



Derek Lee Hudson

July 9, 1992 - November 1, 2024

Derek Lee (Big D, D-rock) Hudson (32) of Columbiana, AL, was born July 9, 1992, and went to be with Jesus on November 1, 2024.

He is preceded in death by his mother: Teresa Hudson; his grandfather: Jesse Hudson; his grandparents: Terrence and Claire Carraway; and his aunt: Cathy Evers.

He is survived by his father: David Hudson; his brother: Brian Hudson; his sister: Kristy Criswell (Wesley); his grandparents: Rick and Sara Daniel; numerous beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles, and the most supportive friends.

A native of Florida, Derek was raised in Columbiana where he met lifelong friends through school, baseball, and life. He lived his final years in Galveston, Texas where he boasted 52 months of sobriety through complete abstinence. In Galveston, he was enveloped in a loving community consisting of pool sharks, golfers, bar patrons, homeless people, co-workers, addicts, and church family. Not one of them was ever a stranger. They felt the love of Jesus through a firm handshake or a strong hug.

Derek climbed cell phone towers for a living. His co-workers saw his

dedication to the Lord and were inspired by his fervency. His employers admired his strong work ethic. By the grace of God and the honest labor of Ephesians 4:28, he was able to escape the captivity of streets and incarceration. He died the owner of a proud estate.

Derek loved golf, bowling, sports, motorcycles, taking peoples' money in pool, his dad's advice, his mother's patience, his brother's companionship, his sister's phone calls and pumpkin rolls. With a natural flare, he excelled at anything that interested him. Most of all, he loved his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Though Derek was called home young, Jesus saved his life. He stayed strong to the end and left earth full of joy and peace walking in the name of Jesus.

A visitation will be held on Monday, November 11, 2024, from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM at Bethel Baptist Church in Columbiana, AL. A celebration of life will follow at 6:00 PM. He will be laid to rest on Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at 2:00 PM (EST) at Forestlawn Cemetery in Cairo, GA.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that monetary donations be made to the addiction ministry of Derek's church, Church of the Living God, Galveston, TX. Donations can be made online at <http://www.colg.org/give-online/>. When prompted, add note "In memory of Derek Hudson for addiction ministry" or Mail check payable to COLG to 3315 7 Mile Road, Galveston, TX 77554.

Please sign online condolences at www.boltonfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Forestlawn Cemetery

11th Ave NW Cairo
Cairo, GA 39828

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 11. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Bethel Baptist Church
24975 Highway 25
Columbiana, AL 35051

Celebration of Life

NOV 11. 6:00 PM (CT)

Bethel Baptist Church
24975 Highway 25
Columbiana, AL 35051

Burial

NOV 13. 2:00 PM (ET)

Forestlawn Cemetery
11th Ave NW Cairo
Cairo, GA 39828

Tribute Wall



“ Cori B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Derek Lee Hudson.

Cori B. - November 12, 2024 at 01:49 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Derek Lee Hudson.



November 09, 2024 at 09:59 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Derek Lee Hudson.

November 09, 2024 at 09:55 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Derek Lee Hudson.



November 09, 2024 at 09:55 PM

CB

“ Derek was a kind and loving soul that gave the best strong Hugs anyone could ask for. I saw him two days before he passed away. My heart was broken and is still healing when I got the phone call. He helped me through some rough times and we enjoyed church together and going to the beach. We went to an Astros game together too and talked quite often! He loved his sports and pool!! I will never get his thoughtfulness and love he poured towards me. Love you Derek. Thank you for being my guardian angel now, I can feel your presence every day.

Cori Black - November 08, 2024 at 07:03 PM

JC

“ I have known Derek since he was born. He was the baby of my best friend ever. I am so sorry to hear he passed. He was a lot of fun growing up. So Derek please be at peace and give ur mom the tightest hug for me. Rest in peace sweet man I'm gonna miss u. I waited too late to tell you how proud I am of you. Love forever.

Judith Calabrese - November 08, 2024 at 01:35 PM

DR

“ I'm so sorry for your family's loss. Knowing that He is in the presence of his Savior is reason to rejoice. You'll miss him, but if you know Jesus as your Savior, you'll see him again.

*David Reed
Shelby, AL*

David Reed - November 08, 2024 at 06:15 AM



Amanda Douglas

“ *Just wanted to let the family know that I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers. I'm very sorry for your loss. He was always very nice to me.*

Amanda Douglas - November 07, 2024 at 09:07 PM

MF

“ *I have many stories from being with Derek. I've been around & part of his life for 10 yrs. I loved to watch him play pool, he would act like he didn't know much about playing. The first 1-2 games they thought this guy isnt anything ! Then he turned it on, beating just about everyone. He was the pool shark. Mostly he made every one around him smile. You could suss upset with him, if u were when he Gave you that big infectious smile. I'll hold every thin closer to my heart. Besides my son Blake , Derek was my heart !*

Marie Forbus - November 07, 2024 at 08:17 PM



“ *I chose the yellow candle for the yellow rose of Texas ! You will be missed Big D ! Rest easy...*



Anita Cauthen - November 07, 2024 at 07:20 PM

PP

“ *Peter P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Derek Lee Hudson.*

Peter P. - November 07, 2024 at 06:01 PM