



**DARREN M. ARMS  
CLASS OF 1981**

Darren Arms was a proud 1981 graduate of Point Pleasant Boro High School, playing football from his freshman through senior years.

After graduating from the Boro, Darren worked for his father, Lenny, in the Colonial Ranch Market. In 1986, Darren purchased the store from his father and expanded it from a corner store with a few employees to the Colonial Ranch Meat Market that we know and love today. Darren and his wife, Lisa, and their children grew the store, providing employment opportunities for countless Boro students and showing them the value of discipline and working hard. For many, it helped them work their way through college.

Darren was not just a father to his six children; he was a father-figure and a role model to many in Pt. Pleasant. He cared about his family and his business, and was very active in the community. He was a member of the Elks B.P.O.E. 1698 in Pt. Pleasant Beach, where he coached their Pop Warner teams for many years. He was instrumental in developing both the AAU Basketball League and the mid-Monmouth basketball leagues in Point Pleasant, as well as the Baseball program at St. Denis School in Manasquan. Darren also coached soccer, basketball, and baseball for the Point Pleasant Recreation Dept.

Darren maintained his connection and affection with the Boro schools long after graduating. He donated the food every year for the Point Pleasant Boro High School senior awards evening, and continuously provided support to the school system's various Booster organizations, Black & Gold events, homecoming parades, and sports fundraisers in all forms.

After Superstorm Sandy, he ordered extra food and prepared much of it himself to support those devastated by the storm. He drove his truck around several times a week after hours, packed with food and supplies so he could personally deliver to friends, neighbors and strangers in Sunshine Harbor, Bay Head Shores, Bay Head and Northstream Pkwy neighborhoods. His encouraging smile was a welcome sight to all. Weekly, he silently donated to St. Gregory's Pantry.

Darren was a communicant of St. Dominic's R.C. Church, Brick. Darren donated, supplied and personally delivered the food, goods and services for many special events at the parish as a way to support the church that his mom, Mary, loved. One of his last acts of kindness was supplying food and beverages for the Thanksgiving Dinner for parish members who were in need, alone, disabled, homeless or hurting after Sandy in November in 2012.

He loved music and movies, going fishing, and going to Giants games. And we can't forget his beloved Colonial Ranch and the greater Point Pleasant community. Darren truly appreciated his employees and customers for their loyal support and making it easy for him to enjoy doing what he did – serving people. But most of all, he loved his family – his wife, Lisa; his three sons, Bryan, Brandon and Billy; and his three daughters, Shannon, Amanda and Jennifer.