



Derrick M. Rodgers

April 6, 1968 - August 7, 2017

God selected Adolphus McKinley Rodgers and Ernestine Duston to be his parents. Derrick learned to be strong and independent while living among the communities of East Baltimore, Baltimore City, and County. He attended schools in Baltimore City, Hampton University, Morgan State University, Towson University and Lincoln University.

In his short 49 years of life, Derrick had diversified occupations and vocational interests. He was dedicated to helping others and assisting people move forward in their health and ability to rehabilitate their lives.

Derrick was an accomplished writer, having written, *Ghetto Wonderland*, a series of poems depicting the everyday struggles of life in the inner city. He was an avid reader of historical writings by seminal writers such as Marcus Garvey, Dr. Ivan Van Sertima and Marimba Ani.

Derrick clearly knew God. He often quoted John 4:8: God is love, and whoever does not love, does not know God, because God is love.

On August the 7th, 2017, God called Derrick home after a short illness.

Left to continue their journey in courage: his loving wife, Razan Thomas Rodgers; his mother, Ernestine Dunston; stepfather, Johnny Dunston;

stepbrother, Johnny A. Dunston Jr.; three beautiful daughters whom he loved dearly, Lya Rodgers, Precious Naomi Rodgers, and Najea Asani Rodgers; stepmother, Carolyn Rodgers; and a great multitude of family and friends.

Cemetery Details

Druid Ridge

Previous Events

Graveside Service at First Union Baptist Church Cemetery

AUG 14. 11:30 AM (ET)

Druid Ridge

Tribute Wall



“ *Derrick M. Rodgers*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Dez Sams lit a candle in memory of Derrick M. Rodgers*



Dez Sams - May 17, 2018 at 10:18 PM



“ *Dez Sams sent a virtual gift in memory of Derrick M. Rodgers*



Dez Sams - May 17, 2018 at 10:18 PM



“ *Yolonda Johnson-Young lit a candle in memory of Derrick M. Rodgers*



Yolonda Johnson-Young - March 04, 2018 at 03:01 PM



“ *First and foremost, I want to send my condolences to Derrick's family and other friends. I am deeply saddened by this news. I worked with Derrick in Ivyland, PA until 2008. He was one good brother. I will miss our profound convos. I will miss him dearly.*

Yolonda Johnson-Young - March 04, 2018 at 03:00 PM



Thank you

R - March 08, 2018 at 06:49 PM

DE

“ *Dez sent a virtual gift in memory of Derrick M. Rodgers*



dez - August 25, 2017 at 10:03 PM

DE

“ *Derrick aka D-Nice. You are gone way toooo Soon my friend. I miss your voice, your laughter, and your encouraging words. I love you D. God has an awesome angle. 😞*



dez - August 25, 2017 at 10:01 PM

JL

“ *Derrick it's going to be so hard to say goodbye to you. You were my favorite big cousin. Until we meet again cousin Derrickey. Love your favorite little cutty*



Jessica Lewis - August 10, 2017 at 08:03 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 - August 10, 2017 at 08:13 AM