



Deerick Lofton

November 23, 1978 - May 26, 2015

Derrick Lofton was the middle son born to the parents of Sophia and Alfred Ellis on November 23, 1978 in Richmond, Virginia.

Deerick attended Richmond Public Schools receiving his GED from Highland Springs Technical Center in 2005. He met and married his loving wife Pralez Lofton and son Nicholas McDonald on June 14, 2008.

Deerick accepted Christ at a very young age, he frequently attended his aunt's church, Morning Glory Faith Ministries, where she is the Pastor.

Deerick entered into eternal rest on May 26, 2015. He is preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Jack and Elizabeth Brown. Deerick leaves to cherish his memory his wife Pralez Lofton and son Nicholas McDonald; two brothers, Anthony Lofton, Sr. (Seneca) and Keith Lofton; one paternal grandmother, Dorothy Ingram; one devoted aunt; Reverend Ella Garland; a host of nieces and nephews; other loving relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

3101 Nine Mile Road
Richmond, VA 23223

Previous Events

viewing

JUN 1. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Avenue
Richmond, VA 23222
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info@marchfh.com
<https://www.marchfuneralhomevirginia.com/>

Service

JUN 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

FE

“ WELL TODAY HAS BEEN ROUGH. I STILL MISS YOU MY SON. I AM HOLDING ON. LOVE YOU

FREDA ELLIS - July 11, 2025 at 02:55 PM

FE

“ TODAY H AS BEEN ROUGH. I LOOK AT YOU AND WANT TO SCREAM. I CANNOT FACE REALITY. I HAVE TRIED, BUT HOW DO YOU ACCEPT YOUR CHILD NOT BEING HERE? I JUST LOOK AT YOUR PICTURE AND CRY,CRY,CRY. MY LIFE HAS CHANGED FOREVER AND I HAVE NO CONTROL ON HOW TO MAINTAIN. SOMETIME I FEEL STRONG THEN OTHERS I AM LOST.I AM SO TIRED OF FAKING IT. I JUST WANT SOMETHING THAT NO LONGER EXIST FOR ME, A HAPPY LIFE.

FREDA ELLIS - July 02, 2024 at 02:01 PM

SE

“ I AM JUST ANGRY. I WANT PEACE. THERE IS NO MORE PEACE WHEN YOUR CHILD IS GONE. YOU LEARN TO HIDE THE PAIN. PEOPLE DON'T UNDERSTAND. THEY LOOK AT YOU LIKE YOU SHOULE BE OVER IT. MY LIFE HAS CHANGED FOREVER. RIGHT NOW 8 YEARS LATER I AM JUST EXISTING. I KEEP WANTING WHAT I CAN'T HAVE. MY SON

SOPHIA ELLIS - June 09, 2023 at 02:57 PM

SE

“ TODAY YOU HAVE BEEN ON MY MIND ALL DAY.I NEED TO GET OUT OF THIS NIGHTMARE. IT HAS BEEN 8 YEARS AND I HURT LIKE IT WAS YESTERDAY. SOME DAYS I CAN HIDE. TODAY I CANNOT.

SOPHIA ELLIS - June 09, 2023 at 02:49 PM



“ *Deerick Lofton*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Today has been really hard. I talk to no one. People say it will get better. LIE it has been almost 7 years I am full of pain. I just want the one I can never have. You.*

Freda ellis - May 11, 2022 at 06:32 PM



“ *TODAY IS A VERY RAW AND PAINFUL DAY. IT HAS BEEN A WHILE SINCE I VISITED THIS SITE. TODAY WAS A MUST. MY HEART IS SO BROKEN.I HAD NO ONE TO TALK TOO. I HAD TO GET IT OUT. OVER THE YEARS SINCE GOD CALLED YOU HOME I HAVE LEARNED TO HIDE MY FEELINGS WELL. TODAY I CAN'T I WANT TO SCREAM.I AM ANGRY AND UPSET JUST LIKE IT WAS YESTERDAY THAT YOY LEFT. GOD GIVE ME THE STRENGTH TO MAKE IT. I CANNOT DO THIS OR HANDLE THIS ALONE.*

