



## Derrick Palmore

December 23, 1969 - December 13, 2021

Derrick Alan Palmore was a devoted husband and loving father that we will cherish forever. Born on December 23, 1969, he was the oldest of three born to the loving arms of Roland and Erma “Jean” Palmore in Columbus Ohio. Little did he know, his parents already had his childhood and college planned before he arrived. They took the scripture Proverbs 22:6 “Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it” very seriously.

Derrick graduated from Saint Charles Preparatory High School. He finished his Bachelors degree in Arts from Morehouse College and Masters in Business Administration from Strayer University.

On November 7, 1998, Derrick married his loving wife, Shea. They had two beautiful children Derrick (22) and Danyelle (17). Derrick was a proud dad who always encouraged his children to strive for their goals and praised their accomplishments, the most recent being little Derrick’s bachelor’s in information systems from Kennesaw State University. Being equally attentive to both of his children, he was also focused on Danyelle’s next chapter. Derrick gave great thought about how to best protect and release his only “baby girl” as she transitions to college in the fall of 2022. His love and support did not stop with his own children but extended to his nephew and niece (Quinton & Hailey). He also took the time to be a mentor to many other children that crossed his path because he knew it was his duty to pay it forward. This principle of being a blessing to others was a strong and consistent character trait displayed by Derrick from a very young age as it was instilled in him by his parents.

As the dedicated father he was, he took great pride in pushing his children as well as those he mentored, to excellence. Although the kids would not describe all of their growing experiences as fun, Derrick cherished family time which often incorporated teaching moments. Derrick wanted them to know that life will not come easy, and you had to work hard for what you wanted. That was the code of conduct that he lived by every day.

Derrick began his career with the 100 Black Men of America as a project manager and, then pursued a long career in pharmaceutical sales where he earned top sales status for several years. After taking a break from the pharmaceutical industry, he co-owned a Liberty Tax franchise. He moved on to work with US Medical Supply as an Account Executive which was just his day job. As many of you know, Derrick was a workout fanatic. He was a certified personal trainer who took his craft very seriously. If you trained with him, you knew he was the real deal (just ask the kids).

His favorite past time for many years was going to the gym with his son (Derrick) and training his baby girl (Danyelle) in basketball.

Another great time in Derrick's life was his initiation into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc (grad chapter) on August 21, 2003. He met several line brothers that would indeed be fraternal. Hanging with the "bruhs" brought great joy in Derrick's life. Whether it was meeting a brother at the shooting range or engaging in a spirited conversation that sometimes went on for hours. Derrick had such a big heart and enjoyed conversing with others. It was through these engagements that he expressed care and support to so many.

There were many relationships that greatly impacted Derrick's life. His first mentor after college and longtime friend. Dr. George Roberts, his first pharmaceutical sales manager, Sherlonda Martin and his longtime friend/doctor, Dr. Kenneth Harper. His "brother," Herb White, introduced Derrick to weightlifting. Also of significance to Derrick were his closest friends from his hometown Columbus Ohio, Kevin Muhammed, William Berry, Spencer Harris, and college roommate, Darryl Ray. All were his brothers and will always be remembered as family.

Words cannot describe Derrick's devotion to his parents and his deep regard for their protection and making provisions for them in their later years. His daily routine often included them as he was grateful for the wisdom they imparted and the familial and emotional support they provided to him. He truly exemplified the Biblical commandment to "Honor thy father and thy mother." His faithfulness to his parents was evident even in what we know were his final days.

His memory, love, and commitment will be cherished by his wife Shea Palmore, children Derrick and Danyelle, Mother Erma Jean Palmore (Roland-deceased), Sister Deidire (Mack) King, brother Stanley Palmore, Nephew Quinton, Niece Hailey, Grandmother Mary Juanita Moore, Father-in-law James (Alice) Moore, mother-in-law Anne Moore, brother-in-law James Moore, sister-in-law Cheryl Riley, and a host of other cousins, family, friends

and members dear to his heart.

This service will be recorded and streamed live. In the event the service is interrupted at any time due to technical issues, the entire service will be uploaded and available to view later in the day. Please copy and paste the link to share, or simply click on the link to view the service.

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# Cemetery

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# Events

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**Gwinnett Memorial Park**  
925 US HWY 29 S  
LAWRENCEVILLE, Ga,

**DEC 29 Visitation 12:00PM - 06:00PM**

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Gregory B. Levett and Sons - Gwinnett Chapel  
914 Scenic Hwy, Lawrenceville, GA, US, 30045

**DEC 29 PRIVATE VISITATION 07:00PM - 08:00PM**

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**DEC 30 Celebration of Life Service - Live Streamed 11:00AM**

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# Comments

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“ A webcast video has been added.



**Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc.** - December 21, 2021 at 03:48 PM



“ May God grant you peace. Rick was a wonderful young man. I will always remember his smile. Love to all, Aunt Peggy

**Peggy Crayton** - December 29, 2021 at 08:22 PM



“ My Lil Brother, Big Rick, This is tough. From listening to playing Rick James in your room, watching your football games, taking care of family and our various texts and conversations over these years, it has been a joy, Did not expect that you would be leaving us but here we are. You did great things my Brother. I know sometimes it was not easy but it was great seeing all that you accomplished. Though I am sad, I am also grateful for our relationship and the impact of your life on all of those you have touched. Still looking forward to speaking with you again. You know what I mean. Bring Pop. You are missed.

Rest my Brother.

God is still good and still on the throne!!

**Herbert White** - December 30, 2021 at 11:28 AM



“ We communicated quite a bit these past few years. You encouraged me through some rough times. I can't believe your gone but I know you are with our ancestors doing work up there you couldn't do here in the physical. You are giving strength and purpose to us all from another vantage point so I will miss you tremendously but appreciate the work you are doing for us in the unseen realms. I know you are still here with us all. We love you

Dawanda Palmore & family

**Dawanda Palmore** - December 30, 2021 at 02:05 PM



“ I still have to stop myself from texting you or calling. We never went longer than a week without hitting each other up. This is one of my hardest losses ever. My Gym rat buddy, we went to the range together, Gun shows and of you weren't a Frat Brother, we wld of still been Brothers. Rest in Eternal Peace My brother. One luv!

**Brian** - January 12 at 12:27 PM

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“ It is so difficult to express the pain of the loss of a three decades long friendship so suddenly. I can still hear him greeting me by my full name (including maiden)... "Eva Jane Washington Bunkley!" Rick was a true friend in all of the ways friends show care and concern for one another. When I relocated from Columbus he taught me short cuts in how to get through Atlanta traffic, called to notify and check on me when we lost other friends, talked smack and ragged on me for social media posts he found amusing and cared in general about my and my family's wellbeing. Rick was truly a one-of-a-kind individual with a commanding presence, big personality and a heart to match. We would joke about him being "incorrigible;" a moniker he wore with shameless pride at times! He cared deeply for so many, especially his family and those he called friend or even "homey or home-girl." I extend my family's sincerest condolences to his family, loved ones, frat brothers and all who had the privilege to know him.

**Eva Jane Bunkley** - January 11 at 11:17 AM

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“ Like many of my older St. Charles brothers—I always viewed Derrick as a force to be reckoned with and a benchmark to live up to. Our families have known each other for some time, even before Derrick and I were born. Derrick was always encouraging and steadfast. Every text, every conversation was, “Hey little bro...,” as an only child, that was meaningful. To all of Derrick’s family, my heartfelt condolences at this time of sorrow. His memory and impact will forever endure.

With love,  
Diallo & Tamra Gentry

**Diallo Gentry** - December 30, 2021 at 01:01 PM

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“ Monica Palmore lit a candle in memory of Derrick Palmore



**Monica Palmore** - December 30, 2021 at 12:47 PM

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“ A few of the Palmore clan



**Kysten Palmore** - December 30, 2021 at 12:16 PM

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“ To my Beautiful and wonderful family I'm hurt to hear the loss of my nephew Ricky Palmore it's going to be an every day trial to get through this , He would never be forgotten they say time heals but the memories will always be there of the great times you had with your son, husband and brother love you all.

**Jimmy Moore** - December 30, 2021 at 10:20 AM

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“ To the Palmore family - Keeping you in my warmest thoughts as you navigate this difficult time, and wishing you hope and healing when you're ready. We're saddened to hear about the passing of Derrick. What a great lasting impression Derrick left wherever he went. He will always be remembered in the highest regards. We share in your sorrow and we're terribly sorry for your loss. Judi Palmer-Mitchell and team, your State Farm family



**Judi Mitchell** - December 30, 2021 at 09:14 AM

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“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.” Matthews 5:4

I was heartbroken to hear about the passing of Rick. It's devastating to know that we lost a star so young in life. Rick, we appreciate all of the wonderful contributions you made in life and how many people you touched throughout the years. Life is unpredictable, too short and unfair. Rest In Peace Rick, you will be missed.

