

23rd Psalm

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures,
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul.
He leadeth me in the paths of
righteousness for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; for thou art with me;
Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies;
Thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house
of the LORD forever.

Pallbearers

Michael Ventus Keith Lucas
Andre Bush Anthony J Davis
Robert Ellis Jr Jaray Barnes

Honorary Pallbearers

Michael Johnson John Harshaw
James Evans Brandon C Chung

Flower Bearers

Family and Friends

Honorary Flower Bearers

Sasha Ellis Christina Ellis



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THE LIFE OF



Derrick Chandler

June 22, 1984 - December 30, 2025

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 Chandler

Saturday, January 17, 2026

Visitation: 9:00 AM - Funeral Service: 10:00 AM

Greater Canaan Missionary Baptist Church

7181 Reading Road | Cincinnati, Ohio 45237

Reverend Gregory Dubose, Officiating



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Obituary

Derrick (DC) Chandler was born on June 22, 1984, to the union of Ezekiel Chandler and Dorothy Chandler in Cincinnati, Ohio. He was the youngest of five siblings.

Derrick accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized by Reverend Larry Bradley at Greater Canaan Missionary Baptist Church. He was a faithful member who sang in the youth choir, adult choir, male chorus, Six Choir Union, and volunteered as a teacher for Vacation Bible School. He was also a member of the local gospel group, The Gospel Stars, where he ministered in song alongside his father throughout Cincinnati.

Derrick began his education at Bramble Elementary School and graduated from Withrow High School, Class of 2002. He attended Cincinnati State Technical and Community College, where he earned his Associate of Applied Science degree in PC Support and Administration in 2007. He later attended the University of Cincinnati, where he earned his Bachelor of Science in IT Networking Systems in 2021. He had been employed at the University of Cincinnati since 2011. His most recent promotion was in 2024, when he received his new title as ERP Systems/Applications Administrator. He was also a member of the University of Cincinnati's Young Black Professionals Organization.

Derrick's hobbies included singing (karaoke), swimming, cooking, dancing, writing poetry, learning history (always quoting random fun facts), playing pool (a member of the American Poolplayers Association with his team, "Let's Go Home/Hit It," ranked first in the city, where he earned MVP honors), and spending time with family and friends. He had a gift for bringing joy and laughter to any situation and possessed an infectious smile that could light up any room. As a constant learner, Derrick always sought ways to improve himself physically, mentally, and spiritually, inspiring others along the way. He was a diehard Bengals fan and proudly represented his favorite team. He was a beloved son, brother, coworker, and friend. Most importantly, he loved the Lord with all his heart.

Derrick departed this life on December 30, 2025, at the age of forty-one. He was preceded in death by his oldest brother, Ezekiel Dewayne Chandler, and his nephew, Sean Michael Ellis.

He leaves to cherish his memory his parents, Ezekiel and Dorothy Chandler; his sisters, Connie (Robert) Ellis and Joyce Chandler; his brother, Morris Chandler; honorary sisters Sharma Jones, Rannie Wiggins, Cynthia Swain, Sabrina Smith and Sharon Glover; nieces Samira, Courtney, Sasha and Christina; nephews Robert Jr. and Emory; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, family, and friends.



I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free; I took His hand when I heard Him call; I turned my back and left it all. If my parting has left a void; then fill it with remembered joy. My life's been full, I savored much; good friends, good times, a loved one's touch. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss; ah yes, these things, I too, will miss. Perhaps my time seemed all too brief; don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your hearts and share with me; God wanted me now, He set me free.

Order of Service

- Musical Prelude
- Parting View Immediate Family
- Prayer Reverend Larry Bradley
- Old Testament Scripture Reverend Donald Dixon
- New Testament Scripture Reverend Edward Dale
- Selection Sister Trudy Mills-Jackson
- Acknowledgements Sister Marguerite King
- Remarks Sister Patricia Mathis
Mr. Jeremy Ridge
Sister Cathy Burton
Sister Joyce Chandler
- Obituary Read Silently
- Selection Brother Rick Lynch
- Eulogy Pastor Clayton Waller
- Benediction Pastor Clayton Waller
- Recessional Clergy, Family & Friends



Final Resting Place

Walnut Hills Cemetery
3117 Victory Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio 45206

Repast

Greater Canaan Missionary Baptist Church
7181 Reading Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45237