

To My Husband

My love, you went away so peacefully. Even in your darkest days, you always make sure I was OK. I will forever be grateful for your love. When I think of you in heaven, I imagine your beautiful spirit and smile. I will patiently wait for the day we will be together again. Wait for me my love. I won't say goodbye but see you later. Always in my heart, your wife Linda



Acknowledgements:

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern, prayers, and kindness shown to them during this hour of bereavement. May God bless and keep you.

-The family of Derrick Sayles



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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



Derrick Sayles

OCTOBER 15, 1961 - SEPTEMBER 6, 2024

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2024

Memorial Visitation – 6:00 PM
Memorial Service – 6:30 PM

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Obituary



Derrick Sayles, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend, was born on October 15, 1961, in Cincinnati, Ohio, to Norman Sayles Jr. and Juanita Sayles (née Robinson). Derrick remained a lifelong resident of Cincinnati until his peaceful transition to his heavenly home on September 6, 2024.

He accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at Philipian Missionary Baptist Church, where his grandfather, Rev. Ivory Bimbow, was the founding pastor. He was an active member throughout his life, serving in the youth choir, on the usher board, and later as a trustee.

Educated in the Mt. Healthy City School District, Derrick attended Frost Elementary, North Middle School, and graduated from Mt. Healthy High School, where he excelled in sports, particularly basketball. His athletic talent contributed to a basketball legacy that led his team to win the 1979-1980 Oxford Sectional Championship.

To know Derrick was to love him. He had a warm personality and a kind spirit. He was seen as a gentle giant. No matter where he went, Derrick never met a stranger. He was always eager to stop and chat with familiar faces, proudly introducing them to the love of his life, his wife Linda.

Derrick and Linda shared nearly 20 years together, including over 14 years of marriage. They were truly inseparable, their bond undeniable to all who knew them. Derrick's deep love for his wife was evident in everything he did, always ensuring she was cared for and cherished. Together, they loved stepping out in style. His impeccable fashion sense was clear in how he dressed his son, Desmond— even as a baby, Desmond was outfitted in three-piece suits.

Derrick had a lifelong passion for sports. He was a dedicated fan of the Cincinnati Bengals and enjoyed shooting pool with the best of them. His skills at the pool table were matched only by his talent for bowling, where he proudly achieved multiple 300-point games.

Professionally, Derrick made a name for himself in security work, where he gained the respect and admiration of many. He was personally requested by legendary artists like Patti LaBelle, Frankie Beverly & Maze, and Aretha Franklin during their Cincinnati performances. He also took pride in providing security for wrestling icons such as Hulk Hogan and Stone-Cold Steve Austin.

Derrick was preceded in death by his parents, Norman and Juanita Sayles; his brother, Norman Sayles III; his sister, Marie Myers; and his beloved son, Desmond Sayles.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory his devoted wife, Linda; his sister, Tanyia Sayles; his son, Raesean; stepdaughter, Brandi Rahim; step-grandchildren, DeLon, Aubrey, Aahil, and Akeem; his father- and mother-in-law, George and Barbara Bailey; sisters-in-law, Marilyn and Courtney; brothers, Rodney & Keith; uncles, Clyde (Tammy), Clarence (Barbara), Tony (Freda), Kenny (Bobbie), Charlie Edwards, Bobby and Leonard (Flora); aunts, Laverne Harper and Ola; along with a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends. Derrick's presence in our lives will be deeply missed, but his memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

Order of Service

- Musical Prelude.....Memorial Slideshow
- Opening Remarks.....Pastor Derrick D. Myers
- Scripture.....Old Testament -Min. Gregory Griffin
New Testament – Min. William Edwards II
- Prayer.....Pastor Robert Owsley
- Musical Selection..... PMBC Choir
- Acknowledgements.....Sis. Roslyn Austin
- Remarks.....Family & Friends
- Selection.....PMBC Choir
- Eulogy.....Pastor Derrick D. Myers
- Benediction.....Pastor Derrick D. Myers
- RecessionalClergy, Family & Friends