Da'Juan Palmore & family



**DaJuan Palmore** - December 30, 2021 at 07:35 AM

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“ To the Family of Derrick Palmore please accept our sincere condolences. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. I was a childhood friend of Deryck's from Columbus/ Worthington, OH. My family lived in the neighborhood with The Spencer's (Richard, Juanita, Rick & Sandra). Deryck made a positive impression on anyone he encountered. May God's Grace be with you. Sincerely, Rhonda (Johnson) Smith and Family



**Rhonda Smith** - December 29, 2021 at 09:30 PM

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“ To my dear family, always keep the memories in your mind and your heart.  
Rest In Peace my dear cousin by blood and brother by life.  
Tricia Moore-Hall  
DST



**Tricia Moore-Hall** - December 29, 2021 at 07:58 PM

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“ My family sends Love and condolences to the family. I knew Derrick as one of my best athletes back at St Charles. Had great times with him. Derrick will always be in my thoughts.  
Coach O'Cain and Family

**Coach Tim O'Cain and Family** - December 29, 2021 at 10:49 AM

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“ Sending our prayers and condolences to the family.

Goliday, Sherry and Brooke Liddell



**Goliday Liddell** - December 29, 2021 at 12:13 AM

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“ Goliday Liddell lit a candle in memory of Derrick Palmore



**Goliday Liddell** - December 29, 2021 at 12:08 AM

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“ Kysten Palmore lit a candle in memory of Derrick Palmore



**Kysten Palmore** - December 28, 2021 at 05:11 PM

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“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Derrick Palmore.



December 27, 2021 at 08:53 AM

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“ My brother and friend since we were in cub scouts and Sunday school at Trinity Baptist at 7 or 8 years old and on to high school at st charles together and finally just as across town from each other in Atlanta for the past 16 years. I'm still in shock as we just talked to each other a couple weeks ago intending to meet up in a couple weeks. My heart is grievously wounded and am overcome with melancholy at this untimely and premature departure of such an outstanding young man from our lives. Only God knows best but you will forever remain close in mind, heart and soul. Text in peace...I love you brotha. My sincerest condolences to the family. Aaron Quinichett

**aaron quinichett** - December 26, 2021 at 06:12 PM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Derrick Palmore.



December 26, 2021 at 06:03 PM

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“ Steven and Kevin Palmore purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Derrick Palmore.



**Steven and Kevin Palmore** - December 25, 2021 at 12:08 PM

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“ Sending my love and condolences to the family. My family and I knew Derrick through his beautiful daughter. Sending our thoughts and prayers.  
S. Barnwell and family.



**Sheryl Barnwell** - December 23, 2021 at 08:43 PM

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“ Matt Buonomo purchased the With Distinction for the family of Derrick Palmore.



**Matt Buonomo** - December 21, 2021 at 12:50 PM

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“ ADS & US MED Family purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Derrick Palmore.



**ADS & US MED Family** - December 21, 2021 at 12:36 PM

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



**Kevin Palmore** - December 21, 2021 at 09:41 AM



“ I will always remember my cousin Rick as my lil cousin. He was a part of the younger children born to the children of our grandparents Robert and Geraldine. Rick had an awesome personality and even though we have been separated by distance for awhile, he still stayed in touch and kept me laughing. My condolences to the family. Rick will truly be missed as seen within other tributes on this page and all that came to know and love him. Rest easy in the arms of the Father family. I'll see you again soon. Love you Rick...your big cuzzo Kevin.

**Kevin Palmore** - December 21, 2021 at 09:51 AM



“ To my beloved cousin-brother, Rick. My heart is heavy. It is hard for me to believe that I will not be able to talk to you about family here in Columbus or the crazy things that are happening in the world. I am going to miss those long conversations and text where we laughed uncontrollably for several minutes. Most of all I will miss your spirit. Although you were in Atlanta and I am here in Columbus, when we talked I always felt like you were sitting right next to me wrapping your arms around me when I sad and giving me a huge hug at the end of our conversation as we said "I love you Cuzzo" to one another. Heaven has called a good man home and the world and this family is feeling the loss of my Rick.

**Kysten Palmore** - December 30, 2021 at 10:52 AM

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“ I send my prayers and condolences to Rick's family. We had the pleasure of staying in the same dorm next door to each other our freshman year at Morehouse. This October I returned to Atl and we met up since we hadn't seen each other in over 20 years. I am grateful for that night and the opportunity to catch up. He was a great Brother and will be missed. Rest in Peace.

Immauri Patterson



**Immauri** - December 20, 2021 at 11:55 PM

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“ Derrick was a legend. Love, peace and respect to our St Charles brother and his family.

mark vogel - December 20, 2021 at 08:34 PM

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“ I'm speechless and heart broken. To Derrick's awesome family that he loved 😭 dearly my prayers are with you all. I had the pleasure of hiring Derrick into the pharmaceutical industry and that how the story began and I've been "big sis" ever since. Until we meet again.....

