



## Darin Wade Qualkenbush

August 23, 1969 - March 31, 2018

Darin Wade Qualkenbush passed away on Saturday, March 31, 2018 at his home in Covington, LA. He was born on August 23, 1969 in Muncie, IN to David Qualkenbush and Larita Rutherford Qualkenbush.

Darin was married to his beloved wife, Lisa Causey Qualkenbush, for 28 years. He was the loving father of Paige Allison Qualkenbush (Tyler Daigle) and Megan Caroline Qualkenbush (fiancé Kyle Harelson). Darin was the proud grandfather of Ava Cait Major.

Darin was a great man who always put his family and friends first. He served 24 years in the United States Coast Guard and retired as a Lieutenant in 2011. Following retirement, he continued his career at Chevron and was currently employed as a Regulatory Engineer at Shell Oil.

Relatives and friends are invited to a Visitation at E.J. Fielding Funeral Home, 2260 W. 21st Avenue, Covington, LA 70433 on Wednesday, April 4, 2019 from 1:00 PM until 3:00 PM followed by a Celebration of Life Service. We ask friends and family to wear red in memory of Darin, the greatest Alabama fan ever. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org), or the American Diabetes Association, [www.diabetes.org](http://www.diabetes.org). Please Share a Memory on the Tribute Wall at [www.ejfieldingfh.com](http://www.ejfieldingfh.com).

# Events

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**APR**   **Visitation**                      01:00PM - 03:00PM

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E.J. Fielding Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
2260 W 21st Ave, Covington, LA, US, 70433

**APR**   **Celebration of Life**    03:00PM

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# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**E.J. Fielding Funeral Home & Cremation Services** - April 03, 2018 at 11:04 AM



“ Wonderful video going down memory lane

**Sandy Eckert** - April 03, 2018 at 10:23 PM



“ Dear Larita and David, I am so sorry for your loss. My love to you all and Lisa. I wish I had met Darin but feel as if I knew him and his lovely family through you. May he rest in peace and may your wonderful memories sustain you in this difficult time. Love Sue

**Susan Palmeter** - April 04, 2018 at 04:22 PM

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“ I had the absolute honor and privilege to serve with Darin in the Coast Guard. He was truly a great mentor and friend to many and he helped me in so many ways during my time at MSU Houma that I could not even begin to recount them all here. His steady leadership kept that unit together through some very rough patches and he taught me more about leadership than I ever learned from any Coast Guard leadership class or event. He excelled at everything he did and he constantly challenged himself and others to always achieve more. He was one of the very, very few experts the Coast Guard has ever had in the field of offshore inspections. His passion for that mission and desire to learn more about OCS operations is unmatched. That passion stayed with him in his post-Coast Guard career and he was a very influential and stalwart presence in the industry. I also have him to thank for helping me establish myself in my post-Coast Guard career as well. I know I will miss his view of the world and the frequent conversations we had to resolve the issues. His love for Alabama football was only eclipsed by the love and absolute devotion he had for his family. I will miss seeing him in full dress Alabama fashion wherever he went. I think he must have had the entire catalog worth of options! We lost a good one far too soon. We need to find strength in the memories of him and the experiences we had with him because he would want us to “saddle up” and move on. I love you, brother. Roll Tide!

**Chris Woodle** - April 05, 2018 at 05:28 PM

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“ While I haven't seen Darin since high school, I remember him with such fondness. The photos are a reflection of a great life full of love and family he has lived with that huge smile of his. Sunday a photo album I had moved fell open to a page with him on it from my 17th birthday party. I'm not sure why in all these years it happened then, but when I saw him I sure wondered how he was and where life had taken him. My deepest condolences to the family. Laura Roberts Whitsitt

**Laura Whitsitt** - April 05, 2018 at 02:26 PM

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“ So, so sorry to hear this. We just lost my Dad (Phillip Tolbert) on Monday. My dad has many home movies of you all, and we all have great memories. Pat and I always loved playing with Darin and Carrie. My mom sends her love. Love, LeAnn (Tolbert) Pinnick

**LeAnn Pinnick** - April 05, 2018 at 12:28 PM



“ LeAnn,  
That was such a long time ago but the memories are in my heart. Thank you for your condolences.  
Sincerely,  
Cari Qualkenbush Stoll

**Cari Stoll** - April 05, 2018 at 01:35 PM

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“ Darin,  
  
Growing up the youngest cousin we didn't spend much time together besides holidays and a few other events. But everytime I was in your presence I knew you were a great man.

