



Devin Tyler Durden

October 4, 2012

Mr. Devin Tyler Durden, age 21, of Buford, GA passed away on Thursday, October 4, 2012. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Rev. James O. Langston; paternal grandmother, Josie S. Durden; and paternal uncle, Randall Eugene Durden. He is survived by his parents, Gene and Cherie Durden, Buford, GA; sister, Danielle Durden; brothers, Christian Durden and Coby Durden; maternal grandmother, Margaret Langston, Buford, GA; paternal grandfather, Eugene Durden, Silverstreet, SC; aunts and uncles, Sherri and David Simmons, North Augusta, SC and Ann and Johnnie Ward, Brunswick, GA; uncle, Jim Langston, Taylorsville, NC; and several cousins. Devin Durden was born January 7, 1991 in Thomasville, GA. He was a 2009 graduate of Buford High School where he played on the 2008 and 2009 State Championship football team and received the two State Championship rings and was a key player. He was a student at the Air Force Academy stationed in Colorado Springs, CO where he played on the Air Force Falcons football team. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Buford. Devin was a cherished son, beloved brother and grandson, great teammate and an honorable cadet. Funeral services will be held on Sunday, October 7, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Buford with Rev. Reese Fauscett, Rev. Wayne Johnson, Coach Dexter Wood and Mr. Stuart Hall officiating. Interment will follow at Broadlawn Memorial Gardens in Buford, GA with military honors. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Saturday from 2:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. and from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Tribute Wall



“ *Devin Tyler Durden*

November 08, 2022 at 07:37 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to the Durden family. Devin was one of my cadets at the Air Force Academy. His smile, happy energy and thrill for life will remain in my heart.*

Capt Jessica L. Kashka - October 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Gene and Durden family.
Gail and I wish to express our heartfelt condolences on this terrible loss. You may remember we came close to losing her when Betsy was that age, but I cannot imagine the grief you are going through. To go from what must have been extreme pride in your son to such levels of sorrow, must be more than you think you can bear. We know you can get through this, but you must lean on your friends and family and together you can survive this.
My family will always be indebted to you for the values you instilled in our daughter and know those qualities will see you through this time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Jim and Gail Wilbanks - October 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *I'm sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Stephen, Carrie and family

Stephen Avans - October 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Gene, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your whole family. Lifting you all up with sincere prayers. Melinda Blanchard Prescott

Melinda Blanchard Prescott - October 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ To the Durden family:

I really enjoyed getting to know Devin playing TE with him at the Academy. Great kid - always brought enthusiasm and kept things at our position a lot of fun! Truly a great guy to have around. You all are in the Pickett family's prayers. I'm looking forward to seeing my brother up in the sky someday.

*Sincerely,
Daniel Pickett*

Daniel Pickett - October 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VC

“ Dear Gene and family, I am so very sorry for the loss of your precious son, Devin. My heart goes out to each one of you. I know that we don't know each other, but we are first cousins. Uncle Gene has always been one of my favorite uncles. My mama, Georgia, is your aunt. She wanted me to let you know that your family is in her prayers and she is so sorry for the loss of your son, too. From all that I read about Devin he sure sounds like a wonderful person and I know you and your wife are very proud of him. I will keep you all in my prayers. Love, Vickie

Vickie Blackston Corder - October 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ *Devin was a wonderful young man and I am honored to have known him! I was one of his math instructors at the Air Force Academy and we shared a love of football. We also shared the same initials (DTD) and correspondingly, the same nickname, "Double D." I was very saddened to learn he was leaving the Academy early, and devastated to learn of his accident. I was considering a trip to see him this weekend until I learned just on Friday afternoon that he had left to be with his Heavenly Father. My sadness quickly turned to heavy grief and my spirit was wounded. I lost my 16-year-old son last October, so the pain of this loss is all too familiar. While I have never met the family, I would love to visit with you when you are feeling up to it. I learned that the only way we can continue to make memories with those we have lost is to listen to the memories of those who also knew them. I have offered prayers for Devin and the family and will continue those prayers for at least the next year.*

Spes Semper In Christo,

*Major Derrick Doyle
Parker, Colorado*

Derrick Doyle - October 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ *Coach Durden & family. My thoughts and prayers are with during this time. Just know that Devin was loved by many and will always be cherished. Your and your family are also loved and cherished.*

Sherry

Sherry Richardson - October 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ We can only imagine the grief you are suffering. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family as you endure this together. We looked forward to the Christmas cards you would send of the kids and were always amazed at how much they were growing. Gather strength from each other as you deal with Devin's death. God bless all of you. Love, the Cox'z

Coach and Mrs. Cox - October 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ We are saddened by the loss of Devin. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Durden family and his grandmother, Margaret. We love you. Donald & Pat Hardin.

