



Donald Lamar Daye

August 29, 1939 - December 25, 2015

Funeral services for Donald "Donnie" Lamar Daye, 76 of Baton Rouge, LA will be held at First Baptist Church of Ferriday on Monday, December 28, 2015 at 10:30 AM with Bro. Joseph Champion and Dr. Clyde Ray Webber officiating. Graveside service will follow at 3PM at Bellevue Memorial Park Cemetery, Opelousas, LA, under the direction of Young's Funeral Home.

Donnie was born on Tuesday, August 29, 1939 in Crossett, AR. and passed away Friday, December 25, 2015 at St. Joseph Hospice Hospital in Baton Rouge.

Donnie was voted the Concordia Parish All-Time Best Athlete in a poll by the Concordia Sentinel. He was able to run track in the spring of 1956 before the football season. He won the state title in the 100-yard dash at 10-flat and set a state record in the javelin. Donnie lost only six organized games from pee wee league in the sixth grade through his career at LSU. He was a part of four state championship teams at Ferriday High and the first collegiate national championship team at LSU in 1958. He was named All-State and won the Fudickar Trophy as the most valuable player on the Ferriday team. Donnie led the state in scoring as a senior, scoring 23 touchdowns and adding five extra points. He was one of three players who played with the LSU varsity as a sophomore. As a sophomore, Donnie was part of the Go Team and played running back. He was put on the White Team his junior and senior year, being

moved from tailback to fullback and playing linebacker on defense. He led the team in tackles as a junior, totaling 50 individual stops. Donnie was named as a captain for LSU's season-opener with Texas A&M his senior season in 1960. The tigers shut out the Aggies 9-0. He was selected to play in the Blue-Gray game at the end of the season. He had an offer to play for the Dallas Texans in the AFL in 1961. He reached a year-and-a-half at LSU before taking the job as defensive coordinator at New Mexico State. Donnie, who was a business major, then went into the oil field business, and had a successful business career with D&D Drilling Co. for 20 years.

He was preceeded in death by

Father- Ralph Andrew Daye

Mother- Claudia Faust Daye

Brother- William Edward Daye

He is survived by

Wife of 54 years- Penny Dean Daye of Baton Rouge, LA

Son- Donald Dean Daye and his wife Sheramie of Opelousas, LA

Son- Daryl Lance Daye and his wife Kathy of Natchitoches, LA

Son- Derek Andrew Daye of Baton Rouge, LA

Brother- Joseph Lynwood Daye of Dallas, LA

Brother- Jerry Daye and his wife Becky of Ferriday, LA

2 Grandsons- Mitchell Daye and Dayne Daye

3 Granddaughters- Paige Daye, Kaelin Daye and Kayla Dugas

2 Great-Grandsons- Layton Daye and Tyler Daye

Pallbearers will be Dean Daye, Daryl Daye, Derek Daye, Mitchell Daye, Dayne Daye, Dee Horton and Jesse Horton

Honorary Pallbearers will be the LSU Football Team From 1957 to 1961.

The family will receive friends at Young's Funeral Home from 3:00 PM til 5:00 PM, Sunday, December 27, 2015. To leave an online condolence for the family please visit www.youngsfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Bellevue Memorial Park Cemetery

Bellevue Memorial Park Cemetery, LA

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 27. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Young's Funeral Home
609 North E. E. Wallace Blvd
Ferriday, LA 71334

Service

DEC 28. 10:30 AM.

First Baptist Church of Ferriday

Tribute Wall



“ *Young's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald Lamar Daye*



Young's Funeral Home - December 29, 2015 at 02:54 PM

KC

Enjoyed watching Donnie reacting with family-closeness shows.

Kathryn Crews - October 25, 2017 at 12:45 PM

HM

Very late responding to Donnie's passing. His friend and my best friend, Tommy Brasher, passed away in early January of 2025. I trust he and Donnie have been seeing each other in heaven. I met Donnie when Tommy and I were recruited by LSU in 1958 when Donnie was a sophomore running back.

