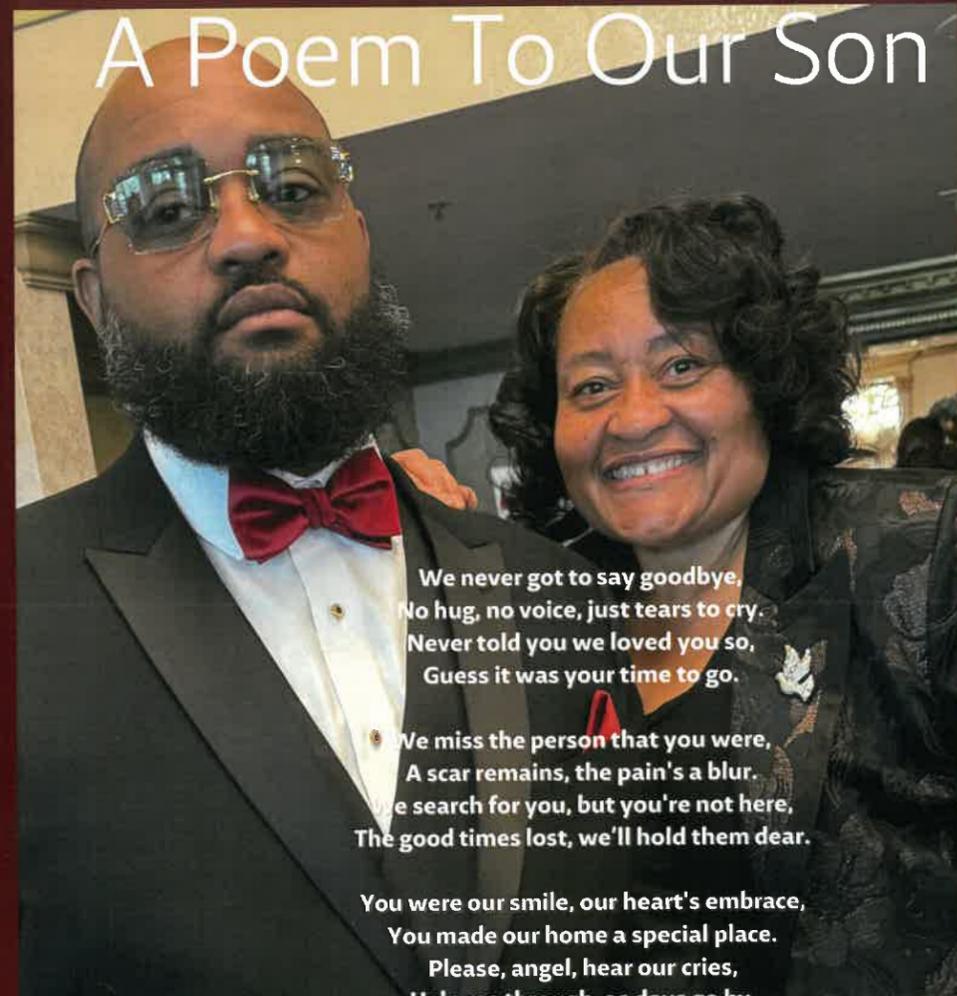


A Poem To Our Son



We never got to say goodbye,
No hug, no voice, just tears to cry.
Never told you we loved you so,
Guess it was your time to go.

We miss the person that you were,
A scar remains, the pain's a blur.
We search for you, but you're not here,
The good times lost, we'll hold them dear.

You were our smile, our heart's embrace,
You made our home a special place.
Please, angel, hear our cries,
Help me through, as days go by

Life's not the same, but we won't blame,
We pray we'll meet again someday,
Until then, our love we send your way.

Love,
Ma & Dad



Obituary

Derrick Archer Howard was born on August 19, 1985 to Ralph Howard Sr and Terri Howard in Baltimore, Maryland. He suddenly departed this life and entered eternal paradise on March 18, 2025.

Derrick was a father of four beautiful children, Maiya, Makayla, Derrick Jr (Megan) and Reign (Rikki). He loved being a dad and his children adored him. He would always say "Be a leader not a follower" and he definitely lived by that motto. Derrick had an entrepreneur spirit and mentality very early on in life. While he had a rough start he quickly turned things around and started his own business, BlessYourSole L.L.C. Initially, it started around Baltimore City and he began selling and reselling sneakers. Very soon, his level of success catapulted and became a national sensation. Turk became known all around the United States and his reputation quickly preceded him as being known as the guy who can get any pair of sneakers no matter when they came out or how limited they were. Posthumously, his family learned just how far his reach really was and how much he was loved by everyone around him, proclaiming the name "Baltimore Shoe King".

Derrick leaves to mourn his parents, Ralph Sr, and Terri, children: Maiya, Makayla, Derrick Jr and Reign, five siblings: Ralph Jr., Scottie, Darrel, Tequoia and Breeze, his "brothers from another mother": Te'Ondre, Shelton, Darrick, Rick, and Nate, honorable mentions: Lynn, Brian, Janae, Michal, BJ, LaQuanta, Dani, Nolan, Ciara, Micah, Bri, Tania, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends.