Donald Hardin - October 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ Gene - my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May all of the wonderful memories of your precious son bring you peace and comfort.

Cammy Posey Jenkins - October 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ Please know that we are praying for you. We wish that we knew the words to say that would bring you comfort. God bless you and your sweet family.

Bryan and Susan Kerlin - October 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ I'm sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Stephen, Carrie and family

Stephen Avans - October 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ My heart has been heavy for you since I heard about the accident on Facebook. My thoughts and prayers continue for you. May God be so real in your deepest sorrow and grief. Thankful for the hope we have in Jesus Christ knowing without a doubt we will all be together one day in Heaven. Your friend from Dade county, Chrissy

Chrissy Hickey Morrow - October 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ We don't know the reason why God took Devin from you so soon. But have comfort in knowing that he has a special plan for him in heaven. We will be praying for your family.
Thunder, Donna, Lauren, and Cole Thornton

Mike & Donna Thornton - October 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ Gene, you were an inspiration and a positive influence to youngsters even in highschool. Since 'catching up' via your twitter page and facebook after hearing about your son Devin's accident, I can see that you passed on a unique gift to your children and that Devin was an inspiration & positive influence to others as well. I can also 'see' your unshakable faith and trust in God Almighty. May he hold you all in His tender care. My heart hurts for you ...blessings, prayers and God's grace for you all. Kelly

Kelly Calvert Roe - October 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Coach Durden, Cherie, Christian, Colby and Danielle,
I keep reflecting back to the years in the gym and always having Devin there with us, and always with a smile. It's hard to believe something so tragic could happen to such a wonderful Christian Athlete; young man. Devin might have been a Big brother to three, but he was a little brother to many of us on the court. Devin will be missed forever. We love y'all and we are here for you. We will visit and see you soon. Love y'all always!

Jesse, Mandy (Schrudder) Pardue & Kade, Kyler and - October 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Dear Durden Family.
Our deepest sympathies in the loss of your precious son Devin.
Our thoughts & prayers are with all of you. God Bless.

The Jicha Family - October 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Gene, Cherie, Christian, Coby and Danielle,
Words cannot take away the pain that you all are feeling; however, I pray that God will give you a peace and comfort that passes all human understanding. Devin was a special young man, who will continue to live in the memories of so many people. When Carrie and I heard the news, we began sharing "Devinisms"- and one of our fondest memories was when she was a cheerleader and Devin came down and picked up her pom-pom's and began cheering. It was priceless. We love you all and continue to pray for you.
Don, Cherie and Carrie Annah

Cherie Dooley Swader - October 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ *To Durden Family
I graduated in 2007 but I remember Devin playing football in my junior and senior years
I am so sorry for your loss of a great guy and son
He will be greatly sorely missed*

Love Rainey

Rainey E - October 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ *There are no word that can express how sorry we are to hear about Devin. We were very stunned to hear this news and still can't believe that it really happened. During this difficult time, you are in our thoughts and prayers. Although it has been a while since you guys were in Dade Co. we have so many fond memories of Devin. He will be greatly missed by so many.*

*Our love and sympathy to you and your family.
Synthia, Olivia and Austin Conner*

Synthia, Olivia and Austin Conner - October 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *My heart is breaking for all of you. Devin was a special young man. I am coming to see you in the the next month or so. Will continue to keep you all my prayers. Love you all. Dianne*

Dianne meeks - October 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *Coach Durden, Mrs. Durden, Christian, Danielle, and Coby.. My heart goes out to you at this time, I am praying for your strength and comfort. God loves you and will see you through.*

Lisa Burt - October 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Gene, Cherie, Christian, Cosby, and Danielle, Bob and I are so sorry for your loss. We will continue to pray for you all. Devin was a big part of Allison's life growing up at Ceces and your entire family has always been special to us. We wish you peace in knowing that Devin has been healed by the Greatest Healer and you all will be together again. Much love and prayers, Bob and Jane Rose

Jane Rose - October 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ I do not know you personally, but have watched you coach many basketball games and have always heard wonderful things about you. I am very sorry to hear of the loss of your precious son. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers and will continue to be in the days ahead. Becky Combee, GACS grandparent

Becky Combee - October 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ You are all in our thoughts and prayers. May his memories and smile comfort you always.

Russell, Cathy and Brian Malone - October 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HC

“ To the Durden Family,

My deepest sympathy goes out to you all. Devin will be remembered by so many for he had an impact on us all. You all have many friends and family members who love you so much. From Dade Co. Ga just know we are here for you.

Heather Cochran - October 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ We're so very sorry to hear of your precious son's passing. May God allow you to find peace. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Terry and Cindy Gilbert, Rising Fawn, GA.

