



David Anthony Magazu

June 10, 1957 - December 17, 2021

****ATTENTION: SERVICE LOCATION HAS CHANGED! PLEASE CHECK FOR UPDATED LOCATION IN OBITUARY****

David Anthony Magazu, age 64 of Mooresville, NC, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, December 17, 2021.

David was the loving husband of Carrie (Kanitz) and proud, caring father of five children, Anthony Magazu and wife Paige (Keller) of Fort Mill, SC; Dominick Magazu of Denver, CO; Damon Magazu of Las Vegas, NV; Olivia Magazu of Mooresville, NC; and Roman Magazu of Mooresville, NC.

He was born in Taunton, MA on June 10, 1957 to Damon Magazu and the late Carole Magazu. He was the brother of Douglas Magazu of Newtown, CT and the late Daniel Magazu of Taunton, MA. In addition he leaves behind many brother & sister-in-laws, nieces and nephews. He attended Taunton HS where he was a multi-sport athlete. After HS, David attended Springfield College where he was a four year starter for the football team and received a Bachelor of Science degree.

After graduation he spent the next 40 years coaching the game he loved. Dave spent 23 years in the college ranks making stops at Ithaca College, Western Michigan, Eastern Michigan, Michigan, Navy, Northern Illinois, Ball

State, NC State, Indiana State, Colorado State, Kentucky, Memphis, and Boston College. Dave spent 14 seasons in the NFL with the Carolina Panthers, Denver Broncos and Chicago Bears and 1 season with the Birmingham Iron of the Alliance Football League.

While Dave enjoyed the game his passion was teaching, creating long lasting relationships and sense of family ("la familia") in all the towns and teams he had coached for over his tenure and after retirement. Sette Forte!

A visitation will be held on Wednesday, January 5, 2021 from 1:00-3:00pm with a Celebration of Life service beginning at 3:00pm at Elevation Church - Lake Norman, 8325 Copley Dr., Cornelius, NC 28021 with Eddie Karriker officiating.

For those who are unable to attend the service, you may go to the following link for the live stream <https://view.oneroomstreaming.com/authorise.php?k=1641238502157009>

In honor of Pah's love and passion for coaching, the family will be wearing sweatshirts from various teams he coached throughout his coaching tenure. Please feel free to join in. We love you all!

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Magazu family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Cemetery Details

Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory

494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Previous Events

Receiving Friends

JAN 5. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Elevation Church - Lake Norman
8325 Copley Dr
Cornelius, NC 28031

Memorial Service

JAN 5. 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM (ET)

Elevation Church - Lake Norman
8325 Copley Dr
Cornelius, NC 28031

Tribute Wall



“ *Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of David Anthony Magazu*



Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory - December 21, 2021 at 10:52 AM

MD

*I was blessed & very fortunate to coach with Mags at CSU in early 90's & we became forever friends with he & Carrie. As life went on Mags & I talked every couple months for the past 18 years. He was one of a kind / He called me Grandpa Mick & my grandkids called him Uncle Dave. Mags is s now gone but will never be forgotten. His Legacy will be his beautiful wife Carrie & his children. May Mags RIP 🙌🙏🏈🙏🙏
Mick & Cheri Delaney*

Mick Delaney - January 05, 2022 at 11:50 AM

BO

“ *To Doug, and the Magazu family. Terribly sorry to hear of your brothers unexpected passing! My thoughts and prayers to you and family! 🙏 your friend Brian O'Leary.*

Brian O'Leary - January 06, 2022 at 06:16 AM

DH

“ *I am very sorry for your loss. I only new David for a short time while at BA and playing football with him. He was a great person.*

David Higgins

David Higgins - January 05, 2022 at 02:46 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of David Anthony Magazu.



January 05, 2022 at 12:17 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of David Anthony Magazu.



January 04, 2022 at 09:04 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray* was purchased for the family of David Anthony Magazu.



January 04, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Austin and Madeleine Woods* purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of David Anthony Magazu.



Austin and Madeleine Woods - January 04, 2022 at 03:33 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David Anthony Magazu.



January 04, 2022 at 03:28 PM



“ Alex Mortensen purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of David Anthony Magazu.



Alex Mortensen - January 04, 2022 at 01:46 PM



“ *“Mags” was a great young man that Wendy and I felt was more of a son than a friend. We spent many years together on many staffs and we were very fortunate to have just spent time together 3 weeks ago. His love for Carrie and his family was beautiful and ever present. He will be missed by all that knew him and enjoyed being around him. You were the best Mags. Love you and will miss you. May his memory be eternal.*
Elliot Uzelac

Elliot Uzelac - January 04, 2022 at 01:43 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Anthony Magazu.



January 03, 2022 at 09:33 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David Anthony Magazu.



January 03, 2022 at 06:51 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David Anthony Magazu.



January 03, 2022 at 05:57 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Anthony Magazu.



January 03, 2022 at 04:01 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Anthony Magazu.



January 03, 2022 at 12:20 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of David Anthony Magazu.



January 03, 2022 at 12:18 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of David Anthony Magazu.



