



## Derrich Jerome Willis

April 12, 1955 - March 22, 2009

Detrich Jerome Willis, lovingly known as “Deckie”, departed this peacefully at his home on Sunday, March 22, 2009 after a long battle with Scleroderma. Deckie was born on April 12, 1955 in Baltimore, Maryland. He is the son of Josephus and Lendora Willis. Deckie received his education in the Baltimore City Public Schools and graduated from Paul Laurence Dunbar Senior High School. On June 2, 1979, Deckie married Lois Agnes Willis. Together they have four children, Teresa Maie Coleman, Dana Shanae Mason, Derrich Jerome Willis II, and Mycah Leas Willis. Deckie worked at Crown Cork and Seal, Civic Works and Regional Management until he was no longer able to work. Deckie was extremely committed to family, friend’s ad the community. He served as a mentor and friend to many young adults, often taking them into his home and “fathering” them. He coached and managed baseball leagues in the Gardnerville Community. Deckie’s zest for life was evident in everything he did. You could often find him hosting cookouts and gatherings for family, friends and the young adults he mentored. Deckie kept the family together with his fellowship, sincerity and fun-loving spirit. Deckie was an avid sports fan of Baltimore Orioles and local college teams. In addition to sports, Deckie loved to dance and cook. Deckie was a dancer with “Soul of the City.” Deckie is survived by his wife, Lola, his children, Teresa, Dana, DJ, Mycah and Harvey; his son-in-law Eric, grandson, Eric Jr. (EJ0; granddaughters, Alayah; father, Josephus, mother Lendora, his three brothers, Josephus Jr., Curtis, and Michael; his sister, Myra; brothers-in-law, Alfred and Andrew; sisters-in-

law, Finette, Debbie, Darlene, Mary and Thelma; plus a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, dear friends and adopted children, He was preceded in glory by his sister, Sylvia

# Tribute Wall



“ *Derrich Jerome Willis*

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“ *TO THE WILLIS FAMILY, MAY YOU ALL GO TO GOD FOR COMFORT IN YOUR TIME OF SORROW! PEACE AND BLESSING TO YOU ALL!##imported-begin##CYNTHIA SPRIGGS-TATE##imported-end##*

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“ *We send our prayers to you at this time of bereavement. (David's Family)##imported-begin##Sandi Myrick-Nelson##imported-end##*

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“ *I remember playing Baseball with Deckie at Dunbar.I will miss seeing those Bow-legs (smile) running around the bases. May God bless your family REAL GOOD ! Much Love..Kim##imported-begin##Kim L. Kent Sr.##imported-end##*

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“ *Lola-The memory of him will always linger in lots of hearts. May God's grace strengthen you and the families' hearts and souls to find peace and comfort. Peace be with you always. Belisha / Bridgette Braylon##imported-begin##Belisha Cunningham##imported-end##*

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“ DJ, My heart and prayers are with you and your family. Deckie will be missed greatly. With love, Heather God didn't promise days without pain, laughter without sorrow or sun without rain. But God did promise strength for the day, comfort for the tears and light for the way. And for all who believe in his kingdom of love, he answers their faith with peace from above.##imported-begin##Heather Schwatka##imported-end##

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