



Dereck L. Polson

May 5, 1967 - October 14, 2024

Dereck Lanford Polson, 57, of Pleasant Grove, passed away October 14, 2024, at his residence.

A native of Greer, son of the late James R. (Dick) and Cecelia Gail Tapp Polson, he was a Riverside High School and Spartanburg Methodist College graduate, and a member of Victor Baptist Church. Dereck was an avid sports fan. He loved the excitement of the game, the determination and drive of the athletes. His proudest athletic accomplishment was being a part of the 1984 and 1985 Riverside High School basketball championship teams. Mr. Polson enjoyed working in the press box at Clemson football games where he made many friends. He also assisted with Furman basketball games and engaged in lively conversations with other fans.

Dereck was a friend to all, and was one of those rare people who reached out to make everyone feel included.

Surviving are his lifelong partner, Jennifer Johnston, with whom he shared his enthusiasm for sports and his affection for their several rescued felines; and several cousins and nephews.

Mr. Polson was predeceased by his brother, Anthony J. Polson.

A memorial service will be held 2:00 p.m. Monday, October 21, 2024, at Victor Baptist Church conducted by Rev. Ken Vickery.

The family will be at the home.

Memorials may be made to Victor Baptist Church, PO Box 1147, Greer, South Carolina 29652.

Online condolences may be made to www.thewoodmortuary.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT **21**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Victor Baptist Church
121 New Woodruff Road
Greer, SC 29651

Tribute Wall

JD

“ So sorry for your loss . Derek and I played baseball at Riverside and he was a good friend all through high school . My prayers will be with everyone in his family .

Jeff Dismukes

Class of 85

Jeff Dismukes - October 20, 2024 at 10:00 PM

MT

“ *Mertie Taylor lit a candle in memory of Dereck Polson*



Mertie Taylor - October 18, 2024 at 05:11 PM

LP

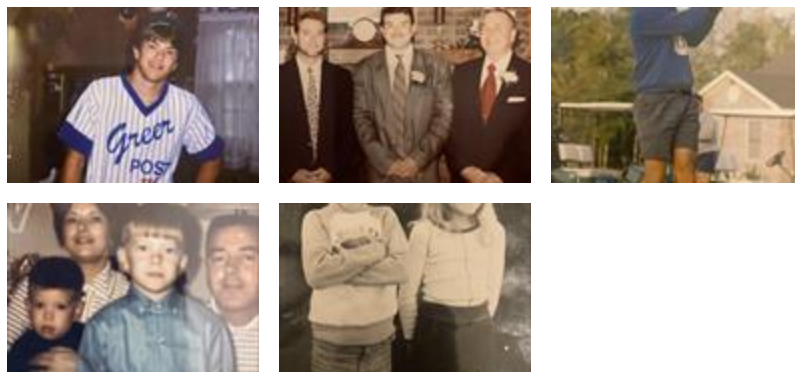
“ *Luke P. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Dereck L. Polson.*



Luke P. - October 18, 2024 at 02:20 PM

JE

“ 10 files added to the tribute wall



jennifer - October 17, 2024 at 10:56 PM

DF

“ David, Sylvia, and Jeter & Morris family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Dereck L. Polson.



David, Sylvia, and Jeter & Morris family - October 17, 2024 at 07:12 PM

CP

“ Craig and Debra Ponder sent a virtual gift in memory of Dereck Polson



Craig and Debra Ponder - October 17, 2024 at 05:44 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Dereck L. Polson.*



October 16, 2024 at 04:26 PM



“ *From Carol Johnston planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dereck L. Polson.*

From Carol Johnston - October 16, 2024 at 04:26 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Family Gatherings*



Kathy - October 16, 2024 at 11:45 AM



“ *DEBBIE OWENSBY lit a candle in memory of Dereck Polson*



DEBBIE OWENSBY - October 16, 2024 at 09:39 AM

AB

“ Allison Burnett lit a candle in memory of Dereck Polson



Allison Burnett - October 16, 2024 at 12:10 AM

SC

“ Derek was a special person. I don't think I've ever know anyone that always had such a positive and happy disposition. Always smiling and happy. I am grateful that my family was able to get to know Dereck over the years. He will be sorely missed at our Thanksgiving and Christmas gatherings. But the Lord has gained a beautiful angel. Thanks Dereck for the light you brought to others. We'll all miss you!

Suzanne Cuplin - October 15, 2024 at 08:39 PM

CM

“ Clemson Media purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Dereck L. Polson.



Clemson Media - October 15, 2024 at 08:14 PM

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“ Clemson Media planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dereck L. Polson.

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