



Darius Ryjhon Whited

November 1, 1994 - July 28, 2022

How do you even describe this young man? Darius Ryjhon Whited was born November 1, 1994. He was a tiny four pound baby with the best disposition. He was a traveler from the beginning, taking a cross country trip at two weeks old. When people describe Darius, the first thing they say is how kind and respectful he was. There was never a response without a ma'am or sir attached. As a military kid, he traveled the world and lived in many places. In high school, his family settled in Georgia and Darius found a passion in marching band and drum corp. He played the mellophone for East Coweta High School, The JSU Marching Southerners and DCI's Troopers. When Darius performed, he put his heart and soul on the field and brought joy to those fortunate enough to witness it.

Darius joined the Army in 2015 and deployed as an Intelligence Analyst and tactical controller. After he left the military, he continued working as an intelligence analyst in the private sector. Darius settled in Northern Virginia and found a community of fellow car and motorcycle enthusiasts. Whether it was his Jeep, his Nissan, his BMW or one of his motorcycles, Darius loved driving. His riding family brought him a sense of belonging and joy.

Describing his life and accomplishments doesn't capture the true Darius though. His resume doesn't tell you how his eyes crinkled up when he smiled or how his laugh could fill the room. Nothing can describe the deep bond he

and his mom shared or how much he loved his sister. It's impossible to capture how deeply he loved or how much joy he brought his family. Whether in the church nursery or with his cousins, kids were drawn to Darius and vice versa. It's as if they brought out the kid in him! A traditional obituary does not tell you how he was a talented artist or how much he adored his dogs, Whiskey and Aero.

Left to mourn are his mother and step father, Shady and Carmela Carter, his sister Kiana Carter, step sister Shawnté Carter and nephew Malakhai along with a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Our lives are forever changed because we were privileged enough to have him and his loss leaves a gaping hole. He joins his loving Mamaw and Papaw.

As a motorist, please watch for motorcycles. The person on that bike has a family and a split second can change a life. And if you are part of the motorcycle community, we implore you to practice safety and caution while riding.

The funeral service celebrating the life Darius lived is Saturday, August 6, 2022, at 4:00 PM in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson Street, in Newnan. The family will receive friends from 2:00 PM until service time at the funeral home.

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.mckoon.com.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

Cemetery Details

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
care@mckoon.com
<http://www.mckoon.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 6. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Funeral Service

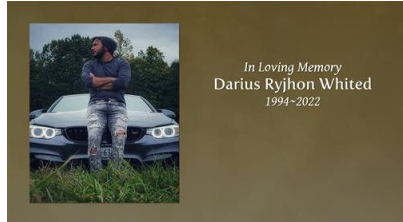
AUG 6. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Darius Ryjhon Whited*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - August 08, 2022 at 09:49 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Darius Ryjhon Whited.*



August 05, 2022 at 04:17 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darius Ryjhon Whited.*



August 05, 2022 at 03:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Darius Ryjhon Whited.*



August 05, 2022 at 02:13 PM



“ *Seth Kerr and family... purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Darius Ryjhon Whited.*



Seth Kerr and family... - August 05, 2022 at 01:09 PM



“ *DTRA "DOD" RED TEAM....AMENTUM/PAE purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Darius Ryjhon Whited.*



DTRA "DOD" RED TEAM....AMENTUM/PAE - August 05, 2022 at 12:10 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Darius Ryjhon Whited.*



August 05, 2022 at 10:38 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Darius Ryjhon Whited.



August 05, 2022 at 10:16 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of Darius Ryjhon Whited.



August 04, 2022 at 09:09 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Darius Ryjhon Whited.



August 04, 2022 at 07:01 PM



“ *Tender Tribute* was purchased for the family of Darius Ryjhon Whited.



August 04, 2022 at 04:29 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Darius Ryjhon Whited.*



August 04, 2022 at 03:10 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darius Ryjhon Whited.*



August 04, 2022 at 01:38 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Darius Ryjhon Whited.*



August 04, 2022 at 09:48 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Darius Ryjhon Whited.*



August 03, 2022 at 11:51 PM

Julie Albin

“ Carmela,

Our hearts go out to you and your family. Praying for peace and comfort during this difficult time.

*Julie and Loren Albin
(Chris Nola's extended family)*

Julie Albin - August 03, 2022 at 07:02 PM

RJ

“ Darius was one of the most welcoming people I got to know in Virginia, and he was one of the best people I have had the pleasure of working with.

I am sorry for your loss, and wish you well. Thank you, Darius, for making an impact on our lives. -Rob

Rob J - August 03, 2022 at 05:07 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Darius Ryjhon Whited.



August 03, 2022 at 07:25 AM

CR

“ From: Chandre Rizik purchased the [https://www.mckoon.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518"; target="_blank">Memorial Trees for the family of Darius Ryjhon Whited.](https://www.mckoon.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518)

Chandre Rizik - August 02, 2022 at 09:47 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Darius Ryjhon Whited.*



August 02, 2022 at 06:05 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Darius Ryjhon Whited.*

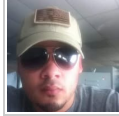


August 01, 2022 at 08:00 PM



“ *I learned today about the passing of Darius and was so saddened by the news. I didn't know Darius long but had the pleasure of being his Program Manager until a few months ago. He was bright, funny, grounded, loved his dogs, and genuinely a very nice young man. My deepest sympathies to your family. Wendy Wright*

Wendy Wright - August 01, 2022 at 04:02 PM



Thursday we lost another brother way too soon. First, thank you for your service to our nation, to the United States Army and to your brothers and sisters present, past and beyond. Secondly, thank you for being a good teammate! Never saying no when asked to help out. Thank you for the laughs and some of the honest talks we had. But, most importantly, thank you for being a good person, a good human being, during a time when people doubt they still exist.

