

**Celebrating the Life
of**



Derrick Williams

Sunrise
October 3, 1980

Sunset
September 29, 2020

Saturday, October 10, 2020 - 12pm

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Obituary

Derrick Williams aka “Baby” was born on October 3, 1980 to parents, Roxanne Angela Bristol and Derrick Williams. Derrick migrated from Guyana, South America, to the United States in 1984 with his mother, who resides in Manhattan.

Derrick attended P.S. 144 and the Wadleigh Secondary School for Performing and Visual Arts in New York City. He then further his education by obtaining certifications, which gave him the opportunity to own his business in the apparel industry. His ambition to succeed led him to work several other occupations and ended with him working as an Uber entrepreneur. While he was proud of all of his achievements, his greatest pride was the birth of his son, Jahiem.

Derrick was a hard worker who loved to entertain his friends and family. He would have different social events at his home bringing everyone together. He had a heart of gold, which illuminated when helping friends. Derrick was known as the “go-to man” for advice, empathy and solace. He was also the person that could get you from point A to B. For his mom he would have questions like, “how did you get there and why are you there?”. His response would always be “I will be there soon”.

“Derrick, it broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone. For part of us went with you, the day God called you home. Rest in Peace.”

Derrick leaves to mourn his: mother, Roxanne Bristol; father, Derrick Williams; son, Jahiem Williams; fiancée, Coco Johnson; grandparents, Rose Bristol and Stanley Reynolds; siblings, Germain, Devon, Sherwin, Floyd Jr., Travis, Tyrell, Dwayne, Natoya, Anastasia, Tranisha and Adrianna; step-parents, Gillian William and Floyd McGarrell; aunts and uncles, Carol, Trivlyn, Leslyn, Uvanda, Janet, Desiree, Vanessa, Stanley, Glen and Donald; nieces and nephews, Angela, Kaylan, Makaylynn, Jada, Germanin Jr. and Sherwins Jr.; cousins, Sade, Keisha, Uniqua, Preston, Alicia, William, Lance, Sadeara and Latifah; and many more relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Comfort
“Count Your Blessings”

Old Testament Scripture Reading
Psalm 121 - Alicia Adams

Poem
Keisha Bristol

Hymn
“Amazing Grace”

New Testament Scripture Reading
John 14:1-6

Tributes

Obituary Reading
William Adams

Hymn
“Blessed Assurance”

Eulogy

Recessional Hymn
“It Is Well With My Soul”

Interment

George Washington Memorial Park
Paramus, New Jersey

The Master Called

I'm sorry I had to leave you.
My loved ones, oh so dear.
But you see, the Master called me,
His voice was very clear!
I had made my reservation
A heaven bound ticket for one,
And I knew that He would call me
When He felt my work was done.
I know that your hearts are heavy
Because I have gone away,
But when the Master called me,
I knew that I could not stay.
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you
My loved ones, oh so dear,
But, you see, the Master called me
And, now I'm resting here.
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory
And to you all I say
Just stay in the hands of Jesus
And we'll meet again someday.
-Author unknown

It's hard to express 30 years of friendship in a few words, but I'll try:

Derrick "Baby" Williams was more than a friend he was my brother. On the stoop of 56-60 when I was 8yrs old I met Baby and German. I said "what's up?" and hearing the heavy Guyanaese accents I knew these two were gonna be my friends. I asked them what they're doing, Baby said "We waiting for our father to bring our bikes" I said "oh yeah?" Now I'm thinking to myself, I don't have a bike, so maybe I can get a ride on they're bikes. Either way, we were young and full of energy then. Needless to say we were brothers from that day on, I will truly miss you Baby, until we meet again.... - Shaka

Acknowledgement

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May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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