Anytime I heard through your mom about your accomplishments, it made me proud that you were part of our family. You will truly be missed.

Troy Rutherford, cousin

**Troy Rutherford** - April 04, 2018 at 11:30 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss! Thoughts and prayers to all! From: Anita & Gordon Wuebkenberg and family.



Anita Wuebkenberg - April 04, 2018 at 07:10 PM

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“ Dear Larita and David,  
Paula and I lost our son, Robert in 2009. Like your precious son, he died far too young. You may also have heard that I lost Paula to cancer back in September. I'm traveling to Paoli tomorrow to the funeral of Rita's husband , Phillip Tolbert. I am so sorry for your loss--I truly know how it feels. May God bless the two of you and Darin's family

Ron Freed  
Parker, CO

Freed - April 04, 2018 at 06:48 PM



“ Ron, we heard about Paula and we are so sorry. The two of you were such a perfect couple. We also heard about the loss of her twin. Double loss - so sorry. We had such a loving , thoughtful, successful son. We were so proud of him. We know you feel our pain because you have been there. Larita & David

Larita Qualkenbush - April 05, 2018 at 06:18 PM

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“ Darin there is little I can say that hasn't already been said about you. You made room for the life you wanted everywhere you went, and those spaces are empty now. You created a big life for your family, and we are so proud of your many accomplishments and your kind heart. You created a nFamily wherever you went, and I know there are so many who mourn this loss. What a wonderful example you are of a devoted husband, loving father and son for those left behind. May you be at peace. We love you in Indiana.

Heather Nichols - April 04, 2018 at 06:21 PM



“ (Sorry for the error — Carol will be so disappointed, but Darin I’m sure you would have a good laugh. )

**Heather Nichols** - April 04, 2018 at 06:23 PM

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“ USCG Marine Safety Unit Houma purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Darin Wade Qualkenbush.



**USCG Marine Safety Unit Houma** - April 04, 2018 at 02:27 PM

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“ Darin,  
You were always a role model for me growing up, being the oldest boy out of all of us cousins. I know you put up with a lot of nonsense from the rest of us, like my incessant kicking of the dashboard on whatever trips my mom would dream up for us (and where we had proper grammar drilled into us). You also always told it like it was, like back in 2004, when you accurately informed me of how I’d be received on a submarine walking around as a civilian with shoulder-length hair and sideburns, telling me, “Oh, those Navy chiefs are going to LOVE you!”

Rest In Peace, Darin. You will be missed.

Love, Your Cousin,

Adam

**Adam Cissell** - April 04, 2018 at 01:29 PM

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“ I also had the privilege of being able to work with Darin before and after his Coast Guard career. Lt. Qualkenbush was OCMI when we started up our deepwater TLP and he and his USCG team were instrumental in helping get us there. He was always fair but demanded compliance and it made our Team and project better. Even though we were not close I always felt that I missed an opportunity to get to know him better and become a good friend, even though his beloved Tide rolled my Tigers. God Bless Darin and RIP.

**Paul Ardoin** - April 04, 2018 at 12:52 PM

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“ Like many others, I had the privilege of being able to work with Darin before and after his Coast Guard career. Darin has been a good friend and mentor to me the last several years and I will always be grateful for and really miss his advice, friendship, and the many sea stories and laughs we shared. God Bless Darin, Lisa, Paige, Megan and extended family and friends.

Clint Townsen, USCG

Clint Townsen - April 04, 2018 at 11:30 AM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss, Larita. Please accept my sincerest condolences. Remember to never put a question mark where God intended a period. Sarann Weeks

Sarann Weeks - April 04, 2018 at 11:22 AM

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“ LT Darin, God bless on your journey home, too soon. Always had a smile on his face and said hello no matter how busy he was. Prayers & Condolences to your family and so many friends from around the world.

Sincerely;  
Ms. Vickie  
USCG MSU Morgan City & USCG Houma  
Command Admin. Asst.



Vickie Franco - April 04, 2018 at 11:10 AM

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“ I first met Darin offshore when he was with USCG. In 2012, contacted him about working as a consultant with Shell on the Olympus project. He accepted and a friendship began. Darin was an asset to the Olympus project and was instrumental in making it successful. I would always call on Darin if I had a question pertaining to USCG regulations. After he moved on from Olympus to other projects for Shell, we stayed in contact. Lisa, girls, and Mr. and Mrs. Qualkenbush, I am so sorry for your loss and know that he will be missed. I know that I will miss him because he was a great friend.

