



Alexander "Budda" Collins

August 26, 1994 - August 13, 2023

Alexander "Budda" Collins passed away on August 13, 2023.

Early Life

Alexander Collins, known to most as "Budda", was born in Miami, Florida, on August 26, 1994 to Andrea McDonald and the late Johnny Collins, Jr. During his college years at the University of Arkansas, Alex embraced his faith in Christ and was baptized; a spiritual journey that brought him solace and a deeper sense of purpose.

The Man Behind the Athlete

Beyond his athletic achievements, Alex Collins was a multi-talented individual. He was a pianist, a musician, a rapper, and a passionate photographer. His infectious smile and unwavering positivity illuminated even the darkest moments, reminding all who knew him that there is always light, even in adversity.

A Force for Good

Beyond his athletic and artistic pursuits, Alex dedicated his time to volunteer work, making a meaningful impact on his community. He embodied the spirit

of giving, always willing to lend a helping hand to those in need. His brand, "Adversity Killers," is a testament to his resilience and determination to conquer challenges, inspiring countless others to do the same.

Adversity Killers

His legacy extends far beyond the confines of any one arena. His creative spirit knew no bounds and led him to create the "Adversity Killers" brand, a confirmation to his belief that challenges are an opportunity for growth. Through this brand, he challenged countless individuals to persevere in adversity, turning obstacles into opportunities.

Athletic Beginnings

From a very young age, Alex demonstrated strong self-confidence in his abilities and was sure he would make a difference in the world. Alex's love affair with sports began at age five when he first stepped onto the Hallandale Vikings football field. Even then, his talent was undeniable. Alex quickly became his team's star, showcasing a unique blend of speed, agility, and determination that would set the stage for an extraordinary sports career. With a football in his hands and perseverance in his heart, he showed from very early on that he was pure greatness.

High School Sports

Alex's high school journey was nothing short of exceptional. He began on the junior varsity football team at Dillard High School, where he showcased his talent and passion for the game. Later, at South Plantation High School, Alex continued to shine as a multi-talented athlete who left a mark on the world of sports. A true sports prodigy, he excelled not only in football but also in basketball, lacrosse, and track. His prowess on the football field was evident

during his junior year when he rushed for 1,786 yards and recorded 28 touchdowns. His outstanding performance earned him the prestigious title of Broward County Player of the Year. The Paladins secured seven victories and a spot in the state playoffs during that season.

Alex continued to shine as a senior, amassing 1,400 rushing yards and contributing 14 touchdowns. His exceptional leadership and skill helped South Plantation achieve nine wins, the district title, and earn a place in the 8A state playoffs. Following his senior season, Alex was selected to participate in the Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl, where he had the honor of being teammates with fellow Arkansas signee Austin Allen. His remarkable sprinting abilities were evident as he ran the third leg on South Plantation's state champion 4x100m relay team, achieving a time of 41.98 seconds. Alex was named the 2013 Broward County Male Athlete of the Year. Alex's high school years were marked by excellence, leadership, and versatility, which led to a remarkable sports career that would follow.

College

Alex's brilliance on the football field earned him the title of a four-star recruit by Rivals.com and the 13th-best running back in his class. He committed to the University of Arkansas in February 2013, marking the start of his collegiate journey. He made history as the first true freshman in SEC history to rush for 300 yards in his first three games. He earned the 2013 SEC Freshman of the Year title during this remarkable season. In his sophomore year, Collins proved his skills with 1,100 rushing yards and 12 touchdowns, aiding Arkansas to a Texas Bowl victory.

As a junior, he became the featured back, achieving a milestone by joining the SEC greats Herschel Walker and Darren McFadden, rushing for over 1,000

yards in three consecutive seasons. His remarkable junior season concluded with 1,577 rushing yards, a school-record 20 rushing touchdowns, and a Liberty Bowl victory. With 3,703 career rushing yards, Alex remains the second-highest rusher in Razorback history, leaving a legacy of excellence that forever resonates within the University of Arkansas football program.

Professional Career

In January 2016, Alex decided to enter the 2016 NFL Draft, forgoing his senior season at Arkansas. His professional football journey saw him selected by the Seattle Seahawks in the fifth round (171st overall) of the 2016 NFL Draft. Throughout his rookie season, he contributed both in rushing and receiving, ending with 31 carries for 125 rushing yards, one touchdown, and 11 receptions for 84 receiving yards. Collins also played in two playoff games.

The Baltimore Ravens signed Alex on September 5, 2017. He made his Ravens debut with a notable performance against the Cleveland Browns and continued to excel throughout the season. He led the Ravens in rushing yards for the 2017 season with 973 yards and six rushing touchdowns.

In a return to the Seattle Seahawks in 2020, Alex made appearances in several games, contributing with touchdowns and significant rushing yards.

In 2023, Alex Collins signed with the Memphis Showboats of the United States Football League (USFL). During his time with the Showboats, he threw a touchdown pass, demonstrating his ability to contribute to various facets of the game. Alex Collins remained undeterred in his pursuit of returning to the NFL. His commitment and determination were evidence of his unwavering passion for football.

