



Daryle Lamonica

July 17, 1941 - April 21, 2022

Daryle P. Lamonica died unexpectedly on April 21, 2022 at his home in Fresno, CA of natural causes.

Daryle was born in Clovis, CA on July 17, 1941 to Samuel Lamonica and Vera (Duffy) Lamonica. He graduated from Clovis High School in 1959 and graduated from Notre Dame University in 1963 with a degree in business. Daryle married the love of his life, Mary, on May 1, 1970 and had been by her side for 51 years. They lived together in the Bay Area before finally settled back home in Fresno, CA to raise their family.

Daryle was the former Buffalo Bills and Oakland Raider quarterback over his 12 year NFL career, along with his professional careers in trucking, insurance and warehousing/distribution.

Daryle was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. He loved being PAPA the best, spending time with his grandchild was his favorite this to do. Papa juice and snacks will be something his grandchildren will always remember. He loved attending his grandchildren's events from school performances, to soccer games or dance recitals. Where he was always there trying to get that perfect picture. He was the ultimate outdoorsman, who was passionate about his time fishing, hunting and just being outside with Mother Nature. His passion for the outdoors took him all over the world from Alaska to

Africa and everywhere in between. He passed this passion on to both his sons and we are forever grateful. You will be missed and forever in our hearts!

Daryle is survived by his wife Mary Lamonica; his sister Judy (Lamonica) Nash; his sons and their wives, Brian and Brenda Lamonica / Brandon and Sandra Lamonica; his grandchildren Josh, Jeremy, Dakota, Ella, Gavin and Logan; his great grandchild Beau.

Services will be held on Thursday, May 5, 2022 at 11:30 a.m. at Peoples Church located at 7172 N. Cedar Avenue, Fresno, CA 93720.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 5. 11:30 AM (PT)

People's Church
7172 N. Cedar Avenue
Fresno, CA 93720

Tribute Wall



“ *Daryle Lamonica*

September 15, 2022 at 09:34 PM



“ *My heartfelt condolences go to Daryle's family. I can't believe I only heard about this today as I was a huge Daryle Lamonica fan, still teased about it to this day by my family. I admired so much his play for the Raiders and he was so exciting to watch. I'll never forget the Heidi game, where I was so angry the network pulled the game. I screamed even more when they won the game! I was in Fresno several years ago to visit family and go to the zoo and was thrilled to stay at a hotel in Clovis since that's where Daryle grew up - even all these years later. Rest in peace, Daryle, and thank you for some wonderful memories.*

Debby Ballard - July 28, 2022 at 12:48 PM



I was a fan of Notre Dame and had a mad crush on Daryle when I was in high school. My dad knew the coach in Whiting , IN. where Daryle gave a speech. Afterwards we went to the coach's house and dad offered to take him back to N.D. As a teenager I was over the moon. Daryle was humble, sweet and a kind and caring person. I don't know why I had a dream about him last night. I haven't thought of him in many years. Because of that dream, I had to look him up. Needless to say I was saddened and shocked to hear of his passing. I am happy he had a wonderful life and family. He will be missed. My sympathies to his wife and family.

Cindy Cosmo - July 31, 2024 at 10:35 AM

JJ

I was looking at the QB 's in Buffalo Bills history and came across his name and remembered him playing here in Buffalo. My Dad was the equipment manager at that time and I had a crush on him. I never met him in person but I watched him play from the stands. I'm so sorry for your loss and that I didn't know before. Please accept my condolences for my late father and I.

Judith Jordan - October 29, 2024 at 03:57 PM

LF

“*Our deepest condolences to Mary, Brandon and Brian and the rest of the family. I and my family are grateful for his friendship and kindness. He is so down to earth and humble. I didn't know he was a famous football player until my cousin came to visit. He saw Daryle across the street and asked me if it is OK to talk to him. “Why not?” I said.*

That is when I found out that he was a very famous person. He was a very generous man. Whenever he went fishing, he would give us his catch because he knew we love to eat fish and whenever my relatives came and found out that Daryle was our neighbor, they'd go see him and ask for his autograph. He gave them his autographed pictures.

Rest In Peace Daryle. We will miss you.



Lydia Favor - May 05, 2022 at 11:43 AM

MW

“ He was my all time favorite NFL player. I had his poster in my room when I was a child. My oldest brother bought tickets for us to see him play here in Charlotte in 1975 when Daryle was playing in the WFL. He retired a couple of weeks before the game. I only wished he could have gone into the Hall of Fame while he was living. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

Mark Whitley - May 01, 2022 at 07:52 PM

MA

“ Was lucky enough to meet him at a signing event and tell him how much of a favorite of mine he was. He was so nice and gracious and I was star struck. Thank you for the memories and you will always have your poster hung in my Raider shrine as one of the greats. My heart and prayers go out to your family....Matt B



Matt - April 28, 2022 at 06:13 AM

KL

“ He will be missed



Kirt Layman - April 27, 2022 at 08:03 PM



Mary I am truly sorry for your loss. You amazed me one day at Footaction at Fashion Fair, whilst shopping with Daryl. You said, "do you know this is, to which I responded no. "You said here is your Raider player." And he was so kind, and wonderful. I have pictures of us at the fund raiser in Tulare. Circa 02' Rest in Heaven big guy. #Raider Nation 4 Life.

Tam

Tam N Brenda Santillanes - January 03, 2023 at 03:01 PM

RV

“ *Many years ago, when Daryle Lamonica played for Buffalo, there was a "Meet the Bills" event at a local shopping center and he was kind enough to sign a football for me. I instantly became a lifelong Lamonica fan even to the extent of switching allegiance to Oakland when he was traded (which is a major, major heresy in Buffalo). 50 years later the best Fathers' Day gift my kids could think to get me was a signed Lamonica jersey---which I treasure. I hope it is of some small comfort to his family that Daryle Lamonica had a positive influence on many people like me and will be long remembered. May he rest in peace*

*Ralph Visano
Buffalo, NY*

Ralph Visano - April 26, 2022 at 09:27 PM

KL

“ *Wonderful man of God*



Kirt Layman - April 25, 2022 at 12:37 PM