



## Darin Kalei Kamalii

April 9, 1969 - September 12, 2021

Darin Kalei Kamalii, 52, of Orlando, Florida passed away Sunday, September 12, 2021. He was born on April 9, 1969 in Wailuku, Hawaii.

Darin is survived by his wife, Meagan Kamalii; children, Jayna-Luka Kamalii (Kasey Keahi), Leah Kaina, Paul Kamalii, and Koa Kamalii; mother, Jane Kamalii; brother, Jason Kamalii; sister, Leilehua Ikegami (Sheen); grandson, Zeke Keahi; and other extended family and friends. He is preceded in death by his father, Nathan Kamalii.

Services will be held at a later date.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

OCT **10**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Genesis Church Orlando  
15060 Old Cheney Hwy  
Orlando, FL 32828

# Tribute Wall

JT

“ For Leah, Paul, Koa, Meagan, and family...

*I remember when Hurricane Irma hit Orlando in 2017. My daughter was an infant, and the Kamalii's had recently moved in above us. This hurricane had caused us both to be without power for 2.5 days. We shared what we had, and went into survival mode.*

*During this time I learned Darin was WAY better at starting (and managing) a fire than I. Looking back at it, he knew his fire building skills were superior, but he went about showing it in such a humble and gentle way. So I decided to just find wood and fodder for the fire, and brought my pot of soup to cook for everyone.*

*This day became my introduction to Hawaiian sea salt on ribeye steak. When I tell you that was THE best ribeye I have ever tasted....everything was PERFECT. This changed my life forever also (Lol). I now only buy ribeye's, season with only sea salt, and grill them. I have never been able to recreate Darin's perfection that day, but I have worked hard to come close.*

*In my mind, I had played the scenario of picking only one person/family to be stuck with during an apocalypse, and my decision was always (and quickly) Darin, and the Kamalii family. Between the both of us, we had all the needs covered!*

*I remember a kid approaching our hurricane bar-b-q, and Darin snapped on him a bit. Leah said, "Dad I've never seen you like that". It was hilarious, because this kid was known for freeloading, and then going home. From flashlights to food, we had each others backs. While the storm was a bit chaotic and took out power, that too was one of my favorite memories. Even though we had no electricity, there was peace.*

*I will never forget my brother Darin Kamalii, and look forward to seeing him again one day,*

*With love and respect, Josh Tynes*

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**Josh Tynes** - November 28, 2021 at 05:56 PM

JT

“ *For the Boys and Meagan,*

*I remember when the Kamalii family van's battery had a parasitic draw, which required a jumpstart every morning for a period of time. The first 2 or 3 times was no sweat, but one morning (when I was running late for work) I was a little annoyed that the battery needed a jump, and I had just heard on the radio that constantly jumping a battery was damaging for both vehicles. Annoyed (mainly because I was running late), I decided to stop and make time for my brother. I know he would have done it for me, even with his extremely long commute to Publix.*

*You see, that was a moment for me to exercise the love of Christ right back to the man and family that had continuously showed it to me and mine. I love this family deeply, and could never forget how great of a blessing they were to us when we really needed the help.*

*If you all every need anything (especially Paul and Koa), let me know, and I'll fight for you to get it, if I don't already have the resource.*

*With love and respect, from Josh Tynes  
Hang in there.*

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**Josh Tynes** - November 28, 2021 at 05:16 PM

JT

“ For the Boys and Meagan,

*Every Thanksgiving I think of the time my family and I shared with the Kamalii family. I remember Meagan and Darin showing us the Love of Christ by watching our baby girl, and caring for her like their own.*

*I remember joining together for a calm, stress free Thanksgiving meal in your apartment. I'm not a big pumpkin fan, but Koa made an amazing dessert with pumpkin as the main ingredient, and I couldn't have enough. I was surprised that little Koa made such a tasty dish!*

*I remember sitting at the table with Darin when my father in-law approached him to thank him for taking care of my daughter. Darin said we were like brothers (and still are). At that time, my father in-law was dealing with his inner demons which had put him at odds with me often. I laughed to myself a little when I saw my father in-laws face sink after Darin called me his brother. This memory still puts a smile on my face.*

*I remember Darin's sacrifice and love for his family, which I try to emulate to this day. Darin is my brother, and his example lives on through me, because I was forever changed and encouraged by his selfless dedication. This is still my favorite Thanksgiving memory of all time.*

*With love and respect, from Josh Tynes.*

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**Josh Tynes** - November 28, 2021 at 05:01 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Darin Kalei Kamalii.*



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October 07, 2021 at 02:09 PM



“ *Condolence Snacks was purchased for the family of Darin Kalei Kamalii.*



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October 01, 2021 at 06:21 PM



“ *Darin was always smiling, caring, fun loving person! He would make me laugh all the time. Darin I love and miss you! I can picture your Smiles with your dad right now. XOXOXO Your cousin, Kalanionapua*

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**Misty** - October 01, 2021 at 06:12 PM

HW

“ To Leilehua Ikegami & Family,

*To My Prayer Warrior Co-worker / Sister, so sorry to hear about the Passing of your Brother, Darin. Sending my Heartfelt Sympathy to you and your Family. May your Precious Memories of him bring you a Source of Comfort. GOD is SOVEREIGN and will Strengthen you and your Family during your time of Sorrow. Just reading the previous Stories about your Brother and knowing you is a Testament to your Mother.*

