



Robert Earl Arnaud

October 3, 1976 - September 12, 2019

McDonough Chapel

Robert Earl Arnaud, a resident of Jonesboro, Georgia was born on October 3, 1976, in Lawton, Oklahoma, to Bobby Arnaud Sr. and Beverly Arnaud. He passed away September 10, 2019, in Jonesboro, Georgia. Robert graduated from Morrow High School in 1995 as a Blue-Chip All-American running back/linebacker and excelled in both track and field. Robert continued his education at the University of Georgia from 1995-2000. While pursuing his degree at the University of Georgia he participated in track and football. Robert had a very successful career as a running back and strong safety, then left to pursue a professional career with the Baltimore Ravens. He played for the Ravens from 2000-2003 and obtained a Super Bowl Championship in 2001. Robert also had the opportunity to play with the New Orleans Saints, Washington Redskins, Seattle Seahawks, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, and the Scottish Claymores.

He received a Specialist degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Lincoln Memorial in 2013. He worked 11 years as a teacher at Excel Academy and was awarded Teacher of the Year in 2016. He also coached football at Eagles Landing Middle School and Henry County High School.

Robert enjoyed many facets of life, especially spending time with family and

friends. He was a man of substance whose love and care for others proved itself in his everyday walk of life. He tirelessly extended his love to everyone with a warm heart and always opened his home. He was an amazingly strong man with a contagious spirit and outgoing personality.

Robert leaves to cherish his memory: his father, Bobby Arnaud Sr., Jonesboro, GA; brother, Bobby (Kanundra) Arnaud Jr., Jonesboro, GA; sisters Andrea (Brett) Price, Jonesboro, GA; and Gail Arnaud, San Antonio, TX; nieces Alexis Arnaud, Aaniyah and Kylie Price; nephews Bobby III and Jordan Arnaud; Godchildren Lord II and King Foster and Joi and Jayden Jenkins; best friends of many years, Marcus Stroud, Shannon Foster, and Roger Ransom; grand parent Joe Jones, and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. He was preceded in death by his mother Beverly Arnaud.

Final Arrangements Entrusted to:

Rowell-Parish Mortuary

611 N. 9th Street

Fort Smith, AR 72901

479-782-9200

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **20**. 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

W.D. Lemon & Sons Funeral Home - McDonough Chapel
300 Griffin Street
McDonough, GA 30253
(770) 957-4337
info@wdlemonfuneralhome.com

Service

SEP **21**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Shiloh Baptist Church - McDonough
262 Macon St.
McDonough, GA 30253
(770) 957-2344
<http://www.shilohmcdonough.org/>

Tribute Wall

TB

“ Thinking bout you 24/7 , he was & will always be really a great person, Always be loved & remembered.



Terry B - May 02 at 12:54 PM

MJ

“ Still keeping you in my thoughts bro! Love you.

MJ - October 01, 2024 at 04:54 PM

FA

“ I will forever love you and cherish the times and the endless laughs together. I miss you so much I wish I could pick up the phone to hear your laugh and all the corny jokes you would make to cheer me up. I wish I could of seen the pain you were going through, I am just now understanding how you may of feeling. Until we meet again dear friend.

Fatimah - September 12, 2022 at 11:05 PM

TR

“ WHY DID HIS OBITURARY SAY SO MUCH ABOUT MEANINGLESS SHIT. THIS IS WHAT CAUSED HSI DEATH EVERYBODY AROUND HIM FOCUSING ON MEANINGLESS WORLDLY SHIT AND NOT SEEING HIM NOT LOVING HIM NOT REALIZING HE WAS HURTING. AND I BET HIS FAMILY STILL WALKING AROUND THE ELEPHANT SO ITLL CONTINUE TO KEEP EFFECTING EVERY MAN IN THAT FAMILY UNTIL SOMEBODY CHOOSES TO GIVE UP SELF AND LOVE

TRUTH - June 28, 2022 at 02:13 PM

TS

“ Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent flowers, if so, we saw them there. Perhaps you spoke kind words, as anyone could say, perhaps you were not there at all, but thought of us every day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much, whatever the part.
The family would like to thank everyone for your kind words and prayers. Please continue to think of us and pray for us and pray for yourselves and your family and friends as well.

The little sister - May 06, 2020 at 08:45 PM

KH

“ As tomorrow is slowing approaching, I feel a lump starting to creep up in my throat. YOU are so loved and missed by many. We didn't talk all the time, but you always checked in with me. My heart is broken, we had a different, but special relationship, one that I will cherish for the rest of my life.

Love always.....
"Baby Mama"

kennesha harris - October 02, 2019 at 11:45 AM



“ Thank you coach. You forever with me, and I know for a fact that you're in a better place. Much love, and my condolences to the fam.



Joshua Dickerson - October 02, 2019 at 11:29 AM



“ *My life will never be the same. You don't know how much you meant to me. I'll never forget you, our conversations, or the time we shared together. I'll love you always! R.I.H.*

Shantrell Williams - September 30, 2019 at 04:14 PM



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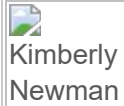


W.D. Lemon & Sons Funeral Home - September 26, 2019 at 01:20 PM



“ *KNew Robert and BJ as kids we was in Augsburg Germany together i was a lil bit older then Rob and BJ was older then us both.... Never forgot how rob showed me how to play the keyboard by ear.... And dat summer inspired me to buy my own.... Much Love and Respect im glad i was blessed to meet one of God's Great ones.....*

Bugg Williams - September 22, 2019 at 12:13 PM



Kimberly Newman

“ *This is how I will remember you. I am glad that I stopped by to holla at you two weeks ago. I'm glad I got a chance to hug you. You told me not to be a stranger. I got the disturbing call the very next week. Before I left you told said, "you be safe out there on that bike now" I hopped on my Harley and rode off with my pipes roaring. I will miss ya. Your homie/soror/friend. Kim.*



Kimberly Newman - September 21, 2019 at 07:06 PM

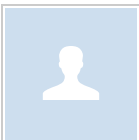


LY

“ *Condolences to the friends and family. RIP Robert amf fly high! Love always*



LynnC - September 21, 2019 at 06:14 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Earl Arnaud.*



September 21, 2019 at 08:28 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Earl Arnaud.*



September 20, 2019 at 07:50 PM



“ *Me and Big bro against Georgia Tech 1999...*



jasper sanks - September 20, 2019 at 06:31 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Earl Arnaud.*



September 20, 2019 at 05:01 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert Earl Arnaud.*



September 20, 2019 at 05:01 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Robert Earl Arnaud.*



September 20, 2019 at 01:11 PM



“ *OMG! I am heartbroken. Such heartfelt sympathy for the family and for Marcus. Bert was a good friend, he cared so much for the students, and he LOVED to have a good time. I enjoyed our conversations and the love he always showed. He was a great DJ! I love to hear stories about his football career and about the students he mentored. I am so saddened and will miss him greatly. RIP, Bert.*

*With Deepest Sympathy,
Dr. Precious Prothro*

Dr. Precious Prothro - September 20, 2019 at 01:08 PM



“ *Reflections of Glory Wreath was purchased for the family of Robert Earl Arnaud.*



September 20, 2019 at 12:52 PM

CG

“ I looked forward to seeing Coach A every morning as he entered the school to start a new day. He was very nice and always smiled as he greeted me. I also had the privilege of having car lane duty in the afternoons with him. He was wonderful with the students. I will miss you Coach A! R.I.P

*With Deepest Sympathy,
Carolyn George*

Carolyn George - September 20, 2019 at 07:45 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Robert Earl Arnaud.*



September 20, 2019 at 12:18 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert Earl Arnaud.*



September 20, 2019 at 12:03 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Earl Arnaud.*



September 19, 2019 at 08:39 PM

DQ

“ *Mr Arnaud ... Robert*

In all of my years at Patrick Henry I was privileged to work with so many awesome people. You were a highlight of my last few years there. I admired your expertise, your thoughtfulness, your insight, and your humor as we worked with so many children and their families.

You will be missed by all of us.

Rest In Peace

Dr. Debbie Queen

Debbie Queen - September 19, 2019 at 06:33 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Earl Arnaud.*



September 19, 2019 at 06:01 PM

SF

“ *We the Johnson family would like send our condolences to our friend. We have so many memories from Fort McPherson. Growing up you my sons Shamon and DeAndre Johnson. But when we purchased our home in Riverdale, you help us move in to our first home. You worked so hard lifting that heavy furniture of ours. You showed love, grace and kindness, the biggest smile I had ever seen. We will miss you and will see you in glory one day. Eldeen, Jackie, Shamon and DeAndre, may God welcome you home.*

SFC Eldeen Johnson and Family - September 19, 2019 at 05:38 PM

LH

“ *Burt we will miss you terribly, but you will live forever in our hearts. You brought so much joy to our lives. We will miss your smile, hugs, calls, visits and your special hugs. You were a special person with a BIG caring heart! We love you!! Leo and Mary*

Leo and Mary Hill - September 19, 2019 at 05:28 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Earl Arnaud.*



September 18, 2019 at 08:00 PM

EC

“ *Elmo Missionary Baptist Church purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert Earl Arnaud.*



Elmo Missionary Baptist Church - September 18, 2019 at 07:50 PM

TA

“ *My dear childhood and college friend, i will miss you so much. I can hear your laugh and you always joking. I wish we had talked more recently. Rest well brother*

Tanette - September 18, 2019 at 01:30 PM

 Sharita
Dial

“ You are my brother from another! I love you to life and after death. I am grateful for our friendship, the laughter, your charisma, and your smile. I did not stay in touch with you enough but my heart aches to hear of you passing. Rest in Heaven friend!

Sharita Dial - September 18, 2019 at 12:57 PM

BE

“ We will love and miss you forever, Coach A. Thank you for all the wonderful funny moments spent working together! Thank you for pouring so much love and wisdom into our students and coworkers. Your caring heart is a treasure we will never forget. May you be in the Lord's arms resting in peace and may the Lord grant us all strength to continue our path here...until we meet again Coach A!

Bella - September 18, 2019 at 11:36 AM

SW

“ My buddy since I can remember. You will never be forgotten. Rest well friend.



Shay Watson - September 17, 2019 at 06:20 PM

 Kimberly
Emanuel

“ Still cant believe you are gone. I love you Robert and after so many years working together I truly miss you. Heaven gained an angel.

Kimberly Emanuel - September 17, 2019 at 04:29 PM



“ *Sweet Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Robert Earl Arnaud.*



September 17, 2019 at 02:04 PM



“ *To Robert's Family,*

I have worked with Robert at PHHS/EXCEL for the past 11 years and I can't believe that I will no longer see his smiling face. Robert was so patient and caring not only for all of his students, but to his coworkers as well. This is a huge loss and I'm still struggling with it. Such a sweet man who has done so much for others. Robert is now smiling and dancing in Heaven. I will miss you! Much love!

Angel

Angel Howell - September 17, 2019 at 07:47 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert Earl Arnaud.*



September 16, 2019 at 09:54 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Earl Arnaud.*



September 16, 2019 at 08:21 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Robert Earl Arnaud.*



September 16, 2019 at 07:19 PM



“ *Such a tragedy to lose a young man of Roberts caliber, he was an outstanding young man. I had the pleasure of meeting Robert when he was a young student at Morrow High School, and can say I never met a brighter, more talented kid in my life. He will be missed and remembered by all who had the privilege of calling him FRIEND. RIP Robert, you made a great impression on an old man like me.*

Russell Patterson - September 16, 2019 at 05:06 PM

LH

“ *The world is less bright today. Robert was such a strong male role model for his students - he possessed infinite patience and was dedicated to making sure his students were welcomed, safe, and loved. I had the pleasure of working with him at PHHS/EXCEL for the past umpteen years - I will miss his smiling greetings, his genuine concern for his fellow educators, his endearing smile. RIP, Robert*

Lisa Hart-Gray - September 16, 2019 at 03:20 PM

MG

“ *Maria Greathouse -Malia Garcia purchased the Strength and Wisdom Casket Spray for the family of Robert Earl Arnaud.*



Maria Greathouse -Malia Garcia - September 16, 2019 at 09:17 AM



“ *This is such a hard pull to swallow. Sundays at headquarters will never be the same without your big smile and jokes. You were a great friend to me and I will truly miss you. Until we meet again my friend rest easy and know we all love you.*



Michelle Keesee - September 15, 2019 at 09:56 PM

“P

“ Robert Earl,
Never thought I'd be writing to you on something like this. I love you man. I'm so so sad. There are no words..... Rest In Peace forever and I'll be praying for you always. 🙏❤️

“Powers” - September 15, 2019 at 08:25 PM

GS

“ Mr. A, what a pleasure it was to meet you and wk w/ you at Patrick Henry. Always a gentle Man. My condolences to your family. RIP.
Mrs. G. Starks

G. Starks - September 15, 2019 at 08:24 PM

JT

“ Mr. A,

What a wonderful, kind, human being and friend! I love that we both were from Lawton, OK! Rival high schools, I know. You were a Blessing to so many students, colleagues, and me! I loved our talks. You were never concerned about yourself. Such a selfless, respectful, upstanding human being you were here on this earth! The angels are rejoicing in heaven welcoming you, while we're heartbroken and need comfort. May the Lord give your family, students, colleagues, and friends that peace that passes all understanding as they journey through the days ahead. I will forever hold you in my heart and be thankful that I had the privilege of knowing and working with such a phenomenal, Christian man! We will see each other again one day in Glory! Love you! Mrs. T
P.S. I'll be ready for a volleyball game! 🙏🙏🙏❤️❤️❤️🙏🙏🙏❤️❤️

Jennifer Thomas - September 15, 2019 at 04:14 PM

LM

“ We Love you Robert and words can never express how we are feeling. You are our brother, who protected us and took care of us. It was you who taught us your famous words “Say Less”

Linda M. - September 15, 2019 at 04:13 PM

LJ

“ Mr A, I still have the retirement angel you gave me. I will cherish it even more. We worked together for a long long time and you will be missed by many. I loved when you would call me “Princess” and especially when you would say “don’t get on the wrong side of Princess”. “Ewww and make sure that fridge is cleaned out!!! “Makes me smile. Till we meet again Robert ❤️❤️❤️❤️



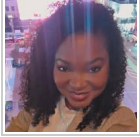
lotraine jones - September 15, 2019 at 03:35 PM

SW

“ Sincerely, Tamra Hellams Wright purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Robert Earl Arnaud.