Final Farewell

He leaves his memories behind to his lovely mother Andrea McDonald, his sister, Brittany Fisher; brothers, William Fisher Jr, Johnny Collins, Christopher Collins, and Dequan Sierra; nephews and nieces; Zuri, William III, Jah'kyra, Jah'niya, Jaylah, Zion, Khloe and Kevon, and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

As we bid farewell to Alex, we remember a man who touched our lives in countless ways. His legacy extends far beyond the football field, reminding us to embrace life's challenges with a smile, pursue our passions relentlessly, and be a source of positivity and inspiration for those around us. May he rest in eternal peace, knowing that his spirit will forever light our paths in life's journey.

Please leave the family a note of condolence, light a candle of remembrance, or order a floral remembrance piece.

Be encouraged by these words:

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28



“ Alexander "Budda" Collins

August 24, 2023 at 12:00 AM



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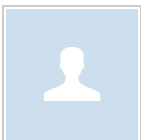
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August 23, 2023 at 12:00 AM



“ Alex was a sweetheart, always willing to stop and talk! He gave the young people with me advice! You will always have a place in my heart! Hope you and Ryan Mallet are playing football! RIP Alex!

Teresa Sutherland - August 23, 2023 at 12:00 AM



“ Alexander "Budda" Collins

August 22, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Torrance Mcdougale lit a candle in memory of Alexander "Budda" Collins*



Torrance mcdougale - August 21, 2023 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *A great young man. A forever Razorback. He is missed by those who saw who and what he was. Many agree that he was taken from us way too early in life, but his Heavenly Father understands the beginning and as well as as his purpose forevermore. Hopefully, we will all in time come to see, understand, and, accept what is now a tragedy for us. Be thankful for the blessing of having Alex in our lives.*

Thomas Chapo Sr. - August 21, 2023 at 12:00 AM



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JA

“ *All I could remember was his smile his angelic authentic soul he left a bruise on a lot of hearts but the memories will last a lifetime sleep on Buddha ĩ,*

Janheh Allen - August 20, 2023 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Alex was loved by so many in Arkansas. He embraced Razorback Nation and the love was returned fully. He is forever a Hog. Prayers from the Razorback faithful

Marilynn - August 20, 2023 at 12:00 AM



“ Alexander "Budda" Collins

August 19, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ AC3, you left us way to soon. People like you dont come often. RIP My Brother and #Hog4Life!

John Comeau - August 19, 2023 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ Alex your smile and kindness sure lit up the world. It was a pleasure and honor to have you represent Arkansas, and share a birthday continue prayers for your family

Patty - August 19, 2023 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ When anyone ever ask who my favorite football player was, that was an easy answer for me it was Alex, always enjoyed basketball more than football, but when he started playing for the Razorbacks, I was hooked one of the nicest guys ever and definitely one of the very best running backs to play for the Hogs! Sending lots of prayers to the family and friends of Alex he will never be forgotten. Heaven gained another angel!!

Cindy Nance - August 19, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ I remember the day that I first layed eyes on You, in a shopping cart in Target You were with Your Grandma Betty and Aunt Linda. You were a Beautiful baby boy. There was something Special about You. And You proved that in All You have done. Keep Guard over Your Mother and Siblings as I know You will. Take Your Rest Alex ĩ,

Stephanie Wilson -Johnson - August 19, 2023 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ Yoooo, whats up family My brother, my brother You really pulled an Irish exit on us man. First and foremost I'm thankful God put us in the same classes. You were so misunderstood dawg, and the ones who really got to know you realized it so quick. The way your mind worked was one of a kind. You were all about speed, and efficiency. Never asked for help, so whenever you did I know you really needed it. I've watched you helped thousands of family, friends and enemies yet you never wanted something for return. You knew that your brothers would never ask for help so when they did they needed it. Someone would ask you for \$100 and you would send \$1000, I always thought that was crazy. All the times we've had together. All the mistakes we made along the way. Building this brand, Adversity Killers, was all you ever wanted. A storefront selling merch with a studio and space to create content all in one. You will have it. Being together is something you always looked forward to. As much you never answered your phone for anyone, you sure loved to be in company of everyone. You taught me so much, from how to deal with crazy women, letting go of angry thoughts and training to prepare for a football tryout just in case they needed an extra Fullback or Linebacker. The times we worked out together, we always had a good time and competed against each other. I remember driving fast with you on the interstate racing to wherever we were going. You rode in packs but were always isolated, naturally. The stuff I watched you overcome is incredible. Most people would've folded but you weren't most people. You're the Adversity Killer. I'm thankful to have known you, make money with you, create with you, love with you, laugh with you, fight with you, cry with you, and I'm thankful for you bringing me into your family. I just have two brothers, Angel and Pitbull. Then I met you, now I have June, Cut, Quan and Chris. I will do right by you, your family and AK. As long as I'm living, they will never forget. I'm not using this as an excuse to fall off the deep end. This was the kick in the butt you always gave me to stay on it. I see you family, they gone feel that sh*t bro I'm telling you .. we global Adversity Killers 4 Life I love you Budda. You were always number 1 and I'm your number 2, ima make you proud bro. Still cant believe you left me

alone tho man, who can I show off to now man? I miss you already man. God bless you, hold me down. Ill see you soon, family.

Kevin Frankshescol Avila - August 18, 2023 at 12:00 AM



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“ *My condolences, prayers and deepest sympathy to the mother Que and the family sorry for y'all loss.May God continue to comfort, strength and give healing to y'all i, heart's.I knew Alex since he was a baby and made his mother proud.Rip young man!!!*

Marguerie Thornton - August 18, 2023 at 12:00 AM



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