Jimmy Donald - April 04, 2018 at 10:50 AM

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“ Sending prayers your way may peace be with your family -

Brenda Tandy - April 04, 2018 at 09:12 AM

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“ Sending prayers of comfort. Very sorry for your loss. Mark and Tammy Humbert;  
Dubois County Indiana

Tammy Humbert - April 04, 2018 at 08:36 AM

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“ Darin,  
My dear brother how I wished and on many occasions (twice to be exact) reached out to you as an adult and wanted to establish the relationship that we should have had (even though our age difference). I will never forget the night sleeping in your bed after you left for Basic Training, I knew I would never truly know my brother. Always remember your nephew, my son, Garrett, has been an angel for some time now. We are family and I am your sister. I always cared for you and only wanted to know that I was cared by you as your sister, no matter what has ever happened in the past or choices either of us made in life we were still blood. You will always be a shining light who have blessed so many. I just wished my light shined just as bright with our family.

Sincerely,  
Cari Qualkenbush Stoll (Surviving Sister)  
Garrett David Massey (Nephew-Deceased)  
Katelyn Shae McHaley (Surviving Niece)  
Hardin James Mills (Surviving Nephew)



Cari Stoll - April 03, 2018 at 11:37 PM

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“ Prayers go out to the family of Darin. I will always cherish the days of Darin working at the IGA and the times he stopped in at our home, his graduation which he almost missed and the times he came back to town to visit in the past years. He was such a sweetheart. RIP Darin

**Sandy Eckert** - April 03, 2018 at 10:09 PM

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“ Lisa Feldmeyer lit a candle in memory of Darin Wade Qualkenbush



**lisa feldmeyer** - April 03, 2018 at 09:38 PM



“ We know your loss and feel your pain. Take care and God bless you. Keeping you both in our prayers.

**lisa feldmeyer** - April 03, 2018 at 09:40 PM

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“ Karen Easterday Shuler lit a candle in memory of Darin Wade Qualkenbush



**Karen Easterday Shuler** - April 03, 2018 at 05:46 PM



“ So very sorry Larita, David and family. Prayers for you all.

**Karen Easterday Shuler** - April 03, 2018 at 05:50 PM

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“ David and Larita, Tim and I are saddened beyond words. We are lifting you in prayer asking God to give you strength and courage. We ask God to wrap his arms around you and give you peace. Tim and Barb Dilger



**Barb Dilger** - April 03, 2018 at 05:41 PM

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“ Sending our love and prayers to the Qualkenbush family.. I prayed so hard for Darin but God has his plan . Keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers.

John & Mary Carolyn Hopf  
Jasper, Indiana

**John & Mary Carolyn Hopf** - April 03, 2018 at 05:00 PM

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“ I so enjoyed working on offshore floating production systems with Darin, both when he was in the Coast Guard and in industry. He was always great to work with and mixed in great humor. He welcomed this Aggie into the fold when A&M came into the SEC and was gracious when we beat Alabama. Roll Tide! You will be missed.

Wanda Parker

**Wanda Parker** - April 03, 2018 at 03:22 PM

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“ Your Friends at Salem Church, Huntingburg, IN purchased the Large Heart - 'Death leaves a heartache' for the family of Darin Wade Qualkenbush.



**Your Friends at Salem Church, Huntingburg, IN** - April 03, 2018 at 03:18 PM

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“ David and LaRita, you have my deepest sympathy. I remember talking to you both just before your move to LA to help Darin in his battle. Your deep love for and joy in your son, Darin, was shining from each of you. May God's peace be with you and comfort you during this sad time.