Sincerely, Tamra Hellams Wright - September 15, 2019 at 09:58 AM



“ Robert...words can't begin to describe my feelings right now. We worked together for many years and through the ups and downs, one thing remained constant. You were always a good man and an awesome human being. Rest in perfect peace Robert...until we see each other again.

Shannan Marie - September 14, 2019 at 07:30 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Robert Earl Arnaud.



September 14, 2019 at 07:25 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Earl Arnaud.



September 14, 2019 at 07:12 PM



“ Phyllis Nickerson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert Earl Arnaud.



Phyllis Nickerson - September 14, 2019 at 06:19 PM

SC

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



steve crowgey - September 14, 2019 at 01:47 PM

SH

“ *Bert, this seems so surreal. I'm still processing it. Thank you for being a real friend. You have and will hold a special place in my heart. You will be missed dearly. May your life continue to be an inspiration to others* ❤️

Shawn - September 14, 2019 at 12:16 AM

KA

“ *Rest easy my friend. I watched you teach our kids the hardest of lessons....how to get along..how to forgive...how to respect themselves. I learned so much from you and promise to keep your lessons going. Love you Coach.*

Kathleen - September 13, 2019 at 11:10 PM

RC

“ *I heart is hurting right now, now I wish I would have came by all the times you ask me to and called you back when you text me and ask to call you I was so much into my career and future.my love for you will continue..*

Rc - September 13, 2019 at 11:01 PM

JT

“ Coach A, In all of the years we worked together at Patrick Henry & Excel, you never uttered a negative word about another, never said no to a request, always had time to listen, and the list could go on forever. You were respected in so many ways. It was an honor working with you, sir. I'll try not to let you down in my future dealings w our children. J Teague

Jack Teague - September 13, 2019 at 09:34 PM

PM

“ Mr. A. You were sooo instrumental in turning kids' lives around. You and Jill reminded all of us that were fortunate enough to be your teammates at Patrick Henry Middle School that building relationships was most important! I learned more about teaching and working with students from working alongside you all. You made us laugh even when we were worn out -and we all loved you and the joy you brought us! ❤️

Pam Masters - September 13, 2019 at 09:16 PM

VW

“ Wow- Robert we were colleagues for several years and sometimes we could bump heads, you couldn't help but laugh when I called you a Ron Clark wanttobe. Yet, we could put everything aside and enjoy a friendship over game of cards...spades of course. A good one gone home. Love and prayers to your family. V. Webber

V Webber - September 13, 2019 at 09:06 PM

 Valissa Allen

“ I'm so grateful to have had the chance to work with and befriend such a sincerely great educator and person. Your words of encouragement during my recent times of trial and chatting it up with you are truly appreciated. I miss you, my friend. RIP Robert.

Valissa Allen - September 13, 2019 at 08:54 PM

AH

“ Oh Mr. A.—What an amazing educator you were. You made an impact in the lives of so many of our troubled kids. I miss you already, and I will forever hear you call me Ms Hetzner because you were so adamant about being respectful and not calling me “Amy.” You were one of a kind...one of the finest men I ever knew.

Amy Hetzner - September 13, 2019 at 08:47 PM

DO

“ Robert was a fine young man and a great athlete May he rest in peace God Bless Coach Dolores Owen MHS

dolores owen - September 13, 2019 at 06:20 PM



“ You were always a ray of light and a breath of fresh air in any room you walked in...I will forever cherish you and all the memories we shared....i hope you know how much you were loved and even more how much i/we will miss you! Farewell my dear friend!

Alethea Keesee - September 13, 2019 at 05:49 PM

NE

“ Robert also ran track during my time as Assistant Track Coach at UGA. Robert brought a light hearted spirit to practice each and every day. He would always make me laugh. He was liked by everyone. Even though he always brought laughter to the group, Robert was a diligent hard worker at practice and would never shy away from the harder workouts.
My life and the lives of his track team mates have been enriched because we knew Robert.

You will be sorely missed Robert. May your Soul Rest In Peace.

*Norbert Elliott
Head Coach Purdue University*

Norbert Elliott - September 13, 2019 at 05:45 PM

TE

“ An amazing friend full of life and laughter! My friend forever! I will cherish the bond we had for eternity! I love you forever and always!!
Until we meet again! ~Teia

Teia - September 13, 2019 at 05:19 PM