



Derek Deshawn Coleman

June 27, 1995 - April 8, 2020

Derek Deshawn Coleman was born in Miami Beach, Florida, on June 27, 1995 and died a tragic death on April 8, 2020 in Miami, Florida, where he lived his whole life. He would have been 25 in June. He was taken from us far too soon.

Like all of us, Derek had his demons. But he always had a huge heart. Food or friendship for strangers and a fierce loyalty and compassion for his friends and family. He and his mother knocked heads, but in the end loved each other dearly. He was all about his mom and she was all about him, her only son. He would go workout with his abu and run medicine over to her when he thought she was sick. He loved her so and she him. After spending time in a shelter, he learned to cut hair and gave people haircuts so they could go out and try to get a job. And after coming home, he helped hand out blankets and care packages to those on the streets.

Last year he met the love of his life, Jennifer Sainz Diaz – the person who would change him. The person who would lead him out of his depression and anxiety. He found a new purpose in life. He started taking Jennifer to work and her children back and forth from school. He then had a terrible accident a couple of months ago in Jennifer's car, so he took it on himself to fix and register his car, pay off past-due tolls and to get it insured so he could continue to meet his new-found responsibilities. Although to some these steps may seem insignificant, they were new and monumental steps for Derek in his short life. He finally felt he had a purpose and was stepping up to meet it.

Before he was taken from us, Derek was happier than he had ever been. During those last precious months, he was learning how to be who he wanted to be. Sadly, we will never get to see the man he would become. But we will remember how he lived his life to the fullest, always knowing it was too short. We love and will miss you always, Derek.

Derek was predeceased by his paternal grandparents and is survived by his loving mother, Erica Hunt, his maternal grandparents William and Maria Ines Hunt, his uncle Diego Hunt, his stepsiblings Danielle Robinson, Carmika Robinson, Shamyra Coleman,

Donald Coleman III, Michelle Coleman and Deandre Coleman, his cousins and many friends.

A viewing will be held this Sunday, April 12, 2020, from 1 to 5 pm at the Van Orsdel Funeral Chapel at 11220 N. Kendall Drive, Miami, Florida, 33176, with a service at 3:30 pm. Because of the COVID-19 restrictions in place, no more than 10 people at a time may participate in the viewing. We ask that you please exercise good judgment and adhere to social distancing restrictions for your safety and that of our family and other guests. The service and viewing will also be live streamed via Webcast starting at 12:30 pm if you wish to participate remotely. If so, please contact Van Orsdel directly for more information.

If you want to send flowers, you can order from Marie's Florals (www.mariesflorals.com), which partners with Van Orsdel, or from the vendor of your choice for delivery to Van Orsdel before the service. Or in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (donate.lls.org) in honor or memory of Derek.

Cemetery

Van Orsdel Crematory

3333 NE 2nd Avenue

Miami, FL, 33137

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Van Orsdel Family Funeral Chapels - April 11 at 11:08 AM



“ Derek you promised me on this day you would never leave me .. my heart is in pieces I can't even make sense of this you were so happy this day the happiest I have ever seen. You had become a man.I just don't understand please show me the way I'm all alone. My purpose in life has always been you. Everything I have done was for you now I have nothing my life has no meaning I'm trying to keep it together for Abu maybe your up there helping her and if she makes it I might understand. The last days were the most special days.. We shared a lot you knew what I was going through and as always that's when you always came through and was right by my side.. You were always my number one. My beautiful angel

Erica - April 11 at 11:45 AM



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yasibit - April 11 at 04:44 PM



“ I am so sorry for your lost
Dianelys Garcia - April 11 at 07:00 PM



“ RIP and much prayers for your mom and family and friends. May God send an extra amount of strength to see you all through. May he cover your mom and protect her always.
Dawn Linton - April 11 at 10:10 PM



