



Derrick Hamilton Bickham

June 14, 1973 - December 25, 2022

Derrick was born to the proud parents Donald Bickham and Bessie Bickham on June 14, 1973, in Golden Valley, MN. Derrick was always kind, loving and full of energy, while growing up. One of Derrick's passions was running (boy was he fast). Derrick especially took advantage of it with his two older sisters Doris and Sylvia knowing that we could not catch him. Of course, he did not try this with his older brother Clyde (Cookie). Someone he truly looked up to, and who was everything to him. Derrick had a good relationship with his father and loved him dearly. His ride or die was his mother mama Bessie, she was everything to him.

At the age of 6 Derrick and mom moved back to Louisiana. Derrick really pursued his passion (running) by joining the football team for Benton at a young age. Once he entered high school Derrick (#24) joined Benton High School's football team where he really flourished. Derrick was voted most athletic, He was #1 running back for rushing, also leading in rushing in 1990. Derrick had a few articles written about him in the Benton newspaper for his accomplishments in football and we were truly proud of him.

Derrick went to Grambling University in 1991 after high school but decided to leave after 1992. Derrick then moved to Minneapolis, MN where his older siblings resided Clyde, Doris, and Sylvia. Where he started working. Soon after Martrese moved to Minnesota where he and Derrick enjoyed the single life for a while. Derrick eventually met Brenda Whitson and from that union they had a daughter MyKayla Bickham who was the apple of his eye and he

loved very much.

Derrick's favorite past time was fishing and watching his beloved Cowboys.

Derrick loved to tease his nephew Woody as Derrick was an avid Cowboy fan and Woody being an avid Viking fan those were some fun conversations.

Derrick was a person that was easy to love he was very special. Derrick was so genuine he always kept in touch with his friends & family members especially if he knew you were down and out he would call or visit you. Derrick always wanted to let you know he was wishing you well and making sure you knew he loved you as family and friends meant everything to him.

A little later in life Derrick met Penny Guzman-Mendez who was his soul mate. You didn't see one without the other they had a bond and a love that was everlasting. Penny was by Derrick's side taking care of him as they always did for one another until the end.

Proceeded him in death is his sister, Dorlanda Bickham and brother-in-law, Omar Lewis. Derrick is survived by his mother Bessie Bickham, Father Donald Bickham, siblings Clyde Rhodes Jr (brother), Doris Rhodes-McKinney (sister), Sylvia Rhodes-Lewis (sister) and Andrea Bickham of Atlanta, GA (sister), MyKayla Bickham (daughter), Carol Rhodes (sister in-law) Craig McKinney (family always) host of aunties, uncles, nieces and nephew's cousins and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, January 7th at 11:30AM at Washburn-McReavy Glen Haven Chapel, 5125 West Broadway Crystal, MN 55429. Visitation beginning at 11AM. Light refreshments to follow.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 7. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Glen Haven Chapel
5125 West Broadway
Crystal, MN 55429

Chapel Service

JAN 7. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Glen Haven Chapel
5125 West Broadway
Crystal, MN 55429

Reception

JAN 7. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Glen Haven Chapel
5125 West Broadway
Crystal, MN 55429

Tribute Wall

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“ To my Aunt Bessie and my cousins, Cookie, Doris, Sylvia and the rest of the family. I pray that God continues to comfort all of you during this loss. We were saddened by the passing of our cousin and we felt the loss as well. Know that we love you all and are here for you. If we can support you in any way please let us know. God has you all and will be with you through this time. Love Tip and family

Barbara Saxton- cousin - January 07, 2023 at 11:54 AM

AF

“ Amy Lawrence & Family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Derrick Hamilton Bickham.



Amy Lawrence & Family - January 06, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Derrick Hamilton Bickham.



January 06, 2023 at 02:36 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Derrick Hamilton Bickham.*



January 05, 2023 at 02:48 PM



“ *The Jenkins Family Reunion Association purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Derrick Hamilton Bickham.*



The Jenkins Family Reunion Association - January 05, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Derrick Hamilton Bickham.*



January 05, 2023 at 10:39 AM



“ *Sending my condolences to Derrick's family. Derrick was my best friend and will be severely missed. We never argued, and he always had a way to cheer me up when I was down, and always new how to make me laugh. I hope you keep on dancing in heaven! Love you brother! Love, Patrick*

Patrick Watts - January 04, 2023 at 10:13 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Derrick Hamilton Bickham.*



January 04, 2023 at 03:48 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Derrick Hamilton Bickham.*



January 02, 2023 at 06:19 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Derrick Hamilton Bickham.*



January 01, 2023 at 03:09 PM



“ *To My Other Brother, I miss you already. The love that we have for each other was genuine and we were bonded together. You were my family but most of all, you were my friend. I not only loved you, I liked you. We bonded over this horrible disease that we both had to experience but I am grateful that you aren't in pain anymore. I known that your smile lit Heaven up the moment you walked in. Hug my mama for me and my grandparent Narc and Claudie Mae. I love you and forever will!*

Harriet Morse - December 31, 2022 at 11:43 PM

SC

“ *First giving praises to God from whom all blessings flow, to my family Aunt Bessie, Clyde Jr better known as Cookie, Doris, Sylvia, MaKayla and all other family and friends. My heart is truly hurting by this loss of my (nephew) Derrick. I just want you all to know that I love you and we will most certainly keep you all lifted up in prayer.*

