



## Derek Michael Laymon

January 6, 1961 - September 12, 2021

Derek Michael Laymon, of Greer, South Carolina & Milledgeville, Georgia passed away unexpectedly on September 12th, 2021, at the age of 60.

Derek was born the 6th of January, 1961 in Mildenhall, England. He is survived by his wife Connie Laymon (Shaw), his children: Sarah Differt & husband Nick, Stosh Jones & wife Michelle, Jeremy Laymon, Andrew Jones & wife Amber, Rhiannon Hathaway & husband Nick, Jared Laymon, Chase Laymon, Gabrielle Laymon, Gage Laymon, Makenna Laymon, and Emberlynn Laymon; his grandchildren: Makayla & Dakota Differt, Brelynn & Annaleigh Jones, Aiden Jones, and Armie Hathaway; his sister Kim Sidorick, his brother Rob Laymon, and numerous nieces, nephews and extended family. Derek is preceded by his parents Robert & Dolores Laymon (Ream) and brother Kerry Laymon.

Derek lived his formative years in Mentor, Ohio with his mother and three siblings. A self proclaimed graduate of the school of life, Derek worked his way up in the plastic strapping industry which allowed him to make connections and touch others all over the world. He left an impression upon anyone he met with his hard work ethic, generosity of spirit, wit & wisdom. Derek lived life with no regrets and had a deep appreciation for his blessings. He had a "big heart", as Rob would say.

As a family, we struggled to write this final homage to Derek. He was funny, he was old school - a man of strength, resiliency, and aspirational confidence - more dimensional a man than words can properly describe. It's our hope that

in sharing some of these descriptive words, those who knew him well will better understand and fondly remember the man he was:

Philosophical, deep, frustrating, stubborn, faithful, giving.

A preacher, a partier, a fixer, prankster & lover of Bud Light.

Grounded, charismatic, energetic, resourceful, polarizing.

A gambler, a Brown's fan, a Buckeye, an Indian, & a man of morals.

Stern but genuine, a self-proclaimer, and a believer in Jesus.

The outdoorsman, the fisherman, & the grill-master.

An optimist, a realist, and a pessimist.

(some words not fit for print)

A coach and advisor who loved his family deeply.

Although our world will never be the same, we find peace in the knowledge that Derek was unafraid of the day when "the big man calls him home". Derek lived his life with the utmost determination and guided by love - the same principles which governed the teaching of his family. Derek believed we were all here to pass on a singular valuable lesson to another soul. We are here to testify that Derek fulfilled his quota a thousand times over, everyday. With a tight hug and a firm handshake, we say goodbye to Derek as we knew him - only to see him on the other side. I love you, Derek. We love you, Dad.

In the coming weeks, we will come together to celebrate Derek's life and legacy in person. The family will reach out directly with more information.

Memorials may be made to the family at 105 Farrar Lane, Greer, South Carolina 29651.

Online condolences may be made at [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com).

# Tribute Wall

SV

“ *Renegade...Reckless...Kind-hearted....Giving and Loving, that's the Derek we knew, may he Rest In Peace!*  
*Our condolences to the family he loved so much. Remember all he taught you...what to do and not to do, his teachings will always be with you!*  
*Susan, Mike and the Maillis Family*

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**Susan Vaughn** - September 26, 2021 at 03:01 PM

KY

“ *To Derek's family and friends, my condolences for your loss.*  
  
*Keisho Yamamoto*

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**Keisho Yamamoto** - September 23, 2021 at 01:13 AM

TS

“ *My sincere condolences to the Laymon family. Derek is a wonderful person who is well loved by everyone who crosses his path. He will always be remembered.*

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**Tui Saiwanich** - September 21, 2021 at 12:19 AM

PS

“ *Loved spending time with Derek, Connie and all the Tribe...Always when leaving their house would have tears cuz it was so crazy yet amazing on how it all worked..tried to give Connie some breaks and help out with things as best I could when visiting..family...He was a great , fun , guy, will be missed by me!*

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**Patricia Shaw** - September 20, 2021 at 08:10 PM

KO

“ To Derek's family, I'm so sorry for your loss. Thinking of energy I felt from him a couple of years ago, I cannot believe his passing. I wanted to see him again. Please accept my sincere condolences.