Cindy Gilbert - October 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VJ

“ On behalf of many Service Academy Parents who feel connected to you and your son, we mourn your loss and extend deep sympathies to your family.
USCGA mom

Valerie Jones - October 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ To one of the MOST incredible families to us,
Please know Lauren and I are crying with you. You all know what Devin meant to us. Please know we are sooo sorry this has happened but also Devin WILL live on in some way!!! We love him so much and always will. Lauren wants you to know he was one of the BEST persons she ever knew. He will stay in our hearts FOREVER!!! Love you ALL!!!! Beverly & Lauren Wildman

Beverly & Lauren Wildman - October 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ My heart is breaking for you all! I know this is all in God s plans ans its hard not to question but by testimonies already read Devin and all your family impacted many lives in so many positives ways. God needed another special Angel for his kingdom and Devin was called. I pray that our creator gives you all peace and understanding. XOXO , The Robinson from

Kim Robinson - October 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I have no words that can comfort you right now but God does. He is holding each of you in His arms to bring comfort and strength. As you hold on to Him know that there are many Christians praying for you.

June Scoggins - October 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ Coach Durden and family. I am so sorry to hear about your lose. You and your family are in my prayers. I pray god gives you and your family the comfort and piece you need. We love you and God Bless.

Kecia (Long) Guffey

Kecia Guffey - October 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ My prayers go out to all of the Durden Family
God got another sweet angel

Susan Marshall - October 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with each and every one of you! Your family has been such a huge inspiration on my life growing up! May God give you peace and strength during these days! I love you all!

Alison Dean Mitchell and Family

Alison Dean Mitchell & Family - October 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Durden family, We are so sorry for your loss of Devin. Words cannot express our sympathy enough. You guys mean the world to so many people both in Dade County and Buford. Please know that you will be in our prayers in the days to come. May God wrap his arms around you and keep you. Love to you all.

Darrell and Melissa Tinker & Girls - October 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Every time I think of him is see a knee high blonde greeting me with "HHheey Ccchhhheerrllleeaadderrr! I'm glad he has a place in my memories.

Jayme H. Thomas - October 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ My prayers are with your family. Ya'll have always been an example of love and grace.

Cindy Moore - October 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Coach Durden,
Praying for your lovely family. May God Bless you all.
Lynn and Sandy Carroll and girls

Sandy Carroll - October 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Gene, Cherie, Christian, Coby, & Danielle: Please know that you all are in our prayers. Devin was a special young man and will be missed. Our hearts are broken for all of you. We love you. You all are a precious family. We are here for you all. May God cover you with His love and comfort.

Dwayne, Teresa, & Hunter Cash - October 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ *With deepest sympathy*

*Terri Acker
Joy Acker
William Acker*

Terri Acker - October 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *Our thoughts & prayers are with you.*

Jim/June/Emily/Adam Reeves - October 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ *Gene, Cherie, Christian, Danielle, and Coby, You are and will remain in our prayers for comfort - a peace that passes all understanding - during this most difficult time. We pray that you find smiles in memories and laughter in unexpected times and places, recalling the joy of your son. What seems eternity here is nothing compared to eternity where he is. God bless and keep you. Bobby, Sandra, Robby, and Nick Chitwood, Trenton, GA*

Sandra Chitwood - October 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AY

“ *To the Durden family. I am sincerely sorry for your loss of your wonderful son, Devin. I will pray that God blesses you all and eases the time of mourning in your hearts.*

Alan Yates - October 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ I love you all so much! I know God has a great plan in store for your family. I pray that God uses Devin's life here on earth and his going home to Jesus for His glory and to reach others and only strengthen your family and all who knew Devin! Love you Devin and family!

Desiree Rachels - October 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ My heart goes out to the Durden family . I can't image your loss. I pray for strength for the family. God bless and put your healing hands on this family.

Barbara Stone - October 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VK

“ My thoughts and prayers are with ya'll. I am truly sorry
Vanessa Kinsey

Vanessa Kinsey - October 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ Dear Cherie & Gene, Christain, Coby & Danielle. Our hearts are breaking and so heavy for you! We have watched Devin grow up to be a kind-hearted, humerous, intelligent young man, which reflects his love & support from you, his family. Please know our prayers are with you and want you to know we are here during this tragic loss. We had the privledge of sharing those years with your family and cherish the memories of you with Devin. Please know you will always have friends in Dade County who love you!

Angie & Ron Dean - October 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ I am so sorry to hear about Devin's untimely death. My prayers, thoughts and sorrow is with you. May God be your guide , comfort and strength as you undergo this terrible loss.

Larry Williams
Former DCHS teacher

Larry Williams - October 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ With Deepest Sympathy

Robin Bridges

Robin Bridges - October 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ I am praying for your family. God bless you.

andie lee - October 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ My thoughts and Prayers go out to Devin and his family. I hope you find comfort in knowing, Devin is not gone, he just went Home and is waiting for all of you and you will be reunited again. God Bless

Melissa - October 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM