



## Derrick Thomas Mason

June 21, 1965 - January 15, 2025

### Obituary

Derrick Thomas Mason was born into life June 21, 1965 on the south side of Chicago.

Derrick was the first son born to Bill and Barbara Mason.

Derrick was raised by his parents and grandparents to know and love Jesus Christ. Derrick was baptized at Emmanuel Baptist Church, attended Triedstone Church of Chicago during his teen years and became a member at St. John Missionary Baptist Church for his adult life.

Derrick attended Chicago Vocational High School and graduated on-time with his classmates after having a very difficult freshman year. He went to summer school each year to make up for not attending classes as a freshman. He was very proud to graduate with his original class mates on time.

Derrick later joined the army and was medically discharged after he was diagnosed with Crohn's disease at the age of 21. He later graduated from DeVry University and pursued a career with AT&T where he met his wife Kim.

Derrick later went to work for American Income Life and relocated to the Minneapolis area in 2006. Derrick's career thrived at AIL where he earned the nick-name Diesel. Derrick loved working at AIL so much that it felt like an extended family to him. Derrick also was very proud of being a partner and a leader of people and also, for many years, the top salesperson.

Derrick loved people and enjoyed playing golf with family and friends. He converted to become a Minnesota Vikings fan and had season tickets after

many struggling seasons as a Chicago Bear fan. Derrick worked hard and played hard. He was a grown-up with a big kid's heart.

Derrick departed this life on January 15, 2025 after battling Crohn's disease for most of his life and yielding to a battle with lung cancer for the past fourteen months. Derrick had a long life filled with medical battles but he never complained. He continued to fight through surgeries and lived a great life filled with love, family and friends. He is preceded in death by his mother, Barbara Mason; grandparents, Thomas & Olivia Wade, Willie Mason and Ethel Jones. He leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife Kim; father Bill; brother Andre;

Sister-Law Sylvia; God Sister Erika; his brothers from other mothers, Lawrence, Stephen and Chad; his in-laws Dave and Judy; his niece Gabby and nephew Rodney; his aunts and uncles, Gloria, Paulette, Brown, Charlie and Stan; his first cousins Jetaun, Kenny, Jessica, Jamal, Jerod, Toni, Montez and Joseph; his God-daughters Sophie and Gabby. Additionally, a host of too many extended family members and friends to name here. Derrick was loved by a lot of people.

May he rest in peace.

#### Order of Service

##### Processional

Song.....Brazia Davis  
Scripture Reading..... Chad Deley  
Prayer.....Bill Mason  
Resolution.....Toni Hyatte  
Reading of Obituary.....Toni Hyatte  
Song.....Sophie Jerks

##### Remarks

Song.....Brazia Davis  
Words Of Comfort.....Dr. Stanley Mason  
Words Of Comfort.....Dr. A. Edward Davis, Jr.  
Benediction..... Dr. Stanley Mason

Recessional

Honorary Pallbearers

Lawrence Cooper Andre Mason Chad Deley Jamal Mason

Stephen Henry Kenny McDonald Interment

Fort Snelling National Cemetery

7601 34th Ave S

Minneapolis, MN 55450

28 January 2025 10:00 AM

Repast

Mosaic Venue

817 5th Ave Minneapolis, MN 55404 Acknowledgement

The Family of Derrick Thomas Mason would like to acknowledge with sincere love, gratitude and appreciation to all who extended sympathy during this time of bereavement.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **25**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Estes Funeral Chapel  
2201 Plymouth Ave N  
Minneapolis, MN 55411  
(612) 521-6744  
<https://estesfuneralchapel.com>

## Funeral Service

JAN **25**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Estes Funeral Chapel  
2201 Plymouth Ave N  
Minneapolis, MN 55411  
(612) 521-6744  
<https://estesfuneralchapel.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Derrick Thomas Mason.



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January 25, 2025 at 03:37 PM



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

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January 25, 2025 at 03:37 PM



“ Dear cousin you will be missed. You were always a kind person. You bring a smile to our faces on a constant basis and you are loved. I will miss you and thank you for being the perfect cousin I could ever have. Love you very much.

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**Jessica Rasberry** - January 24, 2025 at 08:23 PM

SC

“ *Derrick started as a classmate through high school and became part of my family soon after that. Derrick battled many, many health storms. His perseverance carried him through his illnesses allowing him success in his career and life. I personally spoke to him on Christmas day in which he told me he was tired. I tried to give him words of encouragement in which he thanked me for. But, I guess your fight can last only so long. Although this is a very sad moment for all of those close to Derrick, it is a blessing that he is no longer suffering. I pray for his wife Kim as she will have to continue her journey with him in spirit and not by her side. I pray for all those heartbroken by his transition that they heal in due time. May we all find strength in his memory.*

*Love you and RIP,  
Samantha Cooper*

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**Samantha Cooper** - January 24, 2025 at 06:36 PM

TS

“ *Terry Strickland SR purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Derrick Thomas Mason.*



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**Terry Strickland SR** - January 24, 2025 at 12:26 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Derrick Thomas Mason.*



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January 24, 2025 at 11:18 AM



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

January 24, 2025 at 11:18 AM



“ From Shannon Page planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Derrick Thomas Mason.

From Shannon Page - January 24, 2025 at 10:14 AM



“ From Shannon Page purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Derrick Thomas Mason.



From Shannon Page - January 24, 2025 at 10:14 AM



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

January 23, 2025 at 08:03 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Derrick Thomas Mason.



January 23, 2025 at 08:03 PM

MS

“ The FAMILY and FRIENDS of Derrick are in my thoughts and prayers. I pray for GRACE, MERCY, and COMFORT in JESUS' name!!!! RIHP, Derrick 🙏👼❤️

Michael Spencer - January 23, 2025 at 06:28 PM

YF

“ Your favorite Auntie, Paulette & family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Derrick Thomas Mason.



Your favorite Auntie, Paulette & family - January 23, 2025 at 11:45 AM

DL

“ I miss you so much already Derrick! I miss your smile and your belly laugh and then you would tell me to stop making you laugh cause it hurt! Now you can laugh all day with no pain!! It is still surreal that you are really gone! This is exactly why you took so much pride in what you did because you never know when your days on this earth are up!

Til I see you again! ☐ Dawn

Dawn lovejoy - January 22, 2025 at 07:53 PM

KM

“ Big Cuz! Growing up you would always remind me that you are the oldest grandson. Yes, you are. But you were more than a big cuz to me, you were like a big brother. We grew up together more than cousins. You were always there to help, listen when I needed someone to talk to. I will miss you saying how proud you were of me. But I was proud of you more for the strength you showed in life. No man can compare to the fight you had. Glad I got the chance to tell you I love you Cuz one last time. The void you leave is unreplaceable.

"Love you cuz !"

Kenny

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**KENNY MCDONALD** - January 22, 2025 at 07:52 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Derrick Thomas Mason.



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January 22, 2025 at 07:40 PM

DV

“ I'm so sad to hear about his passing, I love Deezele in so many ways, his sense of humor, his passion for life, is loyalty and love for others, I am honored to know D for many years, I have so many memories of him. He has been through more ups and downs than anyone I have known, he's a true fighter, absolutely resilient, I've never met someone that would just continuously keep fighting and fighting and fighting, I love you forever D..... from you're other brother D- Fat A##. Love you Deezele. .

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**Demetri Vidiakitis** - January 22, 2025 at 02:03 PM