



## Derrick A. Jeter

May 22, 1970 - September 18, 2025

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Derrick Arthur Jeter of Oxon Hill Maryland. Derrick transitioned peacefully on Thursday, September 18, 2025 at the age of 55. Born in Rheinland-Pfalz, Germany in 1970, Derrick was the proud middle son of six children born to Benjamin and Mamie Ruth Jeter.

Raised in Newport News, Virginia, Derrick graduated with the Class of 1989 from Warwick High School, where he was recognized for his achievements in track and field even earning a feature in the school's Gazette. A natural storyteller with a magnetic personality, Derrick's love for life and people could fill any room.

In 1989, he enlisted in the United States Army National Guard, proudly serving in both Maryland and Virginia during the Gulf War and later at Guantánamo Bay following 9/11. He retired in 2009 after 20 years of honorable service as a 13 Bravo Field Artilleryman.

A man of deep faith, Derrick began his Christian journey at New Beginnings Ministries in Hampton, VA. He lived his life as a servant to others, always showing up with love, humor, and unwavering support for his family and friends.

In 1999, Derrick met the love of his life, Darlene, and they were married on March 20, 2004. Together, they built a life full of laughter, travel, family, and joy, raising their family in Oxon Hill, Maryland a place he proudly called home.

Derrick was known for his laughter, storytelling, and heartfelt presence at every family event. Whether it was snapping photos, cheering on his beloved Washington Commanders (Redskins), or simply calling to check in, he made sure those around him felt loved.

He was preceded in death by his beloved mother, Mamie Ruth Jeter. Derrick leaves behind his devoted wife of 24 years, Darlene Jeter; his father, Benjamin Jeter Jr.; mother-in-law, Louise Stewart; his children: Jeremiah Jeter, Robert Kendrick, Derrick, Gregory and Denise Stewart; his siblings: Benjamin Jeter III (Felicia), Eric Jeter (Jacquette Ranae), Anita Jeter Rashid (Dennis), Cathy Jeter Shoates, and Felicia Lorraine Jeter; sister-in-law: Denise Stewart; brothers-in-law: Gregory, Timothy, and Jeffrey Stewart; aunts: Lena, Lois, and Gloria Taylor; uncle: James Taylor; grandchildren: Daveigh, Summer, Mya, DJ, Autumn, Kaia, and Kalia; great-grandson: Leon; and a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Derrick also leaves behind a legacy built on faith, family, love, and laughter. Though he has taken his final journey, Derrick's love remains alive in the hearts of all who knew him.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 2. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church  
1800 Hamlin Street NE  
Washington , DC 20018

## Funeral Service

OCT 2. 3:00 PM (ET)

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church  
1800 Hamlin Street NE  
Washington , DC 20018

## Burial

OCT 9. 12:30 PM (ET)

National Memorial Cemetery at Quantico  
18424 Joplin Road  
Triangle, VA 22172

# Tribute Wall



“ 8 files added to the album Memories Album



**Marshall-March Funeral Homes** - October 02, 2025 at 05:00 PM

KF

“ Keyna Jones Smith ( Taylor Family) purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Derrick A. Jeter.



**Keyna Jones Smith ( Taylor Family)** - October 01, 2025 at 04:00 PM

ZC

“ *Derrick Jeter, my colleague and dear friend, left a void in our office that's gonna be tough to fill. I'm holding onto the warm, fuzzy memories of his incredible kindness, his brilliant work, and that infectious smile that could light up the toughest of days. He had this amazing gift of making everyone feel seen, heard, and valued – whether you were a newbie or a veteran, Derrick made you feel like you belonged. My heart goes out to his family; I'm sending all my love and hugs. May they find comfort in the countless lives Derrick touched, the laughter he shared, and the legacy of compassion and excellence he leaves with us. He'll be deeply missed, but his spirit stays with us, inspiring us to be kinder, work smarter, and cherish each other a little more. R.I.P brother!*



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Zaheer Chaudhry - October 01, 2025 at 03:56 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Derrick A. Jeter.*



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September 30, 2025 at 04:15 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Derrick A. Jeter.*

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September 30, 2025 at 04:15 PM

ME

“ *Derrick was a true image of his mother. Mama Ruth raised a beautiful family. Duce was the name he preferred to me and it stuck with me all these years. He's with Mama Ruth now in the Upper Room. R.I.P. Derrick.....A.K.A. DUCE!*



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**Melvin** - September 28, 2025 at 11:38 AM

TD

*Jeter Family, Please accept my sincere condolences to you all. I remember Derrick as a little boy. He had an infectious laugh and imagination. He would playing with one of his toys and having a having a wonderful conversation. RIP Derrick! Give Momma Ruth a big hug and kiss from me.*

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**Teresa Dawson** - October 01, 2025 at 12:45 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Derrick A. Jeter.*

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September 27, 2025 at 08:22 AM

JA

“ *So very sorry for your loss. Derrick was a joy in our office and always had a smile on his face. He was such a lovely and friendly man, and he will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

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**Jaime** - September 26, 2025 at 09:20 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Derrick A. Jeter.*



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September 26, 2025 at 07:32 PM



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

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September 26, 2025 at 07:32 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Jacquette Jeter** - September 26, 2025 at 07:06 PM



“ *Derrick was a real genuine person who lit up the room wherever he went. He will be truly missed.*



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**EG** - September 26, 2025 at 06:24 PM



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

September 26, 2025 at 06:12 PM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Derrick A. Jeter.



September 26, 2025 at 06:12 PM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Derrick A. Jeter.



September 26, 2025 at 05:35 PM



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

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AC

“ *Derrick brightened my day every time with his cheerful attitude - I will miss him greatly!*



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**Andy C** - September 25, 2025 at 03:43 PM



“ *We the March Family and Marshall-March Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

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**Marshall-March Funeral Homes** - September 24, 2025 at 11:29 AM