



Mr. Christopher E. Derr

November 3, 1965 - June 11, 2026

It is with profound sadness and deep love that we announce the passing of Christopher Edward Derr, who unexpectedly departed this life on June 11, 2026, at the age of 60.

Born on November 3, 1965, in Hickory, North Carolina, Chris was the beloved child of the late Robert Lee Derr and Barbara Jean Horton Derr. Throughout his life, Chris touched the hearts of countless people through his kindness, compassion, humor, and unwavering love for family and friends.

Chris was a devoted husband, father, brother, pop, and uncle who found great joy in the simple moments of life. Whether it was listening to jazz, talking to his granddaughters, playing board games, sharing stories around the dinner table, lending a helping hand, or offering words of encouragement, he had a remarkable ability to make others feel valued and loved.

He was a faithful member of Grace Fellowship Church, where every member treated him like family.

Above all else, family meant everything to Chris. He leaves behind cherished memories with his beloved wife, Alisha Derr, of 18 years; daughters Krystal Derr of Kingsport, Tennessee, Destiny Jones of Elizabethton, Tennessee, Sarah Carlisle of Johnson City, Tennessee; and stepson Adrian Sensabaugh

of Clarksville, Tennessee. He also leaves behind his beautiful granddaughters, Saylor Jade of Kingsport, Tennessee, and Shepard Jewitt of Johnson City, Tennessee; one brother, Jeffery (Bernice) Horton of Hickory, North Carolina; one sister, Tondra (Timothy) Davis of Greenville, North Carolina; one uncle, Calvin Horton of Tennessee; one brother-in-law, Kenny (Cherry) Smith of Hope Mills North Carolina and a host of nieces and nephews, who will forever carry his love in their hearts.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert L. Derr; his mother, Barbara J. Horton Derr; his brother, Charles E. Derr; and his sisters, Judy A. Derr and Barbara A. Squarles.

Those who knew Chris will remember him for his special "Hey, buddy" greeting. His legacy is one of love, resilience, generosity, and grace. Though our hearts ache in his absence, we find comfort in the countless memories shared and in the lasting impact he made on everyone fortunate enough to know him.

A celebration of Chris's life will be held on June 20, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at Grace Fellowship Church. Family and friends are invited to gather to honor, remember, and celebrate a life that was truly a gift to us all.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the members of Grace Fellowship Church for their love, support, and prayers during this difficult time. We would also like to thank the many friends, family members, caregivers, and all those who offered kindness, encouragement, and compassion to Chris and our family. Your support has been a source of strength and comfort, and it will never be forgotten.

"Those we love never truly leave us. They live on in the kindness they shared, the lessons they taught, and the love they planted in our hearts."

Forever loved. Deeply missed. Never forgotten.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **20**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Grace Fellowship Church
2314 S Greenwood Dr.
Johnson City, TN 37604
<https://www.gfcnow.com>

Celebration of Life

JUN **20**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Johnson City, TN 37604
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Interment

JUN **20** (ET)

Washington County Memory Gardens
113 Memory Gardens Rd.
Johnson City, TN 37615

Tribute Wall

CT

“ *Connie Thompson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Christopher E. Derr*



Connie Thompson - June 22 at 09:11 PM

LF

“ *Love, your Fleet Feet Family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Christopher E. Derr.*

Love, your Fleet Feet Family. - June 19 at 10:52 PM

LF

“ *Love, your Fleet Feet Family. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mr. Christopher E. Derr.*



Love, your Fleet Feet Family. - June 19 at 10:52 PM

PA

“ *Phyllis Askew sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Christopher E. Derr*



Phyllis Askew - June 19 at 08:33 PM

IG

“ *Isiah & Regina Gray lit a candle in memory of Mr. Christopher E. Derr*



Isiah & Regina Gray - June 19 at 04:16 PM

PC

“ *Pastor Widby and New Zion Faith Center purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Christopher E. Derr.*



Pastor Widby and New Zion Faith Center - June 19 at 01:43 PM

RS

“ *Though we grieve today, we rejoice in God’s promise that this is not goodbye forever. We look forward to the day when we will be reunited in Heaven. Until then, Chris will remain forever loved, forever missed, and forever remembered.”*



Rev. Christine Scurry - June 19 at 01:38 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Christopher E. Derr.*



June 18 at 10:05 AM

AL

“ Anissa, Carlos, Yamada & LaChada purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Mr. Christopher E. Derr.