*Love,*

*Your Sister in CHRIST, HAZEL W.*

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**Hazel Washington** - September 30, 2021 at 08:27 PM



“Darin, you truly were one of a kind. Your whole family is amazing. Your boys will grow up to be just like you and that is great news. When I needed more hours at work, Meagan sent me over to your store to speak to you about a position working for you. I felt like we clicked that day. You were so easy to talk to. Instead of talking to me about work, you talked to me about family. When I was down on my luck Bc my own family didn't want to help me and I was homeless, you guys helped me out. Gave me a place to sleep, shower and even wash my clothes. Who does that? No one! I know I was stubborn and didn't accept the help most of the time. You guys were always willing to help out. I'm not the only person you helped. There are many others. Your heart was huge and you always saw the best in people. I introduced you guys to my family, Ami and Abby. You also treated them like family. Bbq and pool days. Wish we could have many more of those kind of days. The way you were with those boys...man, I wish I was half the dad you are. You created so many memories with those boys and I'm thankful that the last memory was that Gators game we went to, and I was part of it. Kā'eo will always remember that day. I promise I will look out for those boys and for Meagan, my sister. There is so much more I could say but then I would have to publish it as book. Thanks for always being there for me, brother. A Hui Hou ko'u kaikunāne



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**Maxwell ToFlo** - September 21, 2021 at 08:57 AM

RG

“ Like I said before, and I'll put it here as well..  
I'm lost of word for you D, a true mentor and a great example to follow, a hard working man that was all about his wife and kids and everything he did was for them! I got to witness that first hand as he strive and worked hard to get to where he was at, Thank you for taking your time and being part of the ones who taught me the business I know today! Thank you for being the great soul you were and always coming to visit me at my stores to congratulate me on all my promotions, you were always excited to see me succeed and watch me grow! We've lost a true friend, and one of the best souls I've ever met in life, and to the kamalii family I'm just a phone call away for anything!

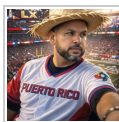
a hui hou mākou 🙌👍

Ray Gutierrez - September 20, 2021 at 06:56 PM

JA

“ My brother from another.I hired Darin at 1439 when him and his family moved here from Hawaii. We have been family ever since .Darin was a true brother to me and I was better person for having him in my life .This is truly an impossible loss for all that knew him.There are few people in this world I can call a true friend and he was one of them.Ill see you in the next life brother ....

John Anton - September 20, 2021 at 03:09 PM



He loved you John. At the Gators game all he could do is talk about you.

Maxwell ToFlo - September 21, 2021 at 11:30 AM

WR

“ I'm still in disbelief. Me and DK started working at Publix store 1439 in 2014 a week apart from each other and continued to work together for about 5 years, lifting each other from the ground up. My dude was a hard working man dedicated to his family, a person that if you were having a bad day he knew what to say to make you feel better, a true friend. My Brah! I will always have you close in my heart, and celebrate our friendship, because you would do the same for me. I refuse to say goodbye instead say, see you later my Hawaiian brah. 🍻🍻🍻🍻

William Rivera - September 19, 2021 at 12:05 AM

MG

“ One of my most favorite memories with Darin is decorating together at ReThink Life Church for our Christmas season. Darin & Meagan always brought so much joy & laughter to the room. He was an incredibly talented floral designer & bow maker! I always looked forward to those moments together because Darin brought the true JOY of Christmas to the atmosphere of our church through his servant spirit. I will miss him & those moments so much! Heaven has gained a beautiful soul! His Legacy will live on in my heart & those who were blessed to know him.

Michelle Gage - September 18, 2021 at 01:57 PM

ND

“ I am so sorry for your loss! I pray that God covers you and the kids. Darin was such an amazing person, very kind and welcoming. I met you guys when you moved to Crowntree Lakes. To this day I will never forget how much he made me feel like I was family. Sending all my love to his wife and kids.

Natalie Davis - September 18, 2021 at 07:57 AM

DS

“ In 2006 I first met Darin at Publix 1439 when he was a meat cutter back then. I just got transferred to that location and when I approached him for the first time I knew he was a guy I can share a laugh with. I haven't known him for the longest or was best friends but a friend for sure. It was a pleasure to get to know him and the way this world works I got to work with Meagan as well. Mahalo my Friend!

Derek Sosbe - September 17, 2021 at 05:02 PM

DS

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Derek Sosbe - September 17, 2021 at 05:03 PM

JO

Darrin and I worked together at Publix store 133. He was my right hand man always looking to see what needed to be done. He always talked about his kids. His face would light up and he would tell me how he was training his son for football. He was a proud Dad and such a good father. He never had an ill word towards anyone and had a great upbeat attitude. The last time I saw him I gave him a big hug and told him to keep in touch and that we would get together when he got back. God takes the good ones early and Darrin is up there smiling down on his family RIP my friend till we meet again.

joseph R OBrien - September 19, 2021 at 06:51 PM

CA

Rest in Aloha mah Bruddah!! Gone but never forgotten. See you on da adda sai

Cam - September 20, 2021 at 06:54 PM