



## Darryl Bishop, Sr.

August 27, 1950 - February 8, 2022

Darryl Roosevelt Bishop was born in Louisville Kentucky on August 27th, 1950, to his parents the late Barbara Jean Bishop and Roosevelt Davies. He peacefully passed from this life the morning of February 8th, 2022 after a gradual decline in health.

Darryl attended Newburg Elementary and Seneca High School in Kentucky where he excelled in his studies and in sports. While at Seneca High School Darryl became an outstanding star athlete in football, basketball, and in track and field. In his senior year he made All-State in football and basketball. This got him a lot of attention from colleges across the country that wanted to give Darryl a scholarship.

However, Darryl was a hometown HERO and he decided to take the offer from the University of Kentucky which was an hour away from home. While at UK he couldn't play his freshman year of football during that year the assistant basketball coach Joe B. Hall approached him and asked him to try-out for the basketball team. Darryl tried-out for and made the team, becoming the "THE FIRST BLACK PLAYER" to wear the University of Kentucky wildcats' basketball jersey. While he only played 6 games with the team he was able to return to football his sophomore year.

While playing football, Darryl excelled on the gridiron and he still holds the

most records for (14) interceptions and (348) tackles as a defensive back and return yardage of (367) as we speak in the year of 2022. Darryl graduate from the University of Kentucky with a degree in communication. He was drafted by the Cincinnati Bengals in the year of January 1974.

After a short stint with the Bengals, he went to play for the World Football League that resulted in him seriously injured his left knee and ending his career in football and the team doctors told him to go get his knee treated at New England Baptist Hospital in Boston Massachusetts.

Darryl decided to make Boston Massachusetts his home where he lived for the last 40+ years until his passing. While in living in Boston he worked for Detention Youth Services (DYS), the Boys and Girls club in Roxbury. He coached at the Cathedral High School and the Shelburne Community Center where he retired from in 2017. He impacted hundreds if not thousands of young men and women from different backgrounds and ethnicities.

Darryl leaves to mourn in passing, his loving children; daughters; Nesha Ellery-Parker (Daryl), grand-children, Jeffery, Ja'Mont, Ja'Nisha Elery, Ja'Nay Ashby ( Louisville Kentucky), Antimony Bishop ( Minnesota Minneapolis), Darrilyn Brooks-Jones ( Lindsay), grand-children, Jasmyne, Diamond, Justin, and London ( Boston MA/Baltimore Maryland), Son; Darryl Cato-Bishop ( North Carolina), step-daughters; Coryn Dillahunt-Moore ( Boston MA) ,and Undrea Steele-Cato, ( Los Angles California). Sisters; Judy K. Bishop, Lawanda Stafford, Bothers; Jay Maharris-Greer (Tricia), Steven Davies (Amy), (Louisville Kentucky), and his longtime companion, Patricia Cato (Boston Massachusetts), nieces, nephews, great nieces, cousins, and his good friends; Owen Corbin, and John Favors (Boston MA), and many friends. He proceeded in death by his sister, Denise Bishop, and his brothers, Bruce Bishop, Louise Bishop, and John R. Davies. Special thanks to the staff at the Shelburne Community Center #2370

Visitation: 9am-11am Saturday, March 5, 2022 at New Covenant Baptist Church, 1190 S. 40th St., funeral service to follow at 11am. Burial: Resthaven Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Resthaven Cemetery

4400 Bardstown Rd  
Louisville, KY 40218

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 5. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

New Covenant Baptist Church  
1190 S 40th St  
Louisville, KY 40211

## Service

MAR 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

New Covenant Baptist Church  
1190 S 40th St  
Louisville, KY 40211

# Tribute Wall

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“ Al Key played in defensive backfield with Darryl, Shellbourne Cobras. Baller,we once hit a foul in the end zone,cat threw the ball away

Al Key - December 29, 2023 at 01:23 PM

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“ My condolences to the family. I just found out today that Darryl passed. Goat passed on the very sad news, here in Boston. I had the pleasure of playing with Darryl on the Roxbury Cobras football team. Darryl was a very gifted athlete and he will be missed. I also found out after all these years, we share the same birthday, August 27th. Rest in peace my friend. Cobra for life!

Robert Davis (Bake) - November 05, 2022 at 01:46 PM

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“ My wife and I met Darryl when he was inducted into Seneca High School's inaugural Hall of Fame Banquet and induction ceremony. We are Big Blue fans and of course so was Darryl. He really liked my wife. It is sad to think he is gone. Our condolences to his family.

Frank Binford - March 05, 2022 at 10:50 AM

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“ Darryl was the most gifted athlete that I had the privilege of playing with but he was more than that at Seneca HS. He was a decent human being and he had every right to be angry and disgruntled during that time period of social realignment. I never saw him blame a teammate for not pulling their weight. His smile was infectious and work ethic was contagious. I am a better person because I had opportunity to be influenced by such a multi talented and kind individual. It doesn't surprise me in the slightest that he “paid it forward” by being a role model and curator of kids where he lived and called home. I lost touch with Daryl over the years but never my respect for the man. He was one of the good ones. RIP my friend. Condolences to his family and close friends.

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“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Darryl Bishop, Sr..



March 04, 2022 at 03:49 PM

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“ To the Family, You all are in my Prayers Eulalia Banks

Eulalia Banks - March 04, 2022 at 12:32 PM