“ Erica querida,lo siento tanto....!!! Nadie puede imaginar el gran dolor que debes estar sintiendo y no hay palabras que podamos decirte que puedan calmar tu dolor. Pero quiero que sepas que te quiero mucho y estoy lejos de ti pero en lo que sea que me necesites estoy aqui!! Recibe mi abrazo en la distancia y sigo orando por ti,tú mamá y ahora por tu niño. Pido a Dios que lo tenga a su lado. Ora mucho Erica,pide a Dios te dé fortaleza, con Él todo y sin Él nada!!!! Descanse en paz Derek!!!! Te quiero amiga!!!! Dios te bendiga!!!!
Myrna I Collazo - April 11 at 11:01 PM



“ Derek was loved by so many and he will be greatly missed. your loving son will always be in our hearts. Praying for your comfort and strength. My deepest sympathies. I love you.
Renee
Renee - April 12 at 09:15 AM



“ Derek.. You will always b in my heart forever. #LongLiveDerek
Amanda - April 12 at 12:44 PM



“ Derek I love you I will always remember the good times we always had every time we linked up I love u so much little brother I always told u I always showed u u are my baby since birth and it's crazy because u loved my children the way I love u thank you for that my angel forever in my heart

Carmika - April 12 at 01:08 PM



“ I love you derek, i may be the most unimportant friend but i was the most observant. you struggled, you fought, you've lost many bad friends as you gained new good ones. seeing you lie in that casket hurts my very soul, my essence, my entire existence again taken back to the bottom for i have to watch another good man leave us and people he cared about. there's not enough words i can type but there's enough to feel what i feel. i pray you find light where there is darkness and i hope you find hope where you feel there isn't any. i should of chilled when i came back from north Dakota you were on facetime with eh mutual idiot friend sean lol and you kept telling me how you missed me and you wanted to chill and asked about my life up here I showed you my kids and my house, but it slipped my mind but how i regret being so forgetful. its times like this where i wish i was better. A better Friend. as i watch from webcam cause i still live up here just know im watching brother and i hope you find the peace you were looking for in life. ill visit once im back i put that on my kids. im sorry I wish I could of been there for you and rest in peace brother i love you very much and wont be long till were all there next to you. till then rest

Giovanni Urbay - April 12 at 02:52 PM



“ Erica love.... I am SO SO DEEPLY SORRY FOR THIS...

julissa roman - April 13 at 10:17 PM



“ Erica, I'm very sorry for your lost. With you in your sorrow. Love lydia

Lyd - May 04 at 10:24 AM



“ Long live Derek! I'm crying my eyes out watching this, I'm so sorry Erica. 😞 My thoughts and prayers are with you and I haven't stopped thinking of Derek since 🙏

ginger meilan - May 23 at 08:43 AM



“ A webcast video has been added.



Van Orsdel Family Funeral Chapels - April 10 at 02:34 PM



“ Hi, the broadcast isn't showing any pictures only audio

Victoria Guareschi - April 12 at 12:42 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. My condolences. My prayers go out to you and your family.

Nilsa Averhoff - April 12 at 01:03 PM



“ Derek man your brothers an family miss you bro you may be gone but never forgotten man love bro

brandon garcia - April 12 at 10:08 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Derek Deshawn Coleman.



April 13 at 03:51 PM



“ Giovanni Urbay lit a candle in memory of Derek Deshawn Coleman



Giovanni Urbay - April 12 at 02:56 PM



“ Derek,

You were always there for me and never judged me; a true man and irreplaceable friend. Thank you for Being you, you will always have a spot in my heart. Watch over us, I love you my dear.



Richell Gonzalez - April 12 at 12:35 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Derek Deshawn Coleman.



April 12 at 02:30 AM



“ Grecia Machado lit a candle in memory of Derek Deshawn Coleman



Grecia machado - April 11 at 09:22 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Derek Deshawn Coleman.



April 11 at 06:25 PM



“ 46 files added to the album LifeTributes



Van Orsdel Family Funeral Chapels - April 11 at 02:34 PM



“ 112 files added to the album LifeTributes



Van Orsdel Family Funeral Chapels - April 11 at 11:08 AM



“ Ivelisse Altagracia Furcal Peralta lit a candle in memory of Derek Deshawn Coleman



Ivelisse Altagracia furcal peralta - April 10 at 09:42 PM