



Derrick Howard

May 1, 1969 - April 16, 2019

Derrick Ephraim Howard of New Haven, CT departed this life on April 16, 2019. Derrick was born on May 1, 1969 in New Haven, CT to his Mother Vernell Howard and his Father Willie C. Howard Jr. Derrick graduated from Hill-House High School in 1987. He then went on to Porter-Chester Institute, where he graduated in 1989, with a certificate in computer electronics. Derrick spent the majority of his life employed by various restaurant agencies like: Fitz Willies, Jeffies, Tony and Lucilles, Claire's Cornercopia , Chowder Pot, St. Regis, Hopkins, and On Broadway. Derrick then went on to create his own catering company, D-How,s Catering, in which he he added a unique and innovative touch to each dish. In additionto his love for culinary arts, Derrick was also passionate about his dedication to fitness and healthy living, hence the name “Mr. Fit-4-Life”. He was so passionate about fitness and healthier life choices he decided to become a personal trainer as well (don’t hold on to the bars on the treadmill he’s watching you). Derrick enjoyed spending time with his family, cooking,reggae music, annual trips to Myrtle Beach, SC, eating, and laughing (yes, we know his laugh was a little crazy). Derrick was known for his delicious food and his infectious smile. No matter who you were or where you came from he greeted everyone with a smile, humbleness, and respect.

Derrick met Juanita Feeney, in high school, and from their relationship they gave the world three beautiful daughters: Sinaya “Naya Bean” Howard, Cierra

“Lacey Pie” Howard, and Sydney “Sid-Pie” Feeney. In addition, Derrick was also a proud grandfather known as “G-Pa” to Brian “Buddy” Patterson and Tori “Kayson” Reeves. Derrick’s love for his children and grandchildren was simply immeasurable. Aside from his love for cooking and fitness, anyone who came across his path, he told them about his daughters and how much he loved them. Derrick would also be quick to tell anyone how proud of his daughters he was and left no doubt regarding the love he had for his girls. Derrick leaves to cherish his memories from his loving mother Vernell Howard of New Haven, CT and his sisters Pat Lewis, Aundretia Shaw, and Sheila (Lil Big Sister) Howard all of New Haven, CT. He also leaves to cherish, brother in-law Errol Lewis, his nephews Gregory L. Howard Jr, Sean Shaw, Brandon Shaw, Jordan Howard, Brandon Bryant, Tavon Whaley, Lauriston Lewis and Elijah “Pop” Howard and his nieces Sarita Whaley, Kandace Whaley, Taylor Whaley, and Kemmetia Lewis Allen.

A host of aunts , uncles, cousins and friends.

Lastly, Derrick also leaves to cherish his memories his loving cousins Christopher Shaw and Greg Holmes as well as his lifelong friends Tyrese Barker, John Cain, and Tim Bennett.

Derrick was predeceased by his maternal grandparents John and Rosa Shaw and his paternal grandparents Willie and Lizzie Mae Howard. Derrick was also predeceased by his father Willie C Howard Jr.

" Think of him as living in the hearts of those he loved..... for nothing loved is ever lost and he was loved so much"

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Calling Hours

APR **25**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

McClam Funeral Home Chapel
95 Dixwell Ave
New Haven, CT 06511

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Derrick Howard*

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM



“ *Courtney James lit a candle in memory of Derrick Howard*



Courtney James - April 26, 2019 at 10:46 PM



“ *Belinda lit a candle in memory of Derrick Howard*



Belinda - April 26, 2019 at 06:44 AM



“ *Howard Family “Thinking of you, wishing you hope in the midst of sorrow, comfort in the midst of pain.”
Lorine Murphy “Ms Low”*

Lorine Murphy - April 25, 2019 at 06:40 AM

BS

“ I will miss you forever uncle Derrick, you have the hope to see us all again, with everlasting life in view. I can't wait for that day.
Love you, always!

B. Shaw - April 24, 2019 at 05:35 PM

BW

“ Belinda White lit a candle in memory of
Derrick Howard



Belinda White - April 24, 2019 at 06:13 AM

MW

“ I met Derrick nearly 40 years ago while playing Basketball at West River Park. We went to the same schools throughout our childhood. He was quite skilled at most sports and was often hard to miss because of his unique laugh. I'm glad we reconnected on Facebook years ago and started a new chapter in our friendship. God called a good brother home.

Milton Woodberry - April 23, 2019 at 11:29 PM

SH

“ Derrick was a big brother and he embodied that title always loving, always protecting me and caring about me. His presence on this earth will be missed IMMENSELY. Family gatherings will never be the same without him. Always kicking us out of the cooking zone always laughing and cracking jokes. What will we do without him. Rest on Derrick we miss you so much.

Sheila Howard - April 23, 2019 at 08:36 PM



“ *Ringed by Love was purchased for the family of Derrick Howard.*



April 23, 2019 at 06:14 PM