



James Michael Darouse

April 22, 1963 - April 30, 2010

James Michael "Mike" Darouse

Age 47, native of Ponchatoula and previous resident of Albany, Mike passed away on Friday, April 30, 2010 in Hawaii. He was a 1981 graduate of Ponchatoula High School and a parishioner of St. Margaret Catholic Church. He was a teacher and coach at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School from 1999 – 2007, having coached football, baseball, golf and softball. Mike's extensive military career gave him the opportunity to spend time in many different regions, including Alaska, Missouri and Korea, as well as, Hawaii, where he resided for the past two years. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1986-1994, and was a member of the Hawaii Air National Guard at the time of his death. Mike had recently been promoted to Senior Master Sergeant.

Mike is survived by his son, Christopher Michael Murray of Ponchatoula; daughter, Kelsi Ka'iulani Darouse of Hawaii; parents, James and Shirley Darouse of Albany; brothers, Kevin Darouse and wife Stacy, William Darouse, along with niece Rudi Darouse and nephew, Blake Elliott.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the visitation from the chapel of Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home on Monday, May 10, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., with recitation of the rosary at 7:00 p.m. The visitation will resume at the funeral home on Tuesday, May 11, 2010 from 8:00

a.m. until 9:30 a.m. The Mass of Christian Burial will be at St. Margaret Catholic Church, in Albany, on Tuesday, May 11, 2010 at 10:00 a.m., celebrated by Fr. Randy Cuevas. Interment will follow in St. Margaret Catholic Church Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requests that memorial donations be made in memory of James Michael Darouse to St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School-Endowment Fund, 14520 Voss Drive Hammond, LA 70401.

Condolences and other information are available at www.thompsoncares.com

Arrangements have been entrusted to Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home of Hammond.

Tribute Wall



“ Mike was such a great listener.....and a motivator. When I told him of my first pregnancy and how much weight I had gained...he helped to motivate me to be in better shape for my second child. My first child took 2 days to deliver and was very strenous. My second child took 2 hours to deliver and a lot of that had to do with the condition I was in and that was a direct result of the encouragement Mike gave to me, in motivating me to "get to the gym" everyday before work. 5 AM! I cannot believe he is gone. What a loss! He is truly a very special man.##imported-begin##Dia Erpenbeck##imported-end##

November 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM



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“ Mike was very "special" to us and will be sadly missed. He was a great teacher, baseball coach and friend. Please know that each of you are in our prayers and thoughts. May God Bless you with his comfort and love during this most difficult time.##imported-begin##Jo Ellen, Tommy & Ryan Marten##imported-end##

May 10, 2010 at 12:21 PM



“ We were so sorry to hear of Coaches passing, we will never forget him coaching first base and the relationship he had with my son and the other players. Mr and Mrs Darouse were at all the games, home and away! God bless coach, I know he's in a better place!##imported-begin##Bill & Ann Morgan##imported-end##

May 09, 2010 at 09:12 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Darouse family during this time of sorrow. I have many pictures and plenty of memories of all the times Coach and I have spent together. Now I will always have him by my side.##imported-begin##Clinton Verbeek##imported-end##

May 06, 2010 at 09:14 PM



“ Mike was a very special person and he will be missed. He touched the lives of many STA students and their families. Thanks for all the "lessons" you taught my children.##imported-begin##Debbie Ferrara##imported-end##

May 06, 2010 at 09:32 AM



“ I'm so sorry to hear about Mike. I know him and David Ledbetter and catching up now... My thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Jennifer Blessey##imported-end##

May 05, 2010 at 12:53 PM



“ *As they say, Heaven must have needed an angel, because Mike certainly was one. I will miss his smile and sense of humor. You are in our thoughts and prayers, as always.*

Love,

The Benitez Family##imported-begin##Ken and Cindy Benitez##imported-end##

May 03, 2010 at 01:18 PM