FREDA ELLIS - July 04, 2020 at 08:05 AM



“ *DEERICK AS I LOOK AT YOUR PICTURE THE PAIN TAKES OVER MY BODY.. SOME SAY THAT IN TIME THINGS GET BETTER. FOR ME THAT IS SO UNTRUE..I GO ON BECAUSE THAT IS WHAT IS EXPECTED OF ME. MY HEART AND SOUL ARE STILL BACK ON MAY 26,2015. THAT NIGHTMARE STILL HURTS TODAY. I AM JUST EXISTING. MOST OF THE TIME I FEEL NUMB. NO ONE REALLY CAN UNDERSTAND AND I PRAY THAT THEY NEVER HAVE TO LIVE IT.*

FREDA ELLIS - June 20, 2018 at 08:53 AM

SW

Um praying your strength sweetie ,in time there's no special time .God got you baby .Love you .

Sharon Westinghouse - June 20, 2018 at 09:31 AM

FE

“ haven't been here in a while. miss you my precious baby

freda ellis - January 04, 2017 at 09:50 AM

FE

“ WELL TODAY IS DIFFICULT. I JUST HAD TO SEE YOU.I SEE AND CARRY YOU IN MY HEART. LOVE MOM

FREDA ELLIS(MOM) - March 08, 2016 at 02:59 PM

MO

“ hello baby boy! here again today. I miss you so much . I have to come back from time to time. It is still a nightmare. I must go now but you know me i will be back. i will never let go.

mom - November 09, 2015 at 12:00 PM

VS

Beautiful ms. Freda , its Valarie ,may Derrick rest in peace my friend, missed but never forgotten

Valarie spann - April 19, 2016 at 08:23 AM

FE

“ you know deerick i keepin saying that i am staying away from this site. no i am not. you are my child and i will come here as often as needed. i miss you.i will always want you back. i will always miss you. love you! ma

FREDA ELLIS - October 12, 2015 at 06:13 PM

FE

“ BOY!BOY! I MISS YOU SO MUCH. i STILL CRY EVERYDAY,BUT I HAVE LEARNED TO TAKE YOU WITH ME IN MY HEART. i WANT YOU BACK , BUT MUST EXCEPT THAT I HAD TEMPORARY CUSTODY AND I HAD TO RETURN YOU TO YOUR FATHER. REST BABY!. MOM WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU!.

FREDA ELLIS - October 12, 2015 at 06:04 PM

FE

“ you know i look at your picture and remember everything. your beautiful smile. i can hear your laughter. everything comes to mind.I have to deal with the fact you are not here physically. but you are always here in my heart. mom freda

FREDA ELLIS - September 02, 2015 at 08:41 AM

FE

“ WELL I AM BACK AGAIN. TODAY IS ANOTHER DAY THAT I HAVE TO DEAL WITHOUT YOU.iT NEVER GET EASIER. i CANNOT SAY TODAY THAT IS IS ANY BETTER THAN IT WAS MAY 26TH. LORD I NEED HELP! LOVE YOU ALWAYS

FREDA ELLIS - September 02, 2015 at 08:26 AM

FE

“ Hey deerick! had you on my mind. It has been three months and two days since you went home.I still cannot believe it.I have a really had a hard time with this. I cannot accept this. I must deal with it.

FREDA ELLIS - August 28, 2015 at 03:25 PM



“ WELL TODAY IS ANOTHER DAY. I HAVE HAD A LONG MORNING. WAKING UP WITH YOU ON MY MIND. I ASK GOD TO GIVE ME STRENGTH.I TAKE YOU WITH ME EVERY MINUTE OF THE DAY.I KNOW THAT YOU ARE PAIN FREE.I JUST MISS YOU SO MUCH. I REALLY MISS YOUR HUGS AND PHONE CALLS EVERYDAY.I AM TRYING TO FIND A WAY TO DEAL WITH THIS. AS OF RIGHT NOW I AM NOWHERE.I AM STILL IN THE NONBELIEF STAGE. LOVE YOU DEERICK.