Herbert Ray Martin - April 17, 2025 at 11:02 AM

RO

“ I am truly sorry at the loss of Donnie Daye, and wish only happiness for Penny as she goes on with life. In high school I had the good fortune of actually playing on the same field with Donnie for one year. In 1955 and 1956, he was the best on the field, and was always a leader for those of us a year or so younger. I also had the good fortune to attend LSU and to see all those Tiger games in 1959, 60, and 61. He then was a leader on the field just as he was a leader in the other parts of life. The honors he has received are well deserved. He was just a great guy and I pray for Penny and all the family for a future when they can cheerfully look back on the great memories as their husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather.

With great respect,
Robert(Bobby in those days) Osborne
Longview, Texas

Robert(Bob) Osborne - January 11, 2016 at 02:24 AM

JB

“ Daryl, I'm sorry to hear of your father's passing. My condolences to you and your family.

John Boncaldo - January 10, 2016 at 08:19 PM

RF

“ Not having Donnie to tell a few good LSU and fishing stories at the Mariner just won't seem right and will be greatly missed! Penny, will keep you and the family in our prayers during this difficult time. Rich and Melissa Field

rich field - January 01, 2016 at 05:13 PM

LG

“ Have many fond memories of Donnie Daye playing golf at Panola Woods when I was a member there. He was always very nice and also a great golfer in addition to a football champion. My deepest sympathy and prayers to his family in the months and years ahead,

Linda Gardner - December 30, 2015 at 02:53 PM

CM

“ Mom just called to share with me the passing of Mr. Donnie. I was saddened to hear this news! My thoughts and prayers are with you, Mrs. Penny, Dean, Daryl, Derek and families. Connie King Moore

Connie King Moore - December 30, 2015 at 08:47 AM

MB

“ I just learned of Mr. Daye's passing. My condolences to Mrs. Penny, Dean, Daryl , Derek and their families.
Mr. Daye was a special man who I always looked up to. Will be sorely missed. I pray that God touches each of you during this time of sorrow.
Mark Bonnette

Mark Bonnette - December 28, 2015 at 02:20 PM

RG

“ Penny and family, we were deeply saddened to learn of Donnie's death. Our deepest condolences, Mary and Rodney "Rock" Guillot.

Rodney Rock Guillot - December 28, 2015 at 12:40 PM

TC

“ We have enjoyed getting to know The Daye's over the years at The Mariner in Florida. Our boys looked up to Donnie not only as a football legend but as an awesome fisherman. He shared his love for fishing with my husband and gave many pointers for deep sea fishing in our area. Many of sunsets on the walkway at the mariner and poolside just talking with The Daye's. It won't seem the same there as we always look for his LSU tags when we pull up there. Precious family and incredible life legacy! He will be missed. Love and prayers. Wayne and Tammy Coker, The Mariner 217. Alexander City, Al.

tammy coker - December 28, 2015 at 11:50 AM

JS

“ So sorry to learn of Donnie's passing. Deepest sympathy to you Penny, the boys and family. Jeanne Sanguinetti

Jeanne Sanguinetti - December 28, 2015 at 11:25 AM

LO

“ The OMalley family send heartfelt condolences to the Daye family. Donny was a great man & he will be missed by all. May he rest in peace

Leonore OMalley - December 28, 2015 at 11:12 AM



“ Delicious Delights Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Lamar Daye.



December 27, 2015 at 09:46 PM



“ *Sacred Garden Spray* was purchased for the family of Donald Lamar Daye.



December 27, 2015 at 04:39 PM



“ *A New Sunrise Spray* was purchased for the family of Donald Lamar Daye.



December 27, 2015 at 03:34 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Donald Lamar Daye.



December 27, 2015 at 03:17 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Donald Lamar Daye.



December 27, 2015 at 12:32 PM

SM

“ I simply can't say enough about a man like Mr. Donnie, being a close friend of the day family during my younger years into my young adult life, any young man that was around him for any length of time, learned respect, class, and above all, how to carry himself, he was a man that made us all better men. My heart goes out to his family, I love Ms. Penny like a second mom. Rest in peace "old Tiger" my friend. Steve Murphy "MURPH"

Steve Murphy - December 27, 2015 at 12:04 PM

CG

“ Chance and Aubrey Gould purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Donald Lamar Daye.



Chance and Aubrey Gould - December 27, 2015 at 11:46 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Lamar Daye.



December 27, 2015 at 10:55 AM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Donald Lamar Daye.