Anissa, Carlos, Yamada & LaChada - June 17 at 06:59 PM

EF

“ Eugenia Farrer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Christopher E. Derr



Eugenia Farrer - June 17 at 12:10 PM

EF

RIP CLASSMATE from the class of 1984 Hickory High school

Eugenia Farrer - June 17 at 12:12 PM

EF

“ Eugenia Farrer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Christopher E. Derr



Eugenia Farrer - June 17 at 12:10 PM

VS

“ *Praying for you and your family*



Vanessa Stephens - June 17 at 11:33 AM

VR

“ *Vangeline Rollins sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Christopher E. Derr*



vangeline rollins - June 17 at 10:41 AM

PL

“ *Pep Livingston sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Christopher E. Derr*



Pep Livingston - June 17 at 10:37 AM

PA

“ *Phyllis Askew lit a candle in memory of Mr. Christopher E. Derr*



Phyllis Askew - June 17 at 10:02 AM

CB

“ *Connie Bailey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Christopher E. Derr*



Connie bailey - June 16 at 06:11 PM

RN

“ *Ricky A Nobleton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Christopher E. Derr*



Ricky A Nobleton - June 16 at 04:46 PM

MF

“ *Unfortunately I met Chris once. but I did see the joy and happiness he has brought into his family life. May God continue to keep ya'll in his arms with comfort and strength. I love you all and my prayers will continue. God got you sissy, Destiny, and the family*

Massey & Kyle family - June 16 at 04:25 PM

AH

“ *Alisha I am so sorry for your loss of Chris. He was always so nice to me. I am at loss for words but know how much he was loved and how much you are also loved. You will never be alone. I love you my sweet friend!!❤️*



Angela Hawkins - June 16 at 03:48 PM

PH

“ To the Family of Christopher Edward Derr:
Our thoughts and prayers are with you on this very sad occasion. We are filled with sorrow over our dear cousin Chris ' death. He was a remarkable man and a wonderful friend. We shall always remember our happy times together in Hickory, North Carolina and the hilarious stories he used to tell. Chris will be truly missed!



Please know Alisha and family that you are in our prayers these days, and that we sympathize greatly with your loss. You have a special place in our heart, FAMILY!

The family joins me in sending you abundant love ❤️ and warm condolences. Rest in Eternal Peace Dear, Chris!

Deepest sympathy and much love, your. cousins,
Mrs. Coleen Lawrence Derr, Ponetta "Jumpie " Derr Hull, Zachary and Broderick Derr, Tonita Derr Dawkins, Jerome Burgins, Tabith Hull, Inga & Sage Derr & Family

Ponetta M Hull - June 16 at 03:45 PM

EG

“ Derr Derr u will be greatly missed

Erica Glass - June 16 at 03:40 PM

ML

“ Mary Latham lit a candle in memory of Mr. Christopher E. Derr



Mary Latham - June 16 at 12:27 PM

RS

“ *Alisha and family,
We extend our sincere condolences to all of
you.
Ron & Gwen Smith*



Ronald and Gwendolyn Smith - June 16 at 12:24 PM

NC

“ *Nichole Carrier lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Christopher E. Derr*



Nichole Carrier - June 15 at 10:13 PM

DD

“ *Delores Delaney lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Christopher E. Derr*



Delores Delaney - June 15 at 08:59 PM

LW

“ *Sending so many prayers to Alisha & his
family!!*



Liz Wandell - June 15 at 08:20 PM



“ *Linda Workman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Christopher E. Derr*



Linda Workman - June 15 at 07:15 PM

MF

“ *Marchelle Fields lit a candle in memory of Mr. Christopher E. Derr*



Marchelle Fields - June 15 at 12:48 PM

CT

“ *Connie Thompson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Christopher E. Derr*



Connie Thompson - June 13 at 10:10 PM

CT

Chris thank you for being a good friend to my husband. Alicia sorry for you loss.

Connie Thompson - June 13 at 10:12 PM

VH

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Derr Family Valerie Harold and Fily

Valerie Harold - June 16 at 04:03 PM