Sally

Sally Klem - April 03, 2018 at 03:17 PM

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“ Darin always spoke up when others stayed quiet, and he said what needed to be said - we were all better, and safer, because of it. He earned professional respect and deep admiration of all others that had the good fortune to work with him. We will miss him dearly.  
My deepest condolences to Lisa, Paige, Megan and extended family & friends.  
- RDML John Nadeau, USCG

John Nadeau - April 03, 2018 at 02:41 PM

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“ Darin and I were petty officers stationed on the USCGC Hammer together. I remember him for his "Quack Attacks" when the Gators would have a rare bad game (Yes - he was Gator fan before he switched allegiance to the Tide!). I appreciated him for all the help and support he gave to me when I was struggling to modernize the wheelhouse to our Senior Chief's exacting standards. He spent countless hours working on his own time to teach me a little something about everything - Darin was a hell of a shipmate. We found out our family was from the same part of Indiana and he was subject to many years of abuse by my Grandma Gladys Martin while bagging groceries. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Robert "Bob" Martin

Robert Martin - April 03, 2018 at 02:19 PM

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“ I have known Darin professionally since his days at MSO Morgan City and then as a friend when we worked together on the Shell Stones Project. We cherished his visits to our home whenever he had the time during his Houston work trips, as did Missy our pet - who sensed him coming and greeted him at the door leash in mouth - ready for a short walk. Darin loved pets and shared his stories of his own pets many a times. We will miss his presence. Our sincere condolences to Lisa, her daughters and family. Rest in peace dear friend. We will donate to the Cancer org in Darin's memory.



“ Chris and Michelle Woodle purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of Darin Wade Qualkenbush.



Chris and Michelle Woodle - April 03, 2018 at 11:26 AM

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“ From all of Darin's Gulf Strike Team brothers, we give our sincerest condolences to Lisa, her children and family. Darin ("Quack") was a consummate professional and outstanding individual. We will miss him greatly! "May God grant his eternal rest to him and let his perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul rest in peace! "

CAPT James Hanzalik, USCG (ret.)

James Hanzalik - April 03, 2018 at 11:06 AM

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“ Holly Hopkins lit a candle in memory of Darin Wade Qualkenbush



Holly Hopkins - April 03, 2018 at 09:27 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with Darin's family and friends. He was a good man and will be missed. Holly

Holly Hopkins - April 03, 2018 at 09:28 AM

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“ Darin was a stabilizing force in our chaotic world. He was able to calm the waters with his smile. Thanks Darin for all your guidance, advice and care. We will donate to the wounded warriors fund in honor of Darin, our warrior for good.  
The Cunningham's



“Darin is such a positive influence to the people around him. He inspired me to give a that little bit extra to help others both professionally and personally. I will miss being able to call him for advice and friendship. I will miss him calling me to tell me to "do this right". God bless him, his wife and two precious daughters. In lieu of flowers I've donated to [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org) in his memory.

Josh Reynolds

Joshua Reynolds - April 02, 2018 at 08:28 PM

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“Eric Roan & Family purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Darin Wade Qualkenbush.



Eric Roan & Family - April 02, 2018 at 08:27 PM

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“DQ and I spent many summers together in Petryville, IN. We rode our bikes a lot and even crossed the highway to the Way Side Inn for cold pop on hot July days...though we were not supposed to. We had a lot of fun together. He was a fine man and someone I always respected. Whatever he did...managing the football team or hanging out with friends or whatever, he did it with all his heart. I will never forgive him for being an Alabama fan. Just kidding. Roll Tide and, DQ, rest in peace. I will see you again my friend.

Cam Bardwell - April 02, 2018 at 07:20 PM

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“Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Darin Wade Qualkenbush.



April 02, 2018 at 04:46 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Darin Wade Qualkenbush.



April 02, 2018 at 04:03 PM

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“ From: Shell Stones Team purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Darin Wade Qualkenbush.



From: Shell Stones Team - April 02, 2018 at 03:48 PM

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“ With deepest sympathies, we are truly sorry for your loss as Darin will be greatly missed ~ from the Shell Appomattox family.

Cheryl - April 02, 2018 at 02:51 PM

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“ Darin was a true professional in everything he did. He was always willing to help someone anytime anywhere. He deserves a Roll Tide Roll from this LSU fan. He will be missed.

MarK Diebold - April 02, 2018 at 02:37 PM

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“ Shell VITO project purchased the Amazing Arboricola for the family of Darin Wade Qualkenbush.





“ What a wonderful young man Darin was and taken way too soon. He accomplished so much in life.....

When Darin was in the Coast Guard and stationed in Virginia, we delivered his Ford Escort to him. He kept telling us to “turn right at the green house” and we just could not find a green house! We finally “got it” that he was talking about a “landscaping nursery”.

AND.....who could ever forget about his fear of “the duck”!!

Carl and Brenda Rutherford

**Carl and Brenda Rutherford** - April 02, 2018 at 01:44 PM