



## Darneil Kite

August 15, 1967 - July 23, 2025

Born on August 15, 1967, in Anniston, Alabama, Darneil was the cherished son of Perry B. Jennings and Madlean Kelley Kite.

From a young age, Darneil accepted Christ and aligned himself with Miracle Revival Temple, cultivating a sense of faith and community that would guide him throughout his life. He was a proud graduate of Anniston High School Class of 1985, where he shone not only academically but also athletically, participating passionately in the school's sports programs.

Darneil's dedication to service led him to the United States Army, where he rose to the rank of Sergeant during his decade-long commitment as a Field Artillery Canon Crew Member. His service was honored with several commendations, including the Army Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Drivers Badge, Expert Qualification Badge (Rifle M16) and 1st Class (Hand Grenade).

Beyond his military service, Darneil became a beloved figure in his community, renowned for his spirit of mentorship and empowerment. As the founder and president of the South Highland Cowboys Football Team, as well as a coach and president for the East Alabama Gators, he poured his heart into inspiring young athletes. His enthusiasm for sports extended to basketball, where he also coached, instilling in many the values of teamwork and perseverance. Darneil's influence reached far and wide, impacting the

lives of young men who have gone on to compete at the Division 1 level. In quieter moments, Darneil found joy in nature, often relaxing by the riverbanks or in tranquil waters, where he would cast his line in hopes of the day's big catch, always accompanied by music and song. His love for cinematic storytelling, grilling, and caring for pets reflected the warmth and vibrancy he brought to every interaction. During football season, Darneil enjoyed watching his favorite teams, The Alabama Crimson Tide and The Dallas Cowboys. He will be missed immensely by all the hearts he has touched and lives he have encountered.

On Wednesday, July 23, 2025, Mr. Darneil Kite, affectionately known as "Koach," to family and friends transitioned from this earthly journey to his eternal resting place at the age of 57 while in the comfort of his home. He was preceded in death by his parents, Perry B. Jennings and Madlean Kite, son, Jarneil Kite, grandparents, William L. Kelley, Charlie C. and Nearee D. Kelley, Carley Jennings, Sr. and Ora D. Jennings, sister, Betty Ann Kite, aunts, Julia Pearl Brown, Joanne Fluker, and Eva Mae Rainery, and uncle, Charlie Cleofus Kelley, Jr.

Darneil leaves behind a rich legacy that includes his loving children, Jamila Lanier, Angela Kite, Tyreke Kite, and J'Mya Kite, bonus daughter, Timaria Caldwell; special son/grandson, DeAngelo Kite; grandchildren, Darius English, Elijah Lanier, Chance Lanier, Zion English, Olivia Taylor, Jasmine Kite, and Jayce Kite; siblings, Thomas Earl Kelley, Anthony Kite, Roger Kite, Tyrone Kelley, Kenneth L. Jennings, and Beverly Jean Kite (Michael) Turner; aunts, Gloria Franks (David) Coleman and Mary Grier; special aunt, Nina Ammons; uncles, James Jennings, Melvin Gene Lowery, and Billy Rogers Lowery; along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives, coaching colleagues, and countless friends who will miss him dearly.

As we bid farewell to this remarkable man, let us honor his memory by cherishing the lessons he imparted and the lives he touched. Darneil Kite will forever remain in our hearts, a guiding light illuminating our paths with the

strength, power, and love he so effortlessly shared.

In honor of Darneil's indomitable spirit and love for family and community, a view of his life through pictures and stories will be shared, ensuring that the memories he created will live on in all who were touched by his kindness.

# Cemetery Details

## Edgemont Cemetery

3555 Noble St  
Anniston, AL 36201

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

AUG 1. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

S.M. Goodson Funeral Homes and Crematory- Anniston  
830 Noble Street  
Anniston, AL 36201

## Celebration of Life

AUG 2. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

South Highland Community Center  
229 South Allen Avenue  
Anniston, AL 36207

# Tribute Wall



“ *My deepest condolences to The Kite Family!*



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**Trina Thornton** - August 02, 2025 at 01:34 PM



“ *Elder Jerrell C. Hicks lit a candle in memory of Darneil Kite*



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**Elder Jerrell C. Hicks** - August 01, 2025 at 09:16 PM



*My heartfelt condolences to my classmate family Darnell was a sweet person that smile lit up a room rest in love classmate 85💔💔💔💔💔*

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**Pamela Glass** - August 04, 2025 at 02:39 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Darneil Kite.*



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August 01, 2025 at 06:46 PM

RF

“ Roger Kite&Regina Kite and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Darneil Kite.



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**Roger Kite&Regina Kite and Family** - July 31, 2025 at 09:52 PM

RK

“ Darnel you will be missed. I enjoyed talking to you over the phone. You made made laugh all the time. Just talking about fishing our grand children. To me you were always a Great brother in law, friend and family person with a caring heart. Gone but never forgotten. Rest easy King!



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**Regina Kite** - July 31, 2025 at 01:55 PM

CK

“ Was stationed in Bamberg Germany with Sgt Kite. Always a pleasant person to be around. Was out one evening at the Local Club called the Check Point where things went sideways as they can go. Sgt Kite happened to be in the Club that night a group of other Soldiers came at me and Sgt Kite stood up for me and all Hell broke loose. Sgt Kite had some hands he was quick with them Luckily no one was seriously hurt. The next day First Sgt Tricky asked us what happened and when he realized Sgt Kite was standing up for me he told us to get to hell out of his office . I could see from the First Sgt reaction that he was Proud of what Sgt Kite did standing up for his fellow soldiers from ALPHA Battery. Sgt Kite will always be remembered by me as that guy who stood on his beliefs no matter what. He will always be part of my life story and I'm glad that Our paths crossed for the short time together in Germany. RIP Sgt Kite and I will see you at the Crossroads.  
Christopher Troy Kukulka



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**Chris Kukulka** - July 29, 2025 at 11:35 PM

PE

*That was Darneil!!!*

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**Petra** - July 31, 2025 at 03:25 AM

TA

*Darneil was joyful competitive on the basketball court and in the boxing ring during his time in Alpha Battery 6/10th FA Warner Barracks, Bamberg Germany during the Cold War and reunification of Germany. He trained hard and partied even harder enjoying life. As Darneil would say after returning from the Check Point "We owned the the club tonight." I was on CQ one night for Alpha Battery on the night Darneil had talked a German police officer into letting him bring one of our soldiers back to base after that soldier had pushed a German police officer off a bridge into the river. I do not know to this day how he did it. That soldier made it all the way back to his bunk and had 2 hours sleep before the MP's showed up. Darneil would have your back no matter what.*

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**Taylor Anderson** - August 01, 2025 at 01:57 AM

MK

*Yeah that was Kite in Germany when we dated even when we got married He and His Boys Weber,Brown,Curse,Roy,all of them was fighten almost every day But He never got in Trouble BC them 1st Sgt was His Homeboy from Alabama  
I Always was scared that Kite woul've gottn hurt one day But He didn't I Loved him so much Back then in Germany RIH Kite*

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**Manuela Kite** - August 05, 2025 at 03:46 AM