



Daryl Keith Lassiter

September 26, 1959 - January 15, 2026

Daryl Keith Lassiter, 66, of the Rosewood Community in Goldsboro, NC passed away January 15, 2026 surrounded by those he loved the most. Born on September 26, 1959 in Northampton County, NC, he was the devoted husband to Metrina (Lynn) Lassiter and a loving father to Kim and Renee.

As a younger fella, Daryl played football in high school. He had a love for trucks and owned a navy blue '56 Ford we used to ride around in. He loved deer hunting and being out in the woods in the quiet of nature. Daryl was hard-working and dedicated. He spent over 30 years as a skilled heavy equipment operator, where he was known as the best of the best. He could turn any wreck of dirt into a perfectly sloped work of art anyone in the business would be amazed by. Although, he spent the majority of his life in construction, his favorite work growing up was farming. It was always amazing he could look at a sprout in any field and knew exactly what was growing. Daryl was also a skilled stone mason. He researched and taught himself how to erect a fireplace in an already existing home and beautifully patterned sheets of stone as an exterior covering. After many builds, he decided to patent the design so that other families could enjoy the same coziness in their own homes. Despite his many responsibilities, he always made time for his family and his passions.

Our fathers hobbies and interests helped define who he was. He loved music

and enjoyed playing the guitar. He loved having family and friends over for karaoke. He was a huge fan of martial arts and loved talking to everyone about his favorite style, Wing Chun. He loved to learn and had a huge passion for all things natural and used for healing. He loved his network of people and he loved sharing the knowledge he learned in hopes it could help others in their pursuit for good health. He loved to talk about us girls and stories from our younger years. He was always so proud he played a role in raising two accomplished women.

He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Metrina (Lynn) Lassiter, his children; Kimberly Sellers (Matthew) Renee Allen (Joe) of Goldsboro, Grandchildren; Chase, Skyler, Christa, Averi, Lauren, Landen, Mylie, and Cameron as well as 8 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by a special niece, Michelle Yajure and his extended Filipino family.

He is preceded in death by his mother and father Troy and Betty Jean Lassiter, brother, Troy Jr., his mother in law Isabel Gutgutao Baldonando and his very best friend, Fred Martin of Milwaukee, NC.

The family extends an invitation to a viewing on Sunday, January 18 from 6-8pm at Evergreen Funeral Home, 3888 US Hwy 70 West. A funeral service will be held on Monday, January 19 at 10am at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Goldsboro. Following the service, he will be laid to rest at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery. Please no video or pictures taken during services.

We find comfort in knowing our father loved the Lord. He knew Christ and was prepared to make that leap to the other side of the veil. We were all lucky to have him in our lives. We know he is now walking around sharing his testimony with every listening ear.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Memorial Cemetery

3888 US Highway 70 West
Goldsboro, NC

Previous Events

Viewing

JAN 18. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Evergreen Funeral Home, Cemetery & Cremations
3888 US-70
Goldsboro, NC 27530
(919) 739-0077
info@evergreenmemorialservice.com
<https://evergreenmemorialservice.com/>

Funeral Service

JAN 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
1000 11th Street
Goldsboro, NC 27534

Tribute Wall



“ *Monai Solano lit a candle in memory of Daryl Keith Lassiter*



Monai Solano - January 17 at 11:44 PM



“ *Im forever grateful for Tito Daryl. The Lassiters were friends of my parents and occasionally took care of me growing up but my favorite memories was watching martial arts movies in their living room. When i told him i started doing MMA at 13 he wasn't just supportive, he was thrilled. He had such a diverse collection of fighting styles and would even practice the different techniques with me. Spending hours on different videos as he explained each technique and origin every visit. As a young girl this meant everything to me. In highschool he gave me a huge stack of CDs, he had re-recorded every single video for me to watch in my sparetime. I still remember skipping lunch and practicing the moves i watched behind the school gym(badly if i might add). I don't do mma anymore now that im in college but everytime i find myself practicing i think of his unrelenting support, enthusiasm, and excitement. A pillar of what makes who i am today. Thankyou tito Daryl the love you shared in the community will never be forgotten and from now on every punch and kick i throw will carry your strength of your memory with it.*