**Koichiro Otabe** - September 20, 2021 at 06:16 PM

GS

“ To Dereks family, my condolences to you all. Derek will be missed by so many, not only in USA but from all around the world. I know his presence in my life is being felt daily here in Australia. Grahame

**Grahame Scott** - September 20, 2021 at 05:32 PM

AN

“ To Derek's family and friends, my condolences for your loss.



**Anna** - September 20, 2021 at 01:38 PM

AC

“ Connie and Family, my deepest condolences to your loss. I already miss him very much too.



**Asami Cillo** - September 20, 2021 at 12:41 PM

PF

“ *Connie,  
Many prayers for you and your family. Remember so many days in  
the bleacher and in passing of carpool lines. Love you all and will  
continue to pray for you in the coming days. May God give you  
comfort and peace during this time.  
Mark, Pam, John and Bennett Freeman*

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**Pam Freeman** - September 20, 2021 at 09:26 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for  
the family of Derek Michael Laymon.*



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September 19, 2021 at 05:52 PM

CF

“ *So sorry Connie and family. Praying for you all.*

*Kyle and Carol Finley*

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**carol finley** - September 19, 2021 at 05:35 PM

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“ My heartfelt condolences to Derek’s wife and family.

*Derek brought so much joy to our lives! He was very giving and kind! When he met my children, he made sure he gave them as many cookies he could! I will not forget the kindness he showed me and my family. Derek’s absence is truly felt! I miss his encouragement and positivity so much already!!! I chose a yellow candle because the last time I saw Derek, he had on his yellow shirt. Every time he wore that shirt, I called him a ray of sunshine!*

*I will continue to pray for strength and comfort for Derek’s family!*



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**Akia Thomas** - September 19, 2021 at 04:43 PM

MK

Our sincere condolences during this time and time to come . 🙏❤️

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**Martha Kirkman** - September 20, 2021 at 06:49 AM

WG

“ As his neighbor- a great and faithful friend that will truly be missed !! July 4th will never be the same!!! — We love you Derek! RIP West and Theresa Goewey

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**West & Theresa Goewey** - September 19, 2021 at 03:44 PM

LC

“ LaTrina Carter lit a candle in memory of Derek Michael Laymon



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**LaTrina Carter** - September 19, 2021 at 02:53 PM

LC

“ *Derek was one of the most positive people I have met.*

*Thank you Derek, for helping me to take a deep breath and to count to 10 when I would allow the small things get to me.*

*Derek, your absence will be truly felt!!!!*

*My deepest condolences to the family!*

*LaTrina Carter*

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**LaTrina Carter** - September 19, 2021 at 02:24 PM

CM

“ *Paul and I will forever cherish the fun times we shared with Connie, Derek and the whole Laymon/Jones family. Derek will be remembered for enjoying life with friends and family. And will be deeply missed. We will keep you all in prayer during this sad time. Sending love and sympathy. ❤️🙏*

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**cathy mokrzycki** - September 19, 2021 at 01:46 PM



“ *Marisa Campanelli Christoffel lit a candle in memory of Derek Michael Laymon*



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**Marisa Campanelli Christoffel** - September 19, 2021 at 12:02 PM



“ *Derek had a great spirit. He will be missed.  
Love,  
The Christoffels*

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**Marisa Campanelli Christoffel** - September 19, 2021 at 12:02 PM



“ *We only had the pleasure of meeting Derek at one wonderful event, Stosh & Michelle’s wedding. Putting those memories of him into words...‘Larger than life’ comes to mind! His legacy is through his family, and what a beautiful bunch you are! We are so grateful to have Stosh (and sweet Aiden) as part of our family now. Thinking of, praying for and wishing peace to all the Laymons as you adjust to a new normal. Extra love and hugs to Connie. Love, the Gattuso Family (Michelle’s Aunt Fran) ❤️🙏❤️*

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**Fran Gattuso** - September 19, 2021 at 11:43 AM