the biggest grin on my face. Coach Dan didn’t like what I did but was glad we could keep the streak alive. I’ll always remember that moment Coach Dan along with others growing up with his kids playing in the neighborhood or on a Young Life family trip. Thank you Coach for the great memories.

- Tate Cooksey

Tate Cooksey - October 20, 2025 at 04:29 PM

TO

Dearly loved and will never be forgotten. All my love to family and friends. May God bless you and keep you during this very difficult time.



TIM O’Rear - October 20, 2025 at 05:22 PM

MA

Dan was kind and gentle to everyone. I had the pleasure of working with him for 15 years at Truist. The one topic that always lit him up was his kids—he loved them deeply and was so proud to share their latest updates. He also loved talking about coaching youth sports and was quick to encourage me when I became a father. It was truly inspiring to see his positive spirit and toughness throughout his battle, no one was tougher than Dan. He will be deeply missed by all of us in the Truist crew.

Michael Andreas - October 21, 2025 at 12:48 PM

BM

My son was so fortunate to call Dan his coach for many years on the Bulldogs teams at George Pierce Park. I will never forget hearing what Dan said to his team after a loss (which didn't happen often). He wasn't loud...I don't think he ever showed anger while he coached...he told the boys to promise themselves that they would not do something to themselves. He said never walk off the field knowing you didn't give your best effort for your team. He said that is worse than the feeling after a loss and that losses will come but not giving your best effort does not have to. I was so impressed by that talk to those young boys and also so grateful I was in close proximity to hear it. I walked away amazed. He was a rare coach with the perfect temperament...I knew my son was in good hands. God bless him. Will be praying for the Kerr family.

Bob McLean - October 24, 2025 at 05:14 PM