January 03, 2022 at 10:29 AM



“ *Sentimental Dreams* was purchased for the family of David Anthony Magazu.



January 03, 2022 at 10:01 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of David Anthony Magazu.



January 02, 2022 at 09:34 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Anthony Magazu.*



January 02, 2022 at 06:56 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David Anthony Magazu.*



January 02, 2022 at 12:03 PM



“ *Aunt Diana, Kevin, Gloria, Ernie & families purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of David Anthony Magazu.*



Aunt Diana, Kevin, Gloria, Ernie & families - January 01, 2022 at 08:32 PM



“ *MUCH LOVE: PETE GUILLEMETTE AND NANCY purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of David Anthony Magazu.*



MUCH LOVE: PETE GUILLEMETTE AND NANCY - January 01, 2022 at 10:51 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David Anthony Magazu.



January 01, 2022 at 08:32 AM



“ Mags is one of my best friends in coaching. We go way back to the Michigan camp when we first met. Then we went against each other a lot in the MAC but then has the chance to coach together at Navy. We had some great times at Navy and remained great friends throughout the years. He always called me Russell just to poke at me because he knew I really didn't like the name. Loved the guy!! We both have very big families and talked about them all the time. He certainly loved his family very much. I will certainly miss him and his great sense of humor. Miss you Mags!! Dean & Melody Pees

Dean Pees - January 01, 2022 at 08:15 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Anthony Magazu.



December 29, 2021 at 01:00 PM

JH

“ Deepest sympathies to the Magazu family during this difficult time. I met your dad on two occasions thru my brother Jon and both times I realized this is a genuine good guy. Such a tremendous role model and father for his family. Rest in Peace.

Jeff Hardin - December 29, 2021 at 12:01 PM

JT

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Our family will keep your family in our thoughts and prayers. ~The Toner family (Don, Joelle, Donny, and Nicole)



Joelle Toner - December 29, 2021 at 09:51 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of David Anthony Magazu.



December 28, 2021 at 02:31 PM

GC

“ My heart goes out to the entire Magazu Family. Proud to have been Dave's teammate at Springfield College and to have enjoyed so many great memories. A truly great man rest easy Zu.

Gary Crowell - December 23, 2021 at 10:57 PM

TJ

“ Dave was/is much beloved by his friends at Indiana State. He was a great offensive line coach for the Sycamores. His offensive linemen loved playing for him. We miss him. Such a great guy and coach. RIP Mags.

Tom james - December 23, 2021 at 07:14 PM

ED

“ He was a Taunton legend. Amazing family. Praying for the Magazu family.

Eric DeCosta - December 23, 2021 at 01:35 PM

LB

“ Dave was my teammate in football at Springfield college. He was a awesome player and a great friend. The funniest thing he did was have us line up during Calisthenics and pose like Fred McMurray from my three sons and hum the theme song to poke fun at our coach for he was a look-alike of Fred McMurray😂

Lonnie Burgess - December 23, 2021 at 11:23 AM

LL

“ Louise Melbye and Kristi Lindquist purchased the Fairest of All for the family of David Anthony Magazu.



Louise Melbye and Kristi Lindquist - December 23, 2021 at 11:12 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of David Anthony Magazu.*



December 23, 2021 at 08:59 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David Anthony Magazu.*



December 22, 2021 at 10:17 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David Anthony Magazu.*



December 22, 2021 at 09:32 PM

CB

“ My first interaction with Mags was in the early 2000’s when I was coaching the OL for the Falcons and Mags was coaching the OL for the Panthers. He got me talking about our signature run play. Mags took our play and made it his own. “BUSTER” as he called it, became his signature run play and they did it so much better than we did! That’s great coaching! About 6 years later I had the privilege of working with Mags on the Denver Broncos staff. We spent hours upon hours upon hours talking about the run game and different ways to do what we believed in. That year we led the NFL in rushing. During those long meetings Mags would find time to turn our game plan meetings into a conversation about his kids and his wife Carrie. He was obviously crazy about all of them. I never met a coach who could balance coaching and family as well as Mags. I can’t go into detail about the other things Dave would do in each of these meetings... let’s just say I had to open a window and light a candle to freshen things up a bit. That was Mags... a man’s man... a coaches coach. I’ll miss our annual phone call in early July where Mags would recite to me, with so much pride, as if he was hosting his own cooking show, the FEAST he was about to prepare for his family on July 4th. I was too embarrassed to confess that I was just doing simple hot dogs and burgers. Mags will be deeply missed, but the memories and the stories will live on forever. Rest In Peace buddy.

Clancy Barone - December 22, 2021 at 07:30 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of David Anthony Magazu.



