

Celebration of Life

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Spring Grove Cemetery



Acknowledgements

The Butler Family wishes to acknowledge with grateful appreciation, all courtesies, condolences and other acts of kindness shown to them during this period of bereavement.

Pallbearers

Kareeme Butler • Tyson Carter
Damon Anderson • Alex Anderson
Jordan Butler • Allen Anderson

God's Garden

*God looked around His garden
And He found an empty place.
The then looked down upon this earth,
And saw your tired face.
He put His arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful,
He always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering,
He knew you were in pain.
He knew that you would never,
Get well on earth again.
He saw the road was getting rough,
And the hills are hard to climb.
So, He closed your weary eyelids,
And whispered, "Peace be thine."
It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.*

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May 5, 1978 — February 1, 2021



Friday, February 19, 2021

Visitation – 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Funeral Service – 11:00 a.m.

New Nazarene Baptist Church

631 DeVotie Avenue

Cincinnati, Ohio 45225

Elder Clarence Washington, *Officiating*

Obituary

The Butler Family would like to pay a special tribute to their beloved son, **Derius Alexander Butler**. Derius was born and raised in Cincinnati, Ohio by his parents, Lydia Butler and Sigmund and Carolyn Butler. Derius has three brothers, Damon, Kareeme and Jordan and four sisters, Chondri, Janine, Sarah and Jacqueline. Sarah and Jacqueline preceded him in death. Jazmin, his niece, was like a sister to him.

Derius attended Cincinnati Public Schools and Sycamore Public Schools. He graduated with his G.E.D. with a desire to work with animals.

Derius was raised in Pentecost. He attended Zion Temple First Pentecostal Church with his family. As a child, he attended Sunday School, sang in the Children's Choir and attended Young People's service on Monday nights with his siblings regularly. Derius was baptized on June 1992. He departed this life on Monday, February 1, 2021.

Derius had a passion for making friends who were physically challenged. He loved to listen, talk and advise them. Derius was the "first" of the boys in the family to have a "girlfriend".

Derius dearly loved God, his family, his church family, his friends and his beloved son, Aaron Butler.



Our Dear Derius

Dear Derius,

I miss you so much, Derius, but you will Always be in my heart, spirit and mind. I love you forever. Love, Mom

My Dearest Brother,

I love you so much and I'm so glad God chose me to be your Big Sister. Til we meet again. Love, Chondri

To my loving Big Uncle Deri,

Words can not explain how much I miss you. Growing up, I knew you were more than just an uncle; you were the big brother that I new had. We cherished so many memories of just talking and reminiscing of the times I had a baby and up until now. All you would ever say is that you are proud of me and I needed to keep using my gift God gave me because something special would come out of it one day. When times made me feel like giving up, you were a phone call away to keep me on track saying, "Fat Head, you can do this. I do not know another young woman that is as strong and loving as my niece, but you have to know it for yourself. You are the puzzle to our family How many times do I have to tell you." That replays in my mind everyday because you only told me 100 times, but I so wish I could hear it 1 more time for reassurance. Giving up is not an option for you. I will make you prouder, uncle. I love you so much. Uncle, we will meet again. Love you, Fat Head, Jazmin Butler

To my big bra' Derius aka Big D...

Lord knows this would be another hard one. Everybody that knew my brother, knew he had a good heart... He loved people and Lord knows he loved his animals. My big bra' wouldn't hurt a soul...unless you hurt of his family members, friends or animals..."My Big Bra' never met a stranger" lol...I guess that's one of the same qualities I have also...so I've heard...He loved his son with all his Heart...I'll miss you big bra'...until we meet again... Love, Kareeme

Derius lived life at his own pace. He always stood up for himself and others, and he didn't tolerate seeing family or friends being taken advantage of. Derius created genuine

relationships with folks from all different colors and creeds of life because he accepted everyone for exactly who they showed up to be. He was one of the stones that brought all sides of our family together. When I was younger, Derius inspired me to leave Cincinnati because he apparently lived in Florida or Georgia; until one day he just showed up. I will miss you and always solve you D. All your light shines through Aaron now. Jordan

Derius enjoyed family, friends, food, movies, cartoons, board games, video games and sports. Derius touched my life regularly by reaching out; he often called before and after Bengals games to discuss the teen's performance. Derius had a strong conviction accompanied with a deep towering, unmistakable void. The joy in his laughter, his devotion to the ones he loved, influenced me. I will carry them with me, and share them with others. Love you, brother, Damon

My awesome brother, Derius,

You have always been sincere in giving me advice on the reality of life. You hold a special place in my heart. I will cherish all the great family memories we shared. You have always been so understanding and kindhearted to me. I always appreciated the great movie recommendations you provided. I love you so much!! Peace be unto you!

Love, Janine

Derius, we will always have a connection in our hearts for you. Always. Love, Mom and Dad

Psalms 121:1-8

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.