



Derrick Duane Rand Jr.

March 1, 1989 - August 24, 2008

On August 24, 2008, Derrick Duane Rand, Jr. was called home by his angel to be with the Lord. Derrick was born on March 1, 1989 to Mr. Derrick Rand, Sr. and Ms. Monica Holloman in Richmond, VA. At five years old Derrick went to live with his grandmother, Ms. Malka Smith, in Norfolk, VA and had been there ever since.

At 19 years old his heart and affection for love was beyond his years, which astonished many people. He greeted everyone with a sincere smile and a hug. There was no such word as “stranger” to Derrick because he loved talking to everyone. It was not unusual for the officers of Mariners Watch to come to his house to let his grandparents know how well behaved and well mannered he was. “He loves everybody” said Officer Chris and he wished there were more children like him.

Derrick was very talented and enjoyed dancing. He was always the life of the party. Everyone adored him. Derrick loved taking trips and hanging out with the older guys. He loved all sports and enjoyed playing all sports. His love for football and basketball was exceptional. Whenever you saw Derrick he had a basketball in his hands, a baseball cap on and a jersey. He enjoyed going to Norfolk State’s basketball and football games. Derrick truly admired the new quarterback Mr. Dennis “Dino” Brown who he had the pleasure of meeting. We think it was actually the cheerleaders he was watching.

Derrick was an honor roll student at Granby High School and has never missed a day. He truly admired his teachers as well as his fellow students. Trips to the beach and swimming were also a part of his activities. Derrick was overly protective of his grandmother Malka and aunt Briarsha who was the sunshine of his day.

Derrick leaves behind to celebrate his life his father Derrick Rand, Sr.; his mother, Monica Holloman and stepfather, Michael; sisters Tiara and Jewel; a brother Michael Jr. of Richmond; great-grandmothers Elizabeth McBride from Richmond and Ethel Bracey of New York; grandparents Malka and Clarence “Juicy” Smith of Norfolk; aunts Briarsha, Markena Francis, Lolita Robinson and Shaquana Stephens all of New York, and Joy Blathers and Kim Smith of Richmond; uncles Billy Council of New York and Michael John of Richmond; cousins and best friends Mikey, Djyon, Bryce, Diondre, and a host of relatives and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 1. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services
1248 N. George Washington Hwy
Chesapeake, VA

Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Derrick Duane Rand Jr.



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - August 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ **FAMILY**

My dearest "DJ".

I am just learning of DJ's sudden death. I was his babysitter and as I look at his picture, I think, "My, how he had grown." Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints (Psalm 116:6). There will always be a place in my heart for my precious DJ. My love for him will always last. This hurts... He was such a sweet baby boy (who loved to eat A LOT) and we loved him so much. I'll never forget that day he began to walk. Oh, we were so excited. He moved away, he passed away, but his memories will always remain my heart.

May you find rest in the loving arms of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ.##imported-begin##Reverend Renita Christian##imported-end##

February 07, 2009 at 12:35 AM



“ *May your beautiful spirit lay in heaven with all the angels.*

*With Deepest Sympathy,
Michelle Jonas*

Jamsine Place Apts.##imported-begin##Michelle Jonas##imported-end##

September 11, 2008 at 05:43 PM



“ *To Malka and fammily,*

Deepest sympathy on the passing of Derrick at such a tender age. I can imagine how devastated you must feel because my son Malcolm was also born in 1989. May God bless you and your family and help ease your pain.

Sincerely,

Harold Evans & Family.##imported-begin##Harold Evans##imported-end##

September 06, 2008 at 02:13 PM



“ *Malka, Juice, Derrick Sr. and Family. In this time of need and great sorrow our prays and thoughts are with you. May you rejoice in the memory of his love and know that he is in a better place.##imported-begin##Guess Family##imported-end##*

September 03, 2008 at 08:32 AM



“ MONICA AND FAMILY "IN TIMES LIKE THIS"IN TIMES LIKE THIS"REMEMBER GOD WILL BE YOUR REFUGE ,YOUR STRENGTH LOOK TO HIM HE WILL SUPPLY THE STRENGTH YOU NEED TO SEE YOU THROUGH. REMEMBER THE TIMES YOU SHARED WITH DJ GOD BLESS YOU REMEMBER I'M HERE FOR YOU LUV YOU###imported-begin###Norma Harris-Cousin-Richmond Va.###imported-end###