December 27, 2015 at 09:28 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Lamar Daye.*



December 27, 2015 at 09:12 AM



“ *I am so very sorry for your loss Mr. Donnie always listened to me and treated me as an adult. He taught me so much about sportsmanship and to always remember to have fun I will miss him. God Bless you all.*

Pat Hall

Pat Hall - December 27, 2015 at 08:38 AM



“ *Many childhood memories of Mr Daye - one thing about him was he always had a smile, a hug, and a kiss. Prayers and love to your family.*

Amy Huff Berryhill - December 27, 2015 at 08:14 AM



“ *Charlotte and my condolence go out the DAYE family and friends for the loss of one of the best guy's with the biggest heart I have every known. I know he was a great athlete, but he was much greater in life. Penny, Dean, Daryl, and Derek, my heart goes out to each of you and your family's. We have been praying for all of you and will continue to do so. We sure have had some good times with you guys, and will all ways love the Daye's. With LOVE, Charlotte, and Wiley*

Wiley and Charlotte Montgomery - December 27, 2015 at 06:23 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Donald Lamar Daye.*



December 26, 2015 at 11:36 PM



“ *A man of honor and integrity. RIP Mr. Donnie. Love and prayers for Miss Penny and the rest of the Daye family.*
Jim and Cindy Rhodes

Jim Rhodes - December 26, 2015 at 10:41 PM

 Leah
Whitfield

“ It has taken me a little while to actually process the fact that someone I love so much has gone to be with our Lord and Savior. Mr. Donnie Daye has been a Father and a staple in the lives of so many of us from Ferriday. He was a strong Husband, Father, Grandfather and friend to so many. Only a few months ago, he was here in Houston while his loving wife was undergoing surgery. Although I knew everything he had been through with chemo and sickness, he was never once weak. I asked him several times if I could prop his feet up or make him more comfortable in those hospital waiting room chairs. He smiled at me several times saying all was well, no worries and he just wanted to hear his wife's voice and all would be right in this world. He loved Ms. Penny, his children and grandchildren more than life itself. Death is only a crossing stone to another life....a life filled with joy, music and laughter. Our love for Mr. Donnie is stronger than death. Although we could not stop it from happening, God did give him longer than expected....whether it was for him or for us to process his passing. Death cannot take away the lifetime of memories, laughter, tears, joy and friendship that we have all experienced with Mr. Donnie Daye. “Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal.” I love you Ms. Penny Dean Daye? and I know your heart is aching for the loved one that God gave to you so many years ago. Please remember that you were and are loved by so many!!!!

Leah Whitfield - December 26, 2015 at 10:38 PM

CS

“ We are Connie and Willis Stelly. There are so many fond memories we have of Donnie Some were at the beach. We would go to Sunset Grill and watch the sunset. After we would go back to the condo and have a "few" drinks and often discuss our view of the Lord. Donnie was a very religious man. Once we shared our thoughts on if we thought there was a hell. And we decided that the Lord was such a forgiver that we probably all go to heaven. I know one thing if there is s heaven Donnie Daye is there. The other things I cherish is that he and I were very head strong. He did not like that I was such an independent woman. And yet we agreed that we could have been brother and sister. The other thing is that my poor husband has heard at least a thousand times why can't you treat me like Donnie treats Penny. He adored and loved her more than anyone I have ever known. What a gift. And she well deserved it. Willis says his memory is that Donnie was always ready and willing to help everyone. God bless you. We will miss you more than you know.

connie stelky - December 26, 2015 at 09:42 PM

HY

“ Many thoughts and prayers to Penny, Dean, Daryl, Derek and all the Daye family.

Hope Young - December 26, 2015 at 06:36 PM

JR

“ Johnny and Wanda Robinson purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Donald Lamar Daye.



Johnny and Wanda Robinson - December 26, 2015 at 05:35 PM

BF

“ *Biondo, Bryson, Underood & Sanders Family purchased the Love's Tapestry for the family of Donald Lamar Daye.*



Biondo, Bryson, Underood & Sanders Family - December 26, 2015 at 04:44 PM

DB

“ *My sincerest condolences to the Daye family. My thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of grief. Be confident in the belief that God will be with you, and give you the peace, comfort and strength to carry you through these sad and difficult days.*

Denise Biondo - December 26, 2015 at 03:57 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Donald Lamar Daye.*



December 26, 2015 at 12:22 PM