



Dereck Kirk Merrill

June 3, 1986 - June 4, 2024

Dereck Kirk Merrill, 38 years old of Rocky Mount, Va entered eternal life in heaven peacefully at home with his family by his side on June 4, 2024.

Welcoming him into heaven alongside our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ were his beloved grandmother Mary Rebecca Merrill (Mawmaw), great-grandmother L.D. Merrill, Aunt Dorian M. Keen (Aunt DeeDee), and Uncle Bud Merrill.

Dereck was born on June 3, 1986. Raised in Montgomery County, Dereck was a student of Christiansburg High School. In 2012 Dereck had an accidental drug overdose that resulted in an anoxic brain injury. After 7 months of hospitalizations and intensive rehabilitative therapy, Dereck was discharged home to continue his recovery as a quadriplegic. Raising awareness of the dangers of drug use and risk of overdose became Dereck's life mission. He stated that sharing his story at local schools, recovery groups, and churches "gave me purpose in life."

Left to cherish his memory are his angels on earth, his mother Kimberly Muncy and stepfather Doug Muncy of Rocky Mount, Va. His sister, best friend, and motivator, Deanna Farley and fiancé Stephen Grissom of Pembroke Va., and special niece Wrenleigh Grissom who adored her "Uncle Bubbie" and being involved in his care. Step-Sister Bridget Wray and husband Zach Wray

of Woodstock, Ga. Half-Sister Stacey Duncan White of Christiansburg, Va. Step Brother, Adam Muncy of Richmond, Va. Maternal Grandfather Bruce Merrill (Paw Paw) and wife Becky Merrill of Riverview, FL. Paternal Step Grandmother Shirley Muncy (MiMi). Niece Leia Wray. Nephews Luke Wray and Mateo Muncy. Special Cousin, Liz Catron and husband Rocky Catron and sons Benjamin and Alexander of Ocala, FL. Uncles Bryce, Bryden, Brandon, and Brett Merrill and extend family of Florida, Massachusetts, and Idaho.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to those who cared for Dereck over the past 12 years. A special thank you to Raleigh Court Health & Rehab nursing staff and therapy team, Amedisys Home Care, Dr. Ann Austin and staff of Carilion Clinic, Heartland Hospice with Luz Carr NP, Colby Byrd RN, and Mary Heath RN.

Special in-home caregivers when Dereck returned home Susan Coccia and Shirley Walker.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, June 8th 2024 at 1pm - 2pm. Funeral service will begin at 2pm with Pastor Sam Caldwell officiating. Derecks final resting place will be in Westview Cemetery in Blacksburg, Va.

Cemetery Details

Westview Cemetery

723 E. Roanoke Street
Blacksburg, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 8. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home
150 Country Club Dr. S.W.
Blacksburg, VA 24060
(540) 552-3211
mccoyfuneralhome@verizon.net
<https://mccoyfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

JUN 8. 2:00 PM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home Chapel
150 Country Club Dr S.W.
Blacksburg, VA 24060

Tribute Wall

AA

“ April A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dereck Kirk Merrill.

April A. - September 13, 2024 at 02:32 PM

SD

“ So sorry for the families loss. Will Continue to pray and remember this precious family. Love you Kim and family. He was such a inspiration.

Susan dotson - June 08, 2024 at 09:39 PM

DF

“ Rest peacefully, Bub. I love you & will miss you so much. Watch over us from above. Until we meet again. -your sister Deanna



Deanna Farley - June 08, 2024 at 10:12 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dereck Kirk Merrill.



June 07, 2024 at 11:17 PM



“ Love, Matt and Nancy Dillon planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dereck Kirk Merrill.

Love, Matt and Nancy Dillon - June 07, 2024 at 11:17 PM



“ Mike and Jojo purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Dereck Kirk Merrill.



Mike and Jojo - June 07, 2024 at 09:42 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dereck Kirk Merrill.



June 07, 2024 at 05:52 PM

DJ

“ Darren, Lisa, Hilary, Mary and Joe purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Dereck Kirk Merrill.



Darren, Lisa, Hilary, Mary and Joe - June 07, 2024 at 10:32 AM

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Stacey Duncan White - June 07, 2024 at 10:28 AM

SB

“ Stacey D. & Don B. purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Dereck Kirk Merrill.



Stacey D. & Don B. - June 07, 2024 at 10:17 AM

TT

“ Tim and Renea Thomas purchased the *Arrive in Style* for the family of Dereck Kirk Merrill.



Tim and Renea Thomas - June 07, 2024 at 03:00 AM

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“ Tim and Renea Thomas planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dereck Kirk Merrill.

Tim and Renea Thomas - June 07, 2024 at 03:00 AM

MP

“ Such a sweet spirit...I know he's sitting at the feet of Jesus...I am so sorry for your loss and will always remember his prayers for my son and I...

Marsha Sue Pitman - June 06, 2024 at 01:48 PM