September 03, 2008 at 08:03 AM



“ My thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. Take care and let me know if you need anything.###imported-begin###Linda Heath-Smith###imported-end###

September 02, 2008 at 09:26 AM



“ Monica, my thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of grief. May your memories bring you comfort. I asked God to be with you days, nights and the weeks ahead when you are at work, home etc, and everyone is gone and you have all the time alone thats when it gets heavy on you, just look to God and he will pull you through. God Bless You. Monica I am always here for YOU. DJ will be alright his Grandmother is up in heaven with him. Love Aunt Net###imported-begin###Aunt Net###imported-end###

September 01, 2008 at 10:07 PM



“ I will forever miss you D.J. Though you are not here physicaly, you are still here emotionally and mentally here with us. You grown up to be wonderful young man and a true inspiration too. I wished the whole world had the chance to meet you and see the kind spirit that you had. Love you D.J.##imported-begin##Emanuel Smith##imported-end##

September 01, 2008 at 05:23 AM



“ Many blessings to Malka & Juicy we love you guys and send our prayers and comfort to you.##imported-begin##Crystal & Walter Granison##imported-end##

August 31, 2008 at 11:34 PM



“ DJ has loved basketball since he was a little boy. My mom had a basketball hoop on her garage and when he visited her, he would spend hours just shooting hoops. When I went to my first Norfolk State Football game, DJ sat beside me and saying, "Aunt Joy, I'm going here to play basketball." I remember him laughing at me because he thought I didn't know anything about football but he smiled so big when I told him what I thought the quarterback should do. All I can remember now are his smiles. When he visited me, I would be at the computer and he would sit beside me and just talk and he was sooo intelligent. But his first question was always, "Are you okay?" I know we are supposed to believe that things happen for a reason. DJ was born to show everybody he came in contact with pure love.##imported-begin##Joy M. Blathers - Aunt Joy##imported-end##

August 31, 2008 at 08:02 PM



“ To Monica Holleman,
May God Bless You and Protect You in the days, months and years to come. I know that you loved DJ and wanted the best for him. It was Gods Will to take him home, for it is written in the book of life a date, where each and eveyone of our travels will come to an end on this earth. There's nothing anyone can do to change that. Through you God gave DJ live and the ability to make such a big difference in so many people lives. We only have a short time on this earth and it's not our decision to sit back and wonder why things happen as they do. It is said you never judge a person until you have walk a mile in their shoes. So cherish the times that you and DJ spent together and keep them close at heart. The last time that I saw DJ he was sixteen years old. He had the sweetest disposition and the cutest smile. One thing that I will remember about DJ is that he loved to eat. He was about a year old when you and Derrick use to bring him over to the house. I would sit him at the kitchen table in a chair with a telephone book underneath him so that he could reach the food on the table. I was always amazed at how you didn't have to show him anything when it came to eating. So as long as we have the memories DJ will always live on.

Love You,
Aunt Joyce##imported-begin##Aunt Joyce##imported-end##

August 31, 2008 at 04:35 PM



“ Love and Blessings to family. May the peace of God that surpasses all understanding keep your mind and your heart during this difficult season##imported-begin##Mr & Mrs H. Haneef Nelson (Marilyn)##imported-end##

August 31, 2008 at 02:52 PM



“ Dearest DJ, you will be dearly missed in this world. I know the Lord must have big plans for you now. I will miss your bright smile and hearing how well you were always doing in school. Love You DJ. To Malka Bracey Smith and Family. I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for taking DJ into your life, hearts and soul and giving him so much love and a wonderful family. You will always be in my thoughts and prayers. Thank You.###imported-begin###Kim Smith - Aunt Kim###imported-end##

August 31, 2008 at 02:15 PM



“ Upon hearing DJ's passing, I was stricken with overwhelming grief and anger. My anger was due to my inability to understand why life would be taken away from a remarkable person at the mere age of 19. At 19 years old, most fine themselves beginning their lives; instead, I have to witness my cousin's life come to a close. Yet, even though his life ended far too soon, not many 19 year olds have made a profound impression like DJ. His unconditional kindness toward others, ever-expanding heart, and eagerness to learn made DJ one to love and cherish. Because of his ability to overcome, it wasn't hard to catch oneself praising how well he was doing in school and his aspirations to further his education at college. Within 19 years of life, DJ has touched the lives and hearts of many. In doing so, DJ will continue to be apart of our live forever.###imported-begin###Nicole Smith###imported-end##