Shirley Cohn - December 31, 2022 at 09:49 PM

FL

To my cousins...my thoughts and prayers for God's strength, peace, and comfort will be with you as Derrick's life is celebrated. 🙏🙏🙏

Faye Lampkin - January 05, 2023 at 05:34 PM

CY

“ *I would like to extend my deepest sympathy and condolences to my Auntie and Cousins. I know that my Cousin Derrick, Auntie Son, your Brother will be missed; however, let us remember the good times a know that now God has called him home to be with him for eternity. Love you all Moosie/Cheryl*

Cheryl Young - December 30, 2022 at 04:20 PM

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First giving praises to God from

Whom all blessings flow, to my Aunt Bessie, cousins Clyde Jr. better know as Cookie Doris , Sylvia his daughter Nephews Nieces Dad Aunt and his Uncle and friends. My heart is truly hurting over the lost of my Nephew I say that because he and I would talk and I told him that he seem like my Nephew because his Mom was more like my sister in stead of my Aunt so from then on he addressed me as his Auntie and each time we talked or tex that is what he would say Auntie and I loved it just as much as I loved him he would always ask me about his Uncle Rick before we get off the phone and my Mom and others, I wound tell him that I was praying for him and that God would be there he said he was good and he wound tell me before we end the call he love me and I would tell him that I love him to and that I was looking forward to seeing him as soon as he could get better and come home. So to My family Derrick has made it home we just got to love one another and do what God would have us to do so we will be able to see him. Family the Florida Mass Choir tells us to Be Ye a steadfast unmovable always abounding in words the Lord . We know weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning. Rest in peace . Gertrude my Mom and your Auntie Shirley Cohn (You didn't know I am also known as the Queen Of Benton) Love you all.

Shirley Cohn - December 30, 2022 at 05:28 PM

HM

*To All those connected to Derrick on this side of life especially our Jenkins family line. He has made that TOUCHDOWN to JESUS Great is His Peace..No more troubles of this world. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord! Family mourn if you must but not as those who have no hope.It ain't what it looks like. IT IS WELL THROUGH THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS. Looking forward to that great reunion with JESUS in the sky until then I speak Great is the peace of God on us all. Family always family. RIH CUZ !
With Love..*

.Helen Jenkins McConnell

Helen Jenkins McConnell - December 31, 2022 at 07:46 AM

FF

“ From Carol Rhodes and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Derrick Hamilton Bickham.



From Carol Rhodes and family - December 30, 2022 at 01:22 PM



“ Condolences to Mykayla, His Mother, his siblings and Penny. Derrick was so easy to love, laugh and talk with. His smile was everything. He sure loved his family, Mykayla right there by his side at the family dinners & his nieces and nephews birthday parties. Up until he could not get out anymore, he was at the kid's celebrations. He certainly will be missed but never ever forgotten. Fly high Derrick you're with the Lord now.

Carol Rhodes - December 30, 2022 at 01:18 PM

MJ

“ Sending my deepest sympathy and condolences to my extended family. I can truly say that as a cousin we shared some great times together. The memories will forever be cherish. I will always remember us hiding and running at the school from Aunt Bessie & Aunt Lessie so they wouldn't embarrass us in front of friends. The main memory I will cherish is us being 1st cousins, family and the time we always spent together, especially hiding trying to gamble picking up that habit from Jenkins side of the family. Cousin you will definitely be missed and I Love You continue to Rest Well DB forever #24 💜💜💜💜💜 Best Running Back To Ever Do It!!!!

Mona Jenkins-Oes - December 30, 2022 at 12:51 PM

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First giving praise to God from whom all blessings flow to my dear family Aunt Bessie , my cousins Clyde Jr. better know as cookie and Doris and Sylvia and to his daughter Nephews Nieces and friends my heart is really hurting over the lost of my dear Nephew to me he was my Nephew because I always told him that his mom seem like my sister and not my Auntie so he always addressed me as his Auntie and I loved him so much we started to texting each a few months back and he would always ask me how his Uncle Rick was doing as well as everyone else and before he would end his tex he would tell me that he love me I would tell him I love him and that I was praying for him, I will truly miss our texts and phone calls I pray that you will Rest In Peace I had nothing but love for you. Family God is good and not sometime but all the time. Family continue to be ye steadfast unmovable always abounding in the word of the Lord. Mississippi Mass Choir. Love you my dear family. Shirley Cohn and your Aunt Gertrude say good night we will see you in the morning.

Shirley Cohn - December 30, 2022 at 04:31 PM



“ Derrick:

*Taught me how to play Tonk
State of Louisiana Leading Rusher (RB) 1990
Coolest Dude EVER
For years we both would pick our college
Bowl Game predictions
When I visited him In Minneapolis he was so content with living
there. We went to see Kevin Garnett battle Kobe Bryant.
💜 Miss you and Love you DB!!💛*



Michael Moore - December 30, 2022 at 12:40 PM

MF

“ *Sending my sincere prayers for peace and love to all of you, as you journey forward. May God, keep you wrapped in his lovingly arms and provide comfort to your souls.*

With love,

Marquitta Frost

Marquitta Frost - December 28, 2022 at 07:49 PM