

Invictus

*Out of the night that covers me,
Black as the pit from pole to pole,
I thank whatever gods may be
For my unconquerable soul.*

*In the fell clutch of circumstance
I have not winced nor cried aloud.
Under the bludgeonings of chance
My head is bloody, but unbowed.*

*Beyond this place of wrath and tears
Looms but the Horror of the shade,
And yet the menace of the years
Finds and shall find me unafraid.*

*It matters not how strait the gate,
How charged with punishments the scroll,
I am the master of my fate,
I am the captain of my soul.*

- William Ernest Henley

Acknowledgements

Our family wishes to extend its profound and sincere gratitude for the outpouring of love, support, and prayers during this difficult time. Through our cherished memories, Derek will live on in our hearts forever. May we continue to celebrate his life by living freely and with gratitude every single day that we have the ability to take a breath.

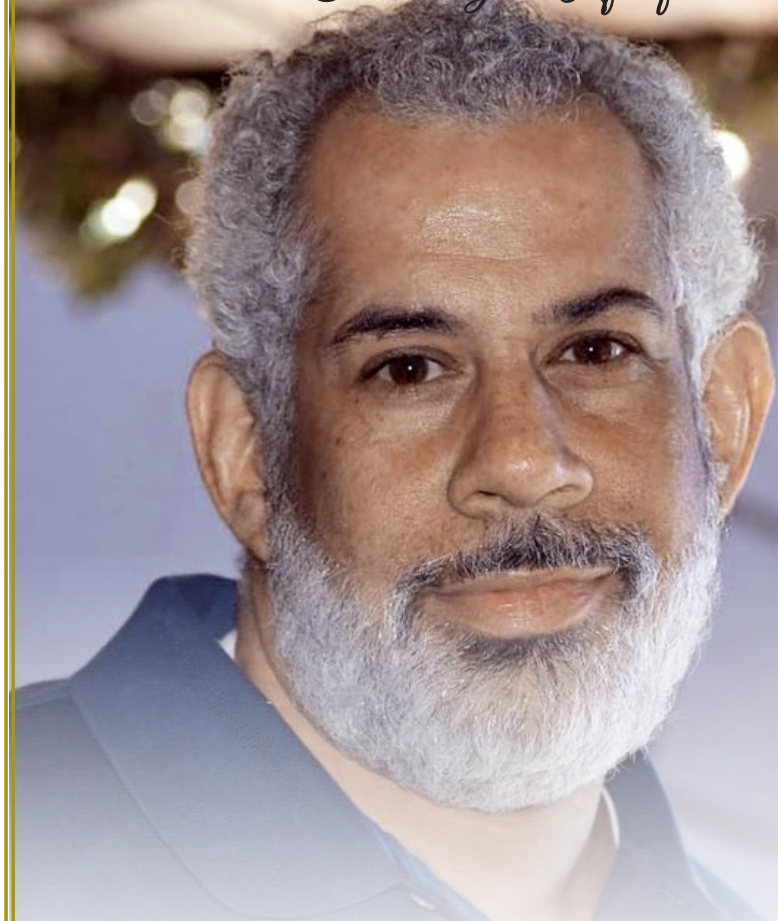
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Celebrating the Life of



Derek Michael Terrell

SUNRISE: SEPTEMBER 26, 1970 - SUNSET: DECEMBER 1, 2022



Memorial Service

Saturday, December 17, 2022 • 3:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

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Celebration of Life



WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

NINA TERRELL

TRIBUTES & REFLECTIONS

FAMILY & FRIENDS

PRAYER

ANDREA WEBB - MOTHER IN LAW



Obituary

DEREK TERRELL was a man of many faces – all of them smiling.

Derek -- known to many as Cujo or simply as D – left an indelible mark on everyone he met. Derek's laugh could fill an auditorium regardless of the company or the setting. And his personality? Bigger than life.

Derek passed away in the early morning hours of December 1, 2022. He leaves behind a void that none of us will ever be able to fill. He is survived by his wife, Nina, and his daughters, Laila and Olivia.

D was universally loved by his colleagues at the New York City Police Department, his friends and the beloved brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. And he was a supportive big brother to Randy Terrell.

D graduated from Bayard Rustin High School for the Humanities before taking his talents to SUNY Morrisville. He studied and danced his way to Syracuse University and graduated with hip-hop on his tongue and unmatched enthusiasm for life.

Friends and family would like to thank everyone for their prayers, kind words, and for visiting Derek at Mt. Sinai Hospital.

