



Derrell Alvery Smith

December 2, 1992 - June 27, 2020

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Derrell Alvery Smith was born on December 2, 1992 on the beautiful island of St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands to Alvery and Nicole Smith. Having grown up in a house with only sisters, Nicole desperately wanted a son and when Derrell was born, she called him her "Magical Boy". A Magical Boy he was and perfect in his parents' eyes.

Derrell and his family left the Virgin Islands and moved to Winter Park, FL in 1999. The family became active members of First Christian Church of Winter Park and he excelled in the Bible Quiz Bowl. As he matured, he was an accomplished athlete and played football, ran track and lifted weights at Winter Park High School where he graduated in 2011. He dreamed of being an intelligence analyst for the CIA and maintained a squeaky-clean reputation to ensure nothing got in the way of his goal. He never got into trouble, never drank, never smoked and only surrounded himself with friends that upheld his value system. He maintained a small close-knit group of friends who were his confidants and his support network.

He matriculated to Barry University in the Fall of 2011 and almost immediately began experiencing health challenges with severe asthma. But Derrell was determined, and he was a fighter! He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies in 2015. Due to his asthma, he moved back home with his mom and began a successful career in the telecommunications industry working for Sprint, AT&T and eventually Asurion working on Verizon accounts.

In 2016, Derrell was diagnosed with Auto Immune Hepatitis, an auto immune disease that attacked his liver. Over the past four years he managed his disease fairly well, but recently his numbers unexpectedly spiked and he became so gravely ill that he was no longer a candidate for a liver transplant. Despite their unimaginable loss, Al and Nicole decided they would give the gift of life to others by donating their “Magical Boy’s” organs. Today we rejoice that Derrell saved three lives—his loving heart is beating in the chest of someone, and his kidneys are functioning in two other recipients. And at some time in the future, his corneas will give someone the gift of sight! Amidst his family’s deep sorrow and loss, they are comforted knowing that the Magical Boy is living on in three other people. What a beautiful blessing!

Family and friends describe Derrell as sweet, loving, amazing, quiet, a good boy, a gentleman, reserved and an introvert. Derrell labeled himself as “everyone’s favorite introvert”. His siblings fondly remember him as the glue that kept everyone together and a peacemaker. He loved video games, reading, history, and Popping and B-Boy dancing. Those that knew him best knew that his true love was “Katalaya” his Mustang, and his dream was to own a Mustang GT Shelby edition. We can only imagine Debonair Dapper Derrell cruising around heaven in his black convertible GT. He has earned his reward in Paradise!

Derrell is survived by his loving father, Alvery Smith and his wife Cristina Garcia; Mother Nicole Smith and her special friend Aaron Watts; Siblings Jilyssa (Jamar) Cross, Alonte Smith, John (Ronisha) Garcia and Tristan Montalvo; Grandparents Raymond and Averill Smith, Alicia Doute’, Christian Doute’ and his wife Valerie; Uncles Orville Webster, Casey Smith, Shermon Smith and Courtney Matthias; Aunts Monique (Robert) Ferrell, and Crystal (Irvin) Brown, niece Jaylen Cross, and a wide circle of cousins and extended family. Derrell also leaves to mourn him his dear friends Alexis Brown, Shaleria Lewis, Shalom White, Greg Wieland and Mikieyah Williams. He is preceded in death by two aunts Renee Doute’ and Juta Smith Matthias.

Derrell is deeply missed but we rejoice that he is in Eternal Paradise, where there is no more pain, suffering or illness. He is experiencing a level of joy and happiness that we all hope to have one day. To God be the Glory!

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully asks for donations to help defray Derrell’s astronomical medical bills and funeral expenses. For additional information, please send an email to InMemoryofDerrell@gmail.com

Events

JUL **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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232 W. Michael Gladden Blvd., Apopka, FL, US, 32703

JUL **Service** 11:00AM

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