-Until Valhalla

Josh Carroll

Joshua Carroll - August 01, 2022 at 09:13 PM

JG

“*Carmela, my heart is broken for you and your family. I wish there was something I could say or do that would ease that burden of grief for even a moment. However, I realize it is not something you get over but something you get through moment by moment. Please know that we will be here to walk through those moments with you. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

James Griffie

James Griffie - August 01, 2022 at 12:19 PM

KD

“*Carmela, Our hearts go out to you. You and your family are in our prayers. Know that you are loved and supported. We walk this journey with you and we are here for whatever you need. Never Alone!!! Kevin and Pat Days*

Kevin Days - August 01, 2022 at 12:16 PM

TS

“ While I never had the pleasure of meeting Darius in person, it is obvious from what I've heard through the years and now have read on this page, that he had his stuff squared away, knew what was important, and had a passion for life, his family, and being a solid friend. My heart grieves for this sudden void in your lives and the sadness that it brings. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all. - Tim Shirey

Tim Shirey - August 01, 2022 at 11:55 AM



“ Raul Toro lit a candle in memory of Darius Ryjhon Whited



Raul Toro - August 01, 2022 at 11:24 AM

TE

“ Carmela and Family, so sorry to hear about your loss. Thoughts and prayers are with you through this difficult time and beyond.

Terry - August 01, 2022 at 11:22 AM

RC

“ Ranner Carter lit a candle in memory of Darius Ryjhon Whited



Ranner Carter - August 01, 2022 at 11:16 AM

RC

Cousins you have our deepest condolences for your loss . We will continue to pray for you and the family in this difficult time. We love you
❤️

Ranner Carter - August 01, 2022 at 11:20 AM

JR

“ *My husband and I are so very sorry for the loss of Darius. You all will be in our thoughts and prayers. - Jenn and Shawn Rembold*

Jennifer Rembold - August 01, 2022 at 09:39 AM



“ *One of the most talented Soldiers and awesome guys that I had the pleasure of having under my care. Until we meet again...*

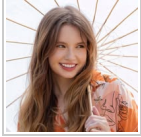
Larry Jenkins - August 01, 2022 at 08:34 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darius Ryjhon Whited.*



August 01, 2022 at 08:21 AM



“ I've known Darius since i was in 10th grade and he was in 11th grade at EC. He was always such a goofball. He was really fun to be around. When we went to prom, i was by myself sitting at a table and he came up to me and invited me to dance. We danced the whole night together and its one of my favorite memories. When i had my daughter, i lost a lot of friends but he always stayed throughout everything and he has always been there checking in on me, encouraging me and cheering me on more than anyone. Always inviting me to hang out. He was very polite and respectful and didnt judge. He was truly a blessing to the world and all who knew him. Im so incredibly heartbroken.

Chandré Rizik - July 31, 2022 at 09:32 PM

DO

“ Carmela, I know how hard it is to lose a child, please know my heart aches for you, and I am praying for you and your family to get through this together, you will probably end up being the strong one to help everyone else get through this. Please take time for yourself, to grieve, to mourn, to love his memory. Take care of you. You will know when he is with you.

Dawn M Okleson - July 31, 2022 at 09:06 PM

SF

“ Oh Darius... Thank you for being there for me during my pregnancy and checking in on me to make sure I was okay. I can't even put into words how I feel. I know you adored my son from afar and cared about everyone more than you could ever show. I will never forget you. Thank you for the memories and friendship. I pray for you and for your family who love you dearly. My heart breaks.

Sydney Frost - July 31, 2022 at 08:31 PM

JB

“ I first met Darius in high school my freshman year when I first joined the Marching Indians. He was very kind and very hilarious, on top of that he showed how kind he is when you talk to him. From that day he showed the world how he can be serious and funny at the same time. Even after he graduated you could still see that his personality was award winning. I want to send my heart and prayers to his Family and love ones.



Joshua Byrd - July 31, 2022 at 08:19 PM

JC

“ I only knew Darius for a few years, which is far too few. Originally he was one of my trainees when he moved to Virginia and the man was a model student. At first he was a little straight forward and serious, but once he began to ease into the experience his bright smile and jokes filled the room. Working along-side him for large swaths of time we got to know a lot about one another. One thing he made clear from all his stories was how much he loved his family, his dogs and his passion for riding. I've knew the man as a joker, a businessman, a soldier and more importantly as a friend. Darius I miss you dude, there's nothing I wouldn't give to just hang out one more time.



Jon Carman - July 31, 2022 at 08:10 PM

SH

“ I didn't know Darius long but me and him got close fast. He was truly an amazing soul on this planet. I still Snapchat him and look at the articles thinking it's some sick joke. I miss him. I can't even imagine how you guys are doing. I wish I could help more 💕💕 praying for you guys

Picture from Tuesday, July 26th



Sam H - July 31, 2022 at 06:41 PM

DW

“ My heart is breaking for you Carmela, Shady, and Kiana. Praying for God-given strength to get you through the next week. DJ and Allen Wood - Vestavia, AL

Deborah Wood - July 31, 2022 at 04:55 PM

JB

“ Judy Burvan lit a candle in memory of Darius Ryjhon Whited



Judy Burvan - July 31, 2022 at 04:33 PM