

Derrick Finney

September 15, 1996 - November 10, 2015

A heartfelt scripture that Derrick worked hard to apply in his life says “As far as it depends upon you, be peaceable with all men.” Romans 12:18.

Derrick was a loving young man with skin so smooth and clear, and a face so chiseled and perfect. His eye lashes so long, and his eyebrows so shapely. He had the facial structure of a model and the body of an athlete, such a handsome young fellow. He was caring and nurturing. Anything we needed or asked of him he would always make sure he got or tried to do for us. He did so much for everybody, always so busy and so active. He worked hard to provide for himself, his home, his family, and for his girlfriend. He always took care of helping with the repairs at my mothers home, his home. He took care of her yard and half of the neighbors yards as well. Everybody loved Derrick and his pure spirit. He just had a natural charisma and charm about himself, so much personality. Anytime he was around we always knew it would be a good time. He was somebody that the family and friends always wanted to be around and didn't want to leave. He was a protector. He made it his priority to keep his home and loved ones safe. He was the man of the house, which was a big responsibility especially considering he was the second to the youngest of 8. He enjoyed the company of his family, close friends and girlfriend. A neighbor described him as caring and kind and he always wanted to know if you needed help. He was a friendly young man. If he saw you out and knew you, he would always make it a point to stop and speak, and make sure to get

your attention to say hello even if it was just to give a wave and a smile. Derrick was enrolled at MTC and was enthusiastically preparing to begin classes in January. His plans were to transfer to Winthrop and major in Mass Communications. He knew the lyrics to so many songs and all the modern dances. His body movements were so smooth. He was personable and had an awesome speaking voice. He was excited about the things that he would be able to do in that field. He was perfect for it. Derrick was strong in spirit. He had a strong mind, was very focused and self-motivated. Derrick was more than just a little brother or a boy friend or son or friend, he was an example of love and he was developing into a wonderful man.

Derrick was genuine and didn't forget his promises. He acted most noble this past spring when he kept a promise to his older sister that she would be his date to his senior prom because she did not experience prom when she was in high school. He bought her the most beautiful white dress, ordered himself a white tux and they were a beautiful pair. We were so happy for him that he was able to experience his senior prom and it meant so much to him that he enjoyed it with his big sis. He was so thoughtful and practical and was a great role model and nurturer to his nephews and nieces. He spent a lot of his time being a wonderful babysitter for his older sisters Phoebe and Zion he would have both of their sons Cassius Jacobs and Carter Prescott. Carter was a new addition to the family and although he was only two and a half months he responded to Derrick's voice or presence by laughing and smiling. The excitement he shared and expressed for his uncle was extremely genuine but that is the effect Derrick, "Deechimo," had on everyone he met or even spoke with. To sum it all up in his own words, "I am

Determined, delightful, devoted

Encouraging

Reassuring

Resilient

Innovative

Courageous

Kindred”

We all loved and cherished Derrick We can't wait to see you again. Rest easy.

The public may view from 10:00am until the hour of service.

Previous Events

Homegoing Service

NOV **16**. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel - Columbia
1200 Fontaine Place
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Tribute Wall

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“ I love you forever & always 🧶🍫❤️



Denisha - November 01, 2023 at 02:57 AM



“ Derrick Finney

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM

AC

“ Allaina J Johnson Big Cousin lit a candle in memory of Derrick Finney



Allaina J Johnson Big Cousin - July 11, 2016 at 10:52 AM

NH

“ Natasha Dune Hill lit a candle in memory of Derrick Finney



Natasha Dune Hill - November 21, 2015 at 05:56 AM

NH

“ To the Finney family we are praying for you all and we are the Hill family in Idabel, Oklahoma. We are a phone call away and always lift you up in prayer. We have only heard good things about Derrick Finney and his father is a very dear friend and God fearing man. I encourage you all to look to the Hill's from where our strength comes from. Derrick is gone to soon but never forgotten. Natasha Hill and family are in prayer and you all have our condolences.

Natasha Dune Hill - November 21, 2015 at 02:54 AM

PS

“ As I read Derrick's obituary, I had to smile. Everything is so true....infectious smile, long eyelashes...very handsome. I had the pleasure of being one of Derrick's teachers. I was so happy that he worked so very hard to get his high school diploma. Very proud of him. You will be missed!

Mrs. Scheller

Pam Scheller - November 16, 2015 at 08:43 AM



"You will be missed" came one shot too late. Good riddance to black rubbish. Moderator, you'll delete this, and so be it. Can you believe this crap?

Amber Bandicoot - November 19, 2015 at 02:20 PM

MT

“ God Bless!!! You were destined for good things man. You are reaping the best of it now. Stay up!! Mr. Waring (Former Science Teacher)

Mr. Waring (Science Teacher) - November 16, 2015 at 08:01 AM

DA

“ *My little brother-in-law, um, my lord, my lord, it just doesn't seem real. Another one of God's greatest creations gone too soon. I love you my brother. RIP*



Davita - November 15, 2015 at 09:08 PM

NH

To the Finney family, from the Hill family in Idabel, Oklahoma I was acquainted with his father and still are friends. I heard only great things about Derrick Finney jr and it was a shocking moment to hear that he was gone. I encourage all of the family, friends, and love one's give it to the Lord. I want to say if you need us we are a phone call away and we will pray God bless you all and send peace every moment of each day. Natasha Hill and family with love.

Natasha Dune Hill - November 21, 2015 at 02:46 AM


Saucey
Bit

“ *GLORY TO GOD....As a neighbor u were respectful, as a friend in such a short time u had an positive affect on my kids...The sprint of the Lord told ME u were a good young man ...GONE TO SOON...My prayers go out to the family...May GOD rest ur soul..R.I.H (REST IN HEAVEN) DERRICK FINNEY MY NEIGHBOR....My GOD continue to bless the FINNEY FAMILY... BE BLESS*



Saucey Bit - November 15, 2015 at 11:52 AM

Saucey
Bit

“ *I Will Miss You So Much & I Love You <3 I Can Say You Was Jokey & Funny Get Your Rest See You Soon .*

- Success



Saucey Bit - November 15, 2015 at 11:28 AM

PB

“ *To my youngest nephew Derrick, You are and will always be sorely missed. I'm so very proud of the young man that you grew to be and of knowing how many people that you positively affected during your brief but full life. You had a giving heart of gold and you genuinely showed love for your family and friends and you always looked to help others. I know that you are with God in heaven watching over us.....until we meet again sweetheart.
Auntie Patrice*



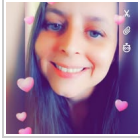
Patrice Boyd - November 13, 2015 at 11:21 PM

PB

“ *Patrice Boyd lit a candle in memory of Derrick Finney*



Patrice Boyd - November 13, 2015 at 11:17 PM



“ *Derrick always had a smile on his face. He instantly put you in a good mood when he was around. He was a good person, an awesome neighbor, a wonderful friend and he will be greatly missed! RIP D*



Tara Miller - November 13, 2015 at 08:46 PM



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



November 13, 2015 at 05:04 PM



“ *Derrick you will be missed by so many people. We loved your smile and your GQ look each time you walked in the door at work. You were taken too soon from us here on Earth. May God hold you until we meet again!!!!!!*

Emmie - November 13, 2015 at 04:09 PM