



## Dupree Branch, Jr

December 4, 1957 - May 3, 2021

Dupree Branch Jr., of Fort Collins, passed away on May 3, 2021 from COVID-19. Dupree was born on December 4, 1957 in Barstow, California to Dupree Sr. and Baby Queen (Hampton) Branch. He graduated from Barstow High School in 1976, going on to attend Colorado State University on a football scholarship where he studied physical education and was also known for his speed on the track and field team. He was drafted in 1980 by the St. Louis Cardinals and after spending several years in the NFL, he returned to Fort Collins to make it his home.

Dupree spent the last 17 years as a dedicated employee of Walmart, of which the last 13 were spent as a beloved and valued member of the “2729 overnight team”. Dupree was known for his hard work ethic, contagious smile, and positivity. He was an avid sports fan, enjoyed reading and collecting comics, listening to music, and spending time with friends. Dupree was an amazing human being with a heart of gold. Thoughts go out to everyone who ever felt his love in their life.

Dupree is survived by his brother, Willard Branch (Tamara) of Long Beach, California; sisters Sandra Birks of Apple Valley, California, Terry Prax of Chisago City, Minnesota, Marilyn Branch of North Carolina; 12 nieces and nephews; and long-time friend Kelley O’Donnell. He was preceded in death by his parents.

An open house celebration of Dupree's life will be held on Friday, May 28, 2021 from 8:30 am to 12 pm at the VFW Post - 603 Lesser Dr., Fort Collins, CO 80524. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) in memory of "Baby Queen" in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive St., Fort Collins, Colorado 80524.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAY 28. 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

VFW

603 Lesser Dr.

Fort Collins, CO 80524

# Tribute Wall

CJ

“ I know years have past but it was a real blessing to know Buggy as an athlete and an honor to be his friend. There will only be one Buggy Branch and I thank God for sharing him with me. Charles Jarvis

Charles Jarvis - December 25, 2023 at 02:12 PM

PG

“ Petra Gurule lit a candle in memory of Dupree Branch, Jr



Petra gurule - July 30, 2023 at 07:28 PM

LL

“ My condolences to the Branch family. I ran track with "Buggie" Dupree for three years '73,'74,'75 at BHS, was 1st leg of our 440 relay team, news spread quickly of his 9.4 100yd dash, Dupree always had nice outgoing personality and was the fastest high schooler i ever knew. I've searched for his name online for quite a few years and just now found this obit. It saddens me i couldn't find him sooner. We all now know the downside of the clot shot. You will be missed Dupree!

Louis Lawler - January 16, 2023 at 12:53 PM

JM

*This news caused me much sadness. I played football and ran track at AV High School in Lancaster. I was a shot put and discus guy. It gave a lot of us "Golden League" guys great pleasure and much joy to watch Dupree Branch and the Kennedy crew run.....every time we could get the chance. Yes, he was a great football player at Barstow, I also played against him in College as i was at UNLV. But the joy and fascination we blessed to see when he ran track.....was amazing. I remember watching him run a 20.8 sec 220 followed by a 46.2 440. Unheard of at the time. Thank you for the blessings! RIP Running the streets of Gold Dupree*

joe maher - July 29, 2023 at 05:52 PM

PG

“ Petra Gurule lit a candle in memory of Dupree Branch, Jr



Petra gurule - June 03, 2022 at 11:54 PM



“ I knew Dupree since 2005 as a customer at Gryphon Games & Comics. He was here every week for nearly sixteen years. Always optimistic, always in a good mood. Truly delightful person to know and I'm glad for it, even in the limited way I got to know him. A fan of both Marvel and DC!

Sherman Sanders - September 26, 2021 at 03:56 PM

MS

“ From Jr High School to our freshman year in HS, Dupree and I played the tubas together in the schools band. Enjoyed playing HS football and run track with him. And times that we just hung out together...Truly a true gentleman.



Michael Smyth - May 30, 2021 at 05:10 PM

JG

“ 3 files added to the album Dupree "Buggy" Branch Class of 1976 Riffians



Joe Gomez - May 30, 2021 at 03:46 PM

JG

“ RIP Dupree Branch I enjoyed our last conversation, you were working out hard by riding a bike every day. In our last conversation, you were being careful with COVID and planned on taking the shot, but on 4/28 you were feeling ill, tested positive and died at home on May 3. It was great reminiscing of our childhood, high school about our mutual friends. We worked together during the summer months at the base, you at the Wood Hobby Shop and I worked at the Auto Hobby Shop for 2 summers. Dupree had no pre-existing conditions and kept in shape, so sad...

Joe Gomez - May 30, 2021 at 03:38 PM

DM

“ I had the ultimate pleasure knowing this awesome man for a good 40 years. My heart hurts knowing I'll never hear his hellos.

David conrad maes - May 30, 2021 at 10:36 AM

RM

“ I worked with Dupree at 2729 for years. He always would great me with a smile..one thing he would always say to me if I was having an off day was to keep my chin up it will get better...to me he was so kind and friendly but always had this shy young boyish personality but he always made me smile no matter what kind of night I was having..Dupree Branch to me you will always be one of the brightest stars in heaven..R.I.P my dear friend...I will always cherish ur friendship!!!

Rosemary McCurry - May 27, 2021 at 07:14 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dupree Branch, Jr.



May 27, 2021 at 03:16 PM

SO

“ Dupree, you are going to be missed, my condolences go out to the Branch Family and Kelley. Dupree does have the best smile and laugh, makes me smile thinking about it. My heart goes out to all his family, friends and co-workers. Stacey O'Donnell

Stacey O'Donnell - May 26, 2021 at 08:23 PM

LD

“ One of the many things I'll miss about you is, that beautiful smile you always greeted me with wherever we would run into each other. You will be missed my friend.

Lee deLeon - May 26, 2021 at 08:54 AM

LL

“ One of the things I'll miss the most is that beautiful smile you always greeted me with wherever we would run into each other. You will be missed my friend.

Lee de Leon - May 26, 2021 at 08:49 AM

KK

“ I thought I'd get to see you in person again Dupree. Awe man and it was nice to see you on fb after so many years. I remember how you always welcomed me into your home after a long night out with your lady Kelley back in the day. I guess the saying is true... such a long time to be gone and a short time to be there. Rest easy Dupree💕💕

Kim Kofford - May 26, 2021 at 12:20 AM

SU

“ My condolences goes out to my cousin the Branch family. In life things get harder and harder especially when one of our love one pass. I was just thinking about my cousin Dupree that week. Who would of none that he was gone. Out of all people I was shocked. We may didn't hear or see him . But he was always in our thoughts. He wanted to be alone and live his life. But no one can fault him for what he wanted to do. But one thing I can say. Is know he can rest in peace.

With Love  
Suprena  
Your cousin

Suprena - May 25, 2021 at 04:45 PM

SB

“ Rest In Peace my brother. You will be truly missed. I love you with all my heart!

Sandra Birks - May 25, 2021 at 03:09 PM