Monai Solano - January 17 at 11:42 PM

JC

“ My memories of Daryl 🤔 we were childhood friends through our Mamas, I was always a tomboy growing up, preferred dirt, mud and killing snakes over Barbie dolls 😂 my Mama babysat lots of kids back in the day, Daryl being one of them. We had so much fun, playing in ditches, finding drink bottles to sell to buy candy. I will cherish these memories always ☐❤️

Julie Collier Clark - January 17 at 02:03 PM

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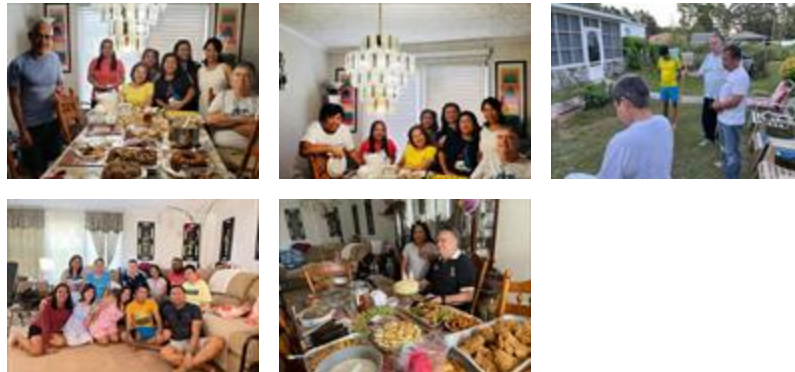
“ Callie J Ellen lit a candle in memory of Daryl Keith Lassiter



Callie J Ellen - January 17 at 10:04 AM



“ 9 files added to the tribute wall



Anna Clarissa Regala - January 17 at 05:49 AM



“ I met Daryl in 2019 when I became one of their tenants. It was my first time in the US, and it was a total culture shock for me, but he was the first American I became friends with. From the moment I stepped foot into their home, he was always there, sitting on the couch in the living room with a gentle, welcoming smile.



Sir Daryl and Ms. Lynn treated me as more than just a tenant; they treated me like their daughter. Daryl patiently taught me how to drive. I remember how proud he was when I passed my driving test just before Thanksgiving in 2019, and how proudly I told everyone that he was my teacher.

He had so many stories to tell - stories about life and about his favorite martial art, Wing Chun. Once you started a conversation with him, you had to be ready to spend at least 30 minutes listening to his nonstop storytelling, filled with life experiences and wisdom.

When he found out that I could sing, he would often turn the TV to YouTube, and we would sing karaoke together, always his favorite songs. Every time he finished a solo, he would smile and ask, “How did I do?” He and Ms. Lynn were always so proud of my achievements - my driving test, my singing, my school recognitions, and so much more.

When I moved to another apartment they also owned, he would often talk about how he built the fireplace there, always with such pride. In 2021, when my dad passed away, I will never forget the comfort and care they gave me, making sure I was okay during one of the hardest times of my life.

We were all in tears when I said goodbye to him as I prepared to move and settle in the UK. I promised to keep in touch through calls, and I that I would visit them again soon. If I had known that would be the last time I would see him alive in person, I would have

made more time for frequent calls and applied for a visa to visit sooner.

Sir Daryl, though my heart is broken into pieces upon hearing of your passing, I find comfort in knowing that there is no more pain and that you are now with the Lord. Thank you for everything. Rest easy.

Anna Clarissa Regala - January 17 at 05:13 AM

RS

“ *Ron Summers lit a candle in memory of Daryl Keith Lassiter*



Ron Summers - January 16 at 05:35 PM

NC

“ *Matrina , Kim, Renee
I'm Fred's sister. I remember when I was little and Fred and Darryl were best friends. Of course with me being the obnoxious little sister I would always be included in the ballgames and the snowball fights! They were always close friends. I'm sorry for y'all's loss! I'm sure Fred was waiting at the gate for him!*

Nancy Coley - January 16 at 05:28 PM

RS

Grew up and spent many days hanging out and playing ball with Daryl. Rode that blue truck as well , many good memories. Hope to see you on the other side my friend.

Richard Thomas Spradlin - January 17 at 07:31 PM