

CHARLES DERRICK DUARTE



Charles Derrick Duarte, 40, of Yulee, passed away June 27, 2023. He was born June 6, 1983 in Jacksonville, to Jaime Edwardo Duarte and Beverly Diane McClure Kelley. Charles graduated from West Nassau High School in 2001. While in high school, Charles played the drums in the band and was on the soccer team. Charles had a passion for soccer. He coached at the Callahan Soccer Club and Callahan Middle School. Charles enjoyed cooking, surfing, gardening and landscaping. He made his mother, Diane, a beautiful rock garden. Charles was a loving son, brother, father and uncle who will be missed dearly. He is preceded in death by his father Jaime Edwardo Duarte; grandparents Jorge Enrique Duarte and Maria Duarte and Margie Jackson; daughter Tristen Alena Duarte; brother Eddie Dinger; and cousins Skylar and Marissa.

Charles leaves behind his loving mother, Beverly Diane (Grady, Sr.) Kelley; son Dallas Blankenship; sisters Jennifer Duarte and Marissa Diana Overcash; stepbrother Lee Kelley, Jr.; stepsister Nicole Reeder; uncles and aunts Bobbie (Ronnie) Ricks, Clyde Gille Lamb, Faye (Jimmy) Bentley, Lynda McClure, Kim (Ron) Whitehead, Tracy (Louie) Canchon, Fernando Duarte, Carlos Duarte and Al (Jill) Duarte; nephews and nieces Austin (Laney) Dinger, Logan (Ehka) Whittemore, Madison Haynes, Tatum Holman, Taylin Duarte, Tinley Duarte, Kiresten Reeder and Liam Reeder; cousins Andrew, Marc, Kris, Jimmy, Tonya, Brad, Helen, Rick, Aaron, Lauren, Dana, Brianna, McKenzie, Tanner, Ronald, Rhonda, Chris and Ryan; great nephews Henry Dinger and Landon Dinger; and many extended family and friends.

A celebration of Charles's life will be held Friday, July 14 at 11 a.m. at Callahan First Baptist Church with Dr. Lynn Hyatt officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service.

Arrangements under the direction of Nassau Funeral Home, Callahan, 904-879-1770.

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