Freda Ellis - August 05, 2015 at 07:09 AM

MO

“ hey deerick said I wasn't coming back but here I am. Boy I miss you so much. The lord is keeping me for a reason. The pain is just too much. I battle everyday. I have to realize that you're in a new home. I will always carry you with me. Love you deerick ma

mom - July 30, 2015 at 08:36 AM

SE

“ Today has been horrible. i miss you deerick, i need you. i need my baby. i have never felt so alone. You have always been there. Must go for now. This is a melt down moment.

sophia ellis - July 15, 2015 at 09:09 AM

FE

“ THIS IS MOM DEERICK. I KNOW THAT YOU WOULD BE HERE IF YOU COULD. THE GOOD LORD CALLED YOU HOME. I HAD TO REGROUP IN ORDER TO MAKE IT TO THE NEXT MINUTE. YOU WILL ALWAYS BE THAT SPOILED CHILD THAT NEEDED MOM. YOU WOULD SIT ON MY LAP. YOU WOULD GIVE A KISS THAT LASTED FOR MINUTES, I WOULD GIVE ANYTHING TO HAVE ALL THAT BACK, BUT I HAVE TO FACE AND ACCEPT IN ORDER TO MAKE IT. I WILL ALWAYS CHERISH THE MEMORIES. YOU WERE NOT THE YOUNGEST BUT YOU WERE THE BABY AND ALWAYS WILL BE. I HAVE TO FACE. AND EXCEPT. BABY BOY MOM WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU!

FREDA ELLIS - June 07, 2015 at 08:06 AM

SL

“ So it took me a while to post on this wall because it was so difficult to accept that you were gone. Just to hear your voice again, to hear you say so clearly, "hey baaaaby" love you Neca...I love you too honey. I will cherish the memories and I promise I will tell your nieces and nephews all the crazy times we've had. Lord knows it has been so many. Your brother and I was just reflecting on when you use to live with us. You could do no wrong in my eyes but you drove Tony crazy. Crazy because he loved his lil brother. We're going to miss you honey.



*A branch has fallen from the Lofton tree.
I keep hearing a voice that says "Grieve not for me"
Live on and do all things the same
For my sake and in God's name
Don't sit around and weep because I'm gone
You can cherish my memories, let those live on
My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest
Remembering all, how I truly was blessed
I left you so unexpectedly I'm sorry to say
But when the Lord says "Come Son", there's no other way
I will miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin
Until the day comes when we're together again*

Peace be easy... Love your Sister-In-Law

Seneca Lofton - June 05, 2015 at 08:52 AM

JN

“ Freida I am so sorry to hear about your son. I know you loved him very much. I remember you always talking about him and how much you would smile when you mentioned his name. If you need anything, please call me. You know where to find me.

Love,
Joyce Neblett-Adams

joyce neblett-adams - June 04, 2015 at 08:07 AM

DJ

“ Sister Freda, Ellis and Lofton Family
Our prayers are with you and you family
Dr. Louise and Lorenza Jones



Dr Louise and Lorenza Jones - June 01, 2015 at 05:40 PM

DD

“ You will always still be here in each and every one of us I know that you brought my life and family alot of joy we are going to miss you and love u thank u for being who you were



deborah denham - May 31, 2015 at 10:35 PM

JH

“ Deerick, You are one of God children you to us now The time to come. He want you to come home . So go in peace . Sleep in heavenly peace. My Love Your,Aunt Ann McElya.

john hannon - May 31, 2015 at 02:35 PM

LM

“ To my sister Freda, the Ellis..and Lofton family...your Smith family are s of the loss of Deerick...Our prayers are with you and the family..LISA...ROSLYN...ROSETTA...BRENDA...ZORA.....ELMER.....C SMITH

lisa moore - May 31, 2015 at 02:06 PM

NI

“ I remember one time when we all had went to the fair and then played some games to win some prizes and that day I'd cherish forever. Love your son

Nicholas - May 31, 2015 at 01:33 PM

EG

“ You are never alone and never will be
For God has given His angels charge
over thee

*Tears of sorrow drops from my eyes
I don't know what to do or say
Heaven is where my blessing lies
God's Spirit will help me to pray*

