



## Mr. Derrick Claudious Ward

November 18, 1958 - June 14, 2017

I Corinthians 15:42-44

So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in all corruption; It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

Derrick Claudious Ward a little brown skinned curly haired boy was born on November 18, 1958 to Claudious Ward and the late Betty Purvis Ward in Brooklyn, NY. Derrick transitioned this life on June 14, 2017 in Randlestown, Maryland. Derrick spent his first three years in Brooklyn, NY, relocating to Robersonville, NC to live with his grandparents, Leander and Sarah Purvis and his sister, Sylvia.

Derrick went to East End School in Robersonville, NC until he was ten years old. He relocated to McLean, VA then Fairfax, VA. Derrick attended Fairfax Villa Elementary School, then to Roberson High School where he graduated. He worked numerous jobs, until he was hired by Fairfax County. Derrick worked with Fairfax County until his health failed.

Derrick went to Clifton Missionary Church where his mother was a member. Relocating to Alexandria, VA he attended the Church of Refuge.

Derrick is preceded in death by wife, Carolyn; his mother, Bettie Purvis Crandell; great-grandmother, Ida Andrews; grandparents, Leander and Sarah Purvis; uncles, Leoand, David, Arthur and Jerry Purvis.

Derrick leaves to cherish his memories, two sisters, Sylvia Harris (Sam) of Washington, NC, Cassandra Jones (Marcus) of Upper Marlboro, MD; four brothers, Joseph Purvis of Haslet, TX, Larry Purvis of Portland, Oregon, Darnell Crandell (Debra) of Columbia, MD, Edward Crandell, Jr. (Belinda) of Pinetop, NC; great nieces and nephews, Ahndraya and Aaliyah Whitehead

of Conetoe, NC, Shawn, Peyton Jamila, Jamil Smith all of Mananess, VA; nieces and nephews, Eric, Jovia, Issac, Jasmine, Jonahs, Ariels, Mariah and Janna; a host of other relatives and great friends.

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## Everetts Cemetery

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# Comments

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“ Congleton Funeral Home And Staff sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Derrick Claudious Ward



**Congleton Funeral Home and Staff** - August 10, 2017 at 01:14 PM

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“ Sylvia Harris sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Derrick Claudious Ward



**sylvia harris** - June 27, 2017 at 04:25 AM

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“ Sylvia Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derrick Claudious Ward



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“ It is incredibly sad that Derrick’s life ended so soon and I cannot put into words how much he will be missed. He is very cheerful, thoughtful, caring and fun-loving man who was full of life. His infectious smile could light up a whole room. Whether it was a funny joke, his positive attitude or big smile, he was a delight to be around. He made everyone around him happy. Derrick, it was a pleasure to have known you for so many years and I will never forget you.

Michelle Agyepong

**Michelle Agyepong** - June 21, 2017 at 02:59 PM

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“ Derrick was a generous man that helped others without hesitation. I will miss the presence of a truly honest and kind person. My condolences to the bereaved family.

**Marybel Quant** - June 21, 2017 at 02:19 PM

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“ To the family of Derrick,  
Derrick was a friend in deed. I worked with Derrick at Rising hope UMC in Alexandria Virginia, for about 5 years. He was a great helper to our mission church. He would always ask, do you need any help? We were grateful for his kindness I once told him he was like a big brother. We knew we had something in common, because we were both from North Carolina. When he went for surgery, we would pray together. He was very thoughtful, to the point that he would always ask about my grandson. I look forward to seeing him again in heaven. He will be greatly missed.

V. McCormick

Rising Hope United Methodist Mission Church

**V. McCormick** - June 20, 2017 at 09:44 AM

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“ As a believer of God, we are assured that He makes no mistakes and that it was Derrick's time to return home to Him. However, the natural in us will miss that big gentle giant and the joy and laughter that he brought so many times to our faces whenever being in his presence. There was no way a person could leave without having a belly ache due to all that crazy laughter that Derrick would have you in while being around him. My husband and I will truly miss you "Big Daddy Derrick" (is what we called him). You are now in God's hand and for that is our only and most comforting thought. We love you Derrick!!!

Ezra and Keisha (Carla) Carter (the daughter of Cynthia Pheney, a long time friend of Derrick's). Spiritual xoxoxoxox's.

**Keisha Carter** - June 19, 2017 at 08:55 PM

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