December 22, 2021 at 07:03 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Anthony Magazu.*



December 22, 2021 at 07:01 PM



“ *Todd Paris & Doug Grant with MassMutual purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of David Anthony Magazu.*



Todd Paris & Doug Grant with MassMutual - December 22, 2021 at 01:16 PM



“ *Mark and Sue Harriman purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of David Anthony Magazu.*



Mark and Sue Harriman - December 22, 2021 at 12:55 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of David Anthony Magazu.*



December 22, 2021 at 11:23 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of David Anthony Magazu.*



December 22, 2021 at 10:44 AM



“ *We still remember the very day we met Dave and Damon, followed shortly by meeting the rest of the Magazu crew. What a man, and what a family! Our hearts are hurting with you as you navigate this loss, but we're praying that the grace of God and the strength of your love, of your bond will see you through. We love you all.*

Claudette Stewart Parham and Terrance Hampton

Claudette Parham - December 22, 2021 at 10:28 AM



“ *Sending my deepest sympathy to the family. Although I did not know David well as I was a year ahead in school, David played football at Taunton HS for my father, Coach Frank Almeida (who, sadly, passed away recently) and was one of Coach Frank's beloved Tiger ballplayers. May your loving memories of David help you through these difficult times.*

*Prayers to guide you,
Paula Almeida*

Paula Almeida - December 21, 2021 at 09:37 PM

ST

“ Mike and I met Carrie and Dave when Dave coached here in Muncie at Ball State. We remember his love of football and his wonderful sense of humor and zest for life. We mostly remember how much he loved Carrie and his children. We always felt so welcome when we visited their home.....
We are thinking of all of you and praying for God's comfort and peace through such a difficult time.
With love and hugs,
Sue and Mike Tschuor

Sue Tschuor - December 21, 2021 at 08:57 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Anthony Magazu.



December 21, 2021 at 08:04 PM

RC

“ Sending along my heartfelt condolences to the entire Magazu family. Dave and I were teammates at Springfield College, he was a great player and an even better person.
God bless!
Ray Cosenza

Ray Cosenza - December 21, 2021 at 07:39 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David Anthony Magazu.



December 21, 2021 at 04:03 PM



“ The Melbye family sends to all of you our deepest sympathy. It was such a pleasure and privilege meeting Coach Dave, when we all moved to Castle Rock. What an amazing man, and family! We are sending you so much love, and please know we are thinking of you.
Love,
Scott, Louise Melbye, and Charlie, Linnea and Piper

Louise Melbye - December 21, 2021 at 02:40 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Anthony Magazu.



December 21, 2021 at 12:49 PM

TP

“ Dave and I started our coaching careers together in 1980 at Ithaca College. I had the honor of coaching with him again at Memphis in the late '90's. As good as he was as a coach, he was an even better husband, father and friend. Dave touched so many people during his life and will be remembered deeply. As difficult as this time is for Carrie and the children, Dave is smiling down upon you. Rest in Peace, my friend...

Tim Pendergast - December 21, 2021 at 11:40 AM

JS

“ Dave was a special man. Great Coach and Friend. My best memory of him is when he would come to me on the sideline doing a game and say Johnny are praying and I would say yes and he would you need to dig deeper. We would give each other a call during the holiday season. I will miss him. Praying for the family.

Johnny Square - December 21, 2021 at 11:19 AM

DH

*Carrie and family
We are holding you in prayer as you mourn your dear husband and father.
We coached together for a short time at Colorado State yet remember well the love Dave had for his family. God Bless. Chuck and Debbie Heater*

Debbie and Chuck Heater - December 21, 2021 at 07:19 PM

TM

*Zu was two years behind me with a great crew of guys in his class who were mostly nuts in the best possible context. After blowing out my knee my senior year I came back for a 5th year to play as a grad student but didn't have enough money for a place to live so Zu and his crew let me crash on their Apt. floor for the year. You never forget those who help you when you are down. God bless Zu and his family.-
Tim Murphy*

Tim Murphy - December 23, 2021 at 11:28 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of David Anthony Magazu.*



December 21, 2021 at 10:04 AM



“ *Mike & Stephanie D’Errico and Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of David Anthony Magazu.*



Mike & Stephanie D’Errico and Family - December 21, 2021 at 08:57 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of David Anthony Magazu.*



December 21, 2021 at 06:01 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of David Anthony Magazu.*



December 20, 2021 at 11:24 PM

RM

“ I had the privilege of coaching with Dave at NC State in 1982, Ball State 1985-6, and with the Iron of Birmingham in 2018. I tremendous straight shooter, as he always spoke his mind, and told you how it was. A great Magazu quality. Was a great man, husband, father, coach, and staff member. A great friend, as he will be missed. RIP my man. Rick Minter.

Rick Minter - December 20, 2021 at 11:11 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of David Anthony Magazu.



December 20, 2021 at 09:35 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David Anthony Magazu.



December 20, 2021 at 08:10 PM

ZJ

“ Zach Truty (NY Jets) purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of David Anthony Magazu.



Zach Truty (NY Jets) - December 20, 2021 at 07:00 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of David Anthony Magazu.*



December 20, 2021 at 06:28 PM



“ *Thinking of you at this difficult time. I always remember Dave playing cards smoking a cigar at the Kanitz family home. He will be missed.*

Jerry, Phyllis, Stacy, Chris Smith



Stacy Kinney - December 20, 2021 at 06:26 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of David Anthony Magazu.*



December 20, 2021 at 05:54 PM