*I'll just call now where I stand
Tell him about the pain I feel
Explain about it all as best I can
My Lord will fix it, I know He will.*

Love you Deerick Aunt Mae

Ella Mae Garland - May 30, 2015 at 08:01 PM

CM

“ *My condolences to the family. Rest easy Deerick.*




Carla Mitchell - May 30, 2015 at 10:53 AM

 Eileen Ware

“ *Eileen Ware lit a candle in memory of Deerick Lofton*



Eileen Ware - May 30, 2015 at 08:28 AM

 Tracey Ellis

“ *Still hard to believe, we didn't grow up as just 1st cousins, our fathers raised all of us like siblings. We would all meet up at grandma's house on Sunday's for dinner. Everytime we talked on the phone we shared a particular story lol and always debated who's older. Gonna miss you. This was the summer for you to visit me. 😞*



Tracey Ellis - May 30, 2015 at 06:39 AM



“ To my other brother....I will miss you even though I had not seen you in years it still hurts to know your gone. I remember how you always checked on me my first year of high school and made sure everybody knew I was you and Tony lil sister. Never got to tell you but that me so happy and loved plus I know you both were keeping those boys away and that time you Kia and myself stayed over Tony and Neca house up all night laughing and talking...lol....you're in God's loving arms now. Miss you much but love you more



MooMoo

Chivon Thorne - May 30, 2015 at 04:28 AM

RT

“ Rosalyn Turner lit a candle in memory of Deerick Lofton

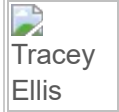


Rosalyn Turner - May 29, 2015 at 10:56 PM

PL

“ Baby i will never understand why it was you that had to leave, but i do know i love you more than words can say. You showed me how to love hard and i'm so glad i got to spend these last 10yrs with you in my life. We had a lot of plans made that will never get done, but rest easy honey because when i get there we will pick up right where we left off. I'm so glad the last words we said to each other were "I love you." You will always be in my heart. Sleep easy my king. Forever your wife

Pralez Lofton - May 29, 2015 at 08:40 PM



Tracey
Ellis

I never met you, but I do remember the day Deerick told me your name and his he was getting married. He told me all about you. Sorry for your loss.

Tracey Ellis - May 30, 2015 at 06:41 AM



M(

My sympathy goes out to the Lofton and Ellis family. I want to send up a special prayer for you Mrs. Freda. I will surely miss Deerick very much. RIP my friend.

Myrashell (MeMe) - May 30, 2015 at 04:49 PM



TW

“ *Tanishia White lit a candle in memory of Deerick Lofton*



Tanishia White - May 29, 2015 at 12:30 PM



SE

“ *MY BABY BOY! LOVE YA! ALWAYS WILL BE IN MY HEART. I AM SAYING THAT YOU ARE GONE. I WILL NEVER SAY ANYTHING ELSE. I CANNOT EXCEPT THAT. OUR SAYING WAS; WE ARE ALL WE GOT. THAT IS STILL TRUE. I WILL ALWAYS HAVE YOU WITH ME. LOVE YOU DEERICK ALWAYS*

SOPHIA ELLIS(mom) - May 29, 2015 at 08:09 AM

LF

“ Our family would like to extend condolences to The Lofton Family. May you find peace and comfort from Jehovah God's Word The Bible where He assures us at 1 Corinthians 15:26 that "death will be brought to nothing". Our prayers are with your family.

linn family - May 28, 2015 at 02:02 PM

ME

Your encouraging thoughts are appreciated. Sincerely, M E

M E - May 30, 2015 at 12:27 PM

EJ

Sofia(Freda) Ellis...I remember when we met back in 1981, how you always talked about you (3) boys. You always had a story to tell about something they said or done. The years came and we ventured in different ways but I never forgot your (3) sons...Tony, Deerick and Kee-Kee... they are your heart...I felt so bad when you called me and told of Deerick's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you, Pedy, Tony and KeeKee. I can't imagine how you feel and I won't say that I do. Keep Deerick's memories alive in your heart. May God forever be with you...Love you girlfriend!!!

Earnestine johnson - June 19, 2015 at 12:26 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - May 27, 2015 at 02:37 PM