August 31, 2008 at 12:25 PM



“ You are in our thoughts and prayers in the face of this tragic loss. Our deepest sympathies are with you.###imported-begin###Albert Moore & family###imported-end##

August 29, 2008 at 04:33 PM



“ *Malka and Juicy you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers! May God give you all the strength to sustain and know that Derrick will live forever in your hearts! Love you guys!###imported-begin###Linda L. Smith###imported-end##*

August 29, 2008 at 12:49 PM



“ *Malka & Juice,
I pray that the hole in your hearts will be healed by the grace of God. I knew Derrick for only a breif time, but I could tell that he was a loving person by his handsome smile. I witnessed the love that you all shared. We have to remember that loving is hard work. We are given gifts, like Derrick, by God. It hurts terribly when he takes his gifts back. We understand that as much as we love his gifts, he loves them more. You are both faith filled people and that faith will comfort you in this time of your tremdous lost.*

Rest assured you and your's will continually be in my prayers. I want to thank you for sharing Derrick with the world and you can be proud that the world is a better place because of him. I am sure that he has help others in need in his short time here.

Lovingly Yours In Christ

Luther###imported-begin###Luther Adams, Jr.###imported-end##

August 29, 2008 at 12:44 PM



“ YOU WERE MY FIRST BORN GRANDCHILD, YOU WERE GIVEN TO ME BY YOUR DAD AT A YOUNG AGE, YOU BECAME MY BABY BOY. SOMETIMES I FORGOT THAT YOU WERE MY GRANDSON. WE HAD A GOOD TIMES TOGETHER. WE LAUGH MUCH MORE THAN WE CRIED. IT NOT SHOCKING THAT YOU HAVE TAUGHT ME MUCH MORE THAN ANYONE COULD EVER IMAGINE. YOUR LOVE AND PROTECTION FOR ME AND BRIARSHA WAS ALWAYS REAL AND TRUE. THE DAY THAT YOU TOLD ME THAT GRANBY HIGH SCHOOL CORN BREAD WAS BETTER THAN MINE, WHILE WE WERE HAVING DINNER. THE WAY YOU PUT THE COVERS ON ME WHEN I WOULD LAY ON THE COUCH AND TELL ME GOOD NIGHT GRANDMA AT 7 PM. YOUR LAST DAY ON THIS EARTH WHEN WE WERE PLAYING FOOTBALL AND YOU TACKLE ME DOWN ON THE SAND. OUR BASKETBALL GAME WHEN I HAD TO FILE YOU TO MAKE A BASKET. YOU BEAT ME BADLY. OUR TRIPS TO DISNEY WOELD, NEW YORK, CALIFORNIA, NEW JERSEY,RICHMOND,VA. THE DAY YOU LET YOUR LITTLE COUSINS GIVE YOU A HAIR CUT. HOW YOU RUN TO THE BUS FOR SCHOOL. YOUR EXCITEMENT WHEN IT TIME TO EAT. WE HAD TO EAT DINNER TOGETHER AT THE DINNER TABLE. THE WAY YOU WOULD TELL YOUR AUNT BRIARSHA THAT YOU ARE HERE TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR FAVORITE GIRLS.NOONE ELSE COULD HAVE DONE THAT JOB TAKING CARE OF BRIARSHA AND I BETTER. THESE ARE THE DAYS THAT I WILL FOREVER HOLD ON TOO. I WILL ALWAYS FEEL YOUR KISSES YOUR HUGS HEAR YOU SAY THAT I LOVE YOU GRANDMA. I THANK GOD FOR YOU DERRICK, I KNOW THAT YOU ARE WITH GOD IN HEAVEN. I WILL HOLD ON TO YOUR MEMORY AND YOUR LOVE FOREVER.THANK YOU BABY FOR YOU MADE LIFE BEAUTIFUL EVERY DAY.##imported-begin##MALKA BRACEY SMITH GRANDMOTHER##imported-end##

August 28, 2008 at 10:58 PM



“ love very much.gonna miss your smile,love and your charming face.auntie will always have you and her heart.save a spot for me.##imported-begin##auntie sha-sha##imported-end##

August 28, 2008 at 02:28 PM