

**CELEBRATING THE LIFE
OF**

Derrick Leath



Sunrise: July 14, 1964
Sunset: December 1, 2017

Service:

Saturday, December 9, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE
1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey
Pastor Clarence L. Smith, Jr., Officiating
Walt Sorey, Organist

Obituary



Derrick Leath was born on July 14, 1964 in Newark, New Jersey. E was the fourth child of out of five children to Ozzie Leath and Herman McClain.

Derrick attended school in Newark, New Jersey in his earlier years at Saint Rose Lima and Saint Mary's School. He loved volunteering his time and working at the stores in the neighborhood in Plainfield, NJ.

On December 1, 2017, God dispatched an angel to Trinitas Hospital to guide our beloved Derrick Leath home for his heavenly reward.

He loved and was loved by his family unconditionally, especially his parents, Ozzie Leath and Herman McClain and his sisters, Daine McClain-Garrett, Renee Presley and Debbie Gruytch.

He loved going to the mall and eating at the food court with his sister, Diane and pleasantly shopping in the outlets. He also enjoyed family gatherings going outside with fresh air smoking his cigarettes. Derrick's heart and compassion was always open to everyone he came in contact with.

He leaves in his passing: his loving parents, Ozzie Leath and Herman McClain. He cherished and loved his sisters, Diane McClain- Garrett, Renee Presley, Debbie Gruytch; his brothers-in-law, Ernest Garrett and Bob Gruytch; and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort
Pastor Clarence L. Smith, Jr.

Selection

Remarks
(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy
Pastor Clarence L. Smith, Jr.

Recessional

INTERMENT

Graceland Memorial Park
Kenilworth, New Jersey

Repast

Sphinx Banquet Hall
121 E. 2nd Ave., Roselle, NJ

When Tomorrow Start Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not there to see if the sun should rise and find your eyes, all filled with tears for me. I wish so much you wouldn't cry, the way you did today, while thinking of the many things, we didn't get to say. I know how much you love me, as much as I love you, and each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too. But when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand that an angel came and called my name, and took me by the hand and said, "my place was ready, in heaven far above and that I'd have to leave behind, all those I dearly love." But when I walked through heaven's gates, I felt so much at home. When God looked down and smiled at me, from His great golden throne. He said "This is eternity, and all I've promised you." Today for life on earth is past, but here it starts anew. I promise no tomorrow, for today will always last. And since each day's the same way, there's no longing for the past. So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart. For every time you think of me, I'm right here in your heart.

-Author unknown

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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