



Darryl Joseph "D" Pastirak

May 20, 2025

Darryl Joseph Pastirak, 43, of Monroeville, passed away unexpectedly on May 20, 2025, in Malawi, Africa. Devoted son of Janice Pastirak (Rupert) and the late Darryl "Big D" Pastirak.

Nephew of Gene and Patricia McBryar and Tim and Carol Thorsen. Cousin of Jennifer (Sean) Friday, Gene (Kim) McBryar, Matthew (Charlotte) Thorsen, Luke and Hannah Friday, and Kendel, Gavin and Shane McBryar.

Darryl was a 2000 graduate of Gateway High School and earned Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Civil Engineering from the University of Pittsburgh. Darryl loved and participated in numerous sports both organized and backyard neighborhood activities throughout all seasons with his many friends. He especially loved spending time with his Dad Big D throughout the city at all sports venues mingling with friends and strangers! He had a special bond with his Foxwood neighborhood where friends gathered to enjoy the unforgettable antics of "Big D" and Little "D"! Darryl enjoyed his summers at the Foxwood pool just being a kid growing up and making lifelong friends! After completing his education, he opted to take his talents to all parts of the world including Virgin Islands, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Honduras and more until his unexpected passing in Lilongwe, Africa, using his skills on major construction projects. While in Lilongwe, Africa Darryl immediately started to help children that were in need. He enjoyed interfacing with all his foreign friends always embracing the culture and becoming part of the community wherever he worked.

Darryl will always be remembered for his quiet smile and kind and loving heart. Darryl's friends and family while grieving for him take comfort knowing that his time on earth was so exciting and interesting for him and so meaningful for those, he befriended throughout his short but purposeful life! In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Darryl's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Blvd. Memphis, TN 38105. Family and friends will be received on Sunday, June 8, 2025, from 2 to 6 p.m. at the GENE H. CORL FUNERAL CHAPEL INC. AND CREMATION SERVICES OF MONROEVILLE, 4335 Northern Pike (412-372-2100). Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, June 9, 2025, at Christ the Divine Shepherd Parish at St. Bernadette Church.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 8. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Gene H. Corl Funeral Chapel Inc.
4335 Northern Pike
Monroeville, PA 15146
(412) 372-2100
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Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 9. 10:00 AM (ET)

Christ the Divine Shepherd Parish at St. Bernadette Church
245 Azalea Drive
Monroeville, PA 15146

Tribute Wall

PS

“ I met Darryl in 8th grade and we quickly became the closest of friends. Darryl was low key one of the funniest people I had ever met. He was witty, extremely intelligent, and would have our entire friend group in high school cracking up. We remained great friends throughout high school and had a super close friend group. We had so many great times over the years. So many laughs and a lifetime of stories. We remained friends over the years and Darryl was the best man at my wedding. He was an extremely loyal friend and regularly called or sent a text just to see how things were going. I will remember all the good times we had over the years and his amazing sense of humor. He will be extremely missed. Love ya D.

Patrick Shannon - June 18, 2025 at 03:25 PM

RM

“ Who could forget that mischievous twinkle in his eye? Who could forget that wide smile that would cause you to laugh? "Little D" had us all in stitches! I was blessed to be raised in Foxwood, a neighborhood of families hailing from all walks of life and faith; a true community where parents raised everyone's children. Little D was one of my close circle of friends. We ran freely about the neighborhood, in and out of every home, and stayed out till the street lights came on. D was one who took a lickin' and kept on tickin'! He welcomed everyone with open arms and a dare! He lived abundantly and loudly. He never shied away from a challenge!

My heart was shattered when I learned that we had lost one of our crew. It's humbling to face one's humanity, yet, I thank God for these memories. I thank God for the family we created; a family of misfit kids who simply loved and accepted one another. I pray that we will all carry D's brave and beautiful spirit into each day. Dance like nobody's watching! Step outside of your comfort zone and truly LIVE! Thank You, God, for this gift of a true friend. We miss you, little brother.

Robin Fay Massie - June 10, 2025 at 06:04 AM

CM

“ I'm deeply saddened at the loss of our friend Darryl. I met him as a kid moving into what was then a new neighborhood and the neighborhood boys and I soon became friends and my sister, our new friends, and I would have all kinds of adventures as kids. My childhood I once described as idyllic and Darryl was a huge part of that.

Visiting Darryl and the rest of our friends from school and from the neighborhood was a big thing that made me very happy even though I had to return to Maryland and deal with depression. Darryl had a really good sense of humor like his dad, "big D."

I believe I speak for all of his friends when I say that "little D" will be missed and nobody else can fill that void because of how unique he was.

Christopher Massie - June 09, 2025 at 03:36 AM

LP

“ I had the pleasure of growing up next door to the Pastiraks as part of the "Foxwood gang". We'd spend the whole day playing at each other's houses, exploring the woods, swinging on vines, catching salamanders, climbing trees, riding bikes around "the loop", playing four square. Big D would step outside his front door and whistle so the whole neighborhood could hear signaling it was time for Little D to come home for dinner.

Little D and I had matching freestyle bikes (probably inspired by watching the movie RAD). They were super cool with neon splatter paint all over them and pegs on both wheels. I don't think either of us ever learned any real tricks but enjoyed riding around with friends standing on the pegs.

I remember one morning, Little D came over to my house super early in the morning inviting me to go see David Copperfield with his family. We excitedly went and woke up my parents to tell them. I remember David Copperfield disappearing from the stage and appearing in the middle of the audience on a motorcycle!

There was a time where Big D made French toast for me and Little D before school everyday.

There are so many stories... Making plays in the Massie's basement, hanging out in a tent in his backyard, going in an igloo he made with his dad, snowball fights between our two yards after we made snow walls to hide behind, his amazing "rat tail", driving around with his dad in the little green car named "Chuck", pool parties, neighborhood parties, banging pots and pans in the streets on new year's eve.

Little D will live on forever in the memories and hearts of all of us who were so lucky to grow up on Foxwood in the 80s/90s.

Libby (Leerberg) Perry - June 08, 2025 at 12:33 PM

RM

“ Jan, I am so sorry to hear of Darry's passing. He was always so kind to talk to and loved to tell us about his work travels. You and Big D (who we still talk about often here in office) did a great job raising him. Big D was so proud to talk about Darryl when we used to chat about our kids. Our deepest condolences from our office and my family. Prime Time Tix Doug, Nick, and my family Rob, Jamie, Rachel and Jake Mazzie

Rob Mazzie - June 05, 2025 at 05:45 PM

LC

“ I had such a great time with Lil D at my son, Cody's wedding! I don't remember how long it has been since I laughed that much! I will miss you so much cuz! Till we meet again RIP

Lori Cashdollar - June 05, 2025 at 03:56 PM