Sherlonda Martin - December 20, 2021 at 03:41 PM

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“ I had the pleasure of meeting Derrick during the summer of 1984 as we both played Freshman football at Saint Charles Preparatory High School. From day one, Derrick became my friend and brother. His affable personality is so infectious and you are instantly drawn to him. He was definitely the type of person you admired and hoped to emulate. Even though I left Saint Charles after my freshman year, we managed to catch up after games of our rival highschoools or out and about during the summer months. More recently, we managed to stay in touch through social media and I was so proud to witness his posted accomplishments whether they be about him or his wonderful family. I'll always cherish the bond we created and I will miss him dearly. Rest peacefully my Brother, I'll see you again someday soon! Sending prayers of peace, comfort and strength for the Palmore family during this difficult time.



Herb Baldwin Jr - December 20, 2021 at 11:56 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



**St, Charles Track Team** - December 20, 2021 at 11:08 AM



“ Team of Barrett, Palmore, Barret and Muhammad School record of 43.2 - 1987

**St, Charles Track Team** - December 20, 2021 at 11:10 AM



“ Derrick and I grew up since we were 10 years old in Columbus, Ohio, We ran track against each other in junior high school and finally became track teammates from 1984- 1988 at St Charles College Pre High school. We set the team school record in 4x100 with Palmore, Barret Brothers and myself in 1987. I shed tears everyday of you being called back home too the Creator. The Creator knows best. I will forever keep you my brother dear to my heart.



**Kevin- Jamal Muhammad** - December 20, 2021 at 10:48 AM



“ LB (Line Brother), August 2003 we became brothers of Omega Psi Phi. I'm going to miss your humor, knowledge and love. You will never be forgotten, until we meet again.

Rest in Omega Chapter.

Sean Batiste- 4 BLL 03

**sean batiste** - December 19, 2021 at 12:42 PM



“ Derrick and I were very good friends in high school as we attended St. Charles Prep in Columbus Ohio. He was brilliant with his studies and an excellent athlete. We shared many memories from high school. He was always smiling and laughing. We kept in touch throughout the years after we both attended HBCU's. We recently shared many humorous conversations. Derrick was a class act and a genuine gentleman. He will be greatly missed. His spirit lives through the many people he connected with in life. Much love my good brother.

Ronald Jackson II - December 18, 2021 at 12:35 AM

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“ I met Derrick at the barbershop. C Metts cut both of us every other week. We'd chop it up about life, family and our faith. Since we both drove a lot for our work, it was one of the many common things we had in common. He had a cool head and knowledgeable personality. He loved his family and people. I don't think he ever met a stranger. He became someone I'd look forward to seeing whenever the Lord crossed our paths. I had no idea that the last time we chopped it up at the "Shop" two weeks ago would be the last time on this side of life that I'd get to reason over the lessons of life with him. I will miss Derrick as all those who knew and loved him. But we shall meet again. God bless his family and his legacy in Jesus name amen.

Larry Benjamin - December 18, 2021 at 12:04 AM

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“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Derrick Palmore.



December 17, 2021 at 07:09 PM

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“ First knew Derrick from playing football against him. Always knew we had our work cut out for us when he was running the ball. I was happy to call Derrick a friend and teammate at St. Charles. Fond memories of our early morning rides to school from the old neighborhood. Rest In Peace, my friend.

Steve Dembski - December 17, 2021 at 07:01 PM

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“ My thought and prayers go out to the Palmore family. I shared good memories, lots of laughter, and joy over the years with my boy Slick Rick, and now that he left us, I share in grief and pain at his passing. My prayers and thoughts are with you all. Rest in peace my Brotha!

-Spence

**Spencer Harris** - December 17, 2021 at 05:17 PM

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“ God have mercy! All of our thoughts and prayers for a wonderful man. Rest in peace my friend. John Dreska

**John Dreska** - December 17, 2021 at 04:32 PM

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“ Very sad to hear this. I remember him just as a real solid classmate who I got to know riding the bus to high school with every day. May you fly with the angels my friend. Rest in peace

**Jason Younger** - December 17, 2021 at 04:17 PM

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“ Very sorry to hear about the passing of Derrick. He is fondly remembered from the time we were students together at St. Charles in Columbus, Ohio. With prayers and good thoughts for your family at this time, Robert Nadalin

**Robert Nadalin** - December 17, 2021 at 04:04 PM