Celebration
of Life for



Rickey Damascus "Dee" Durr

Alpha
August 13, 1991

Omega
June 14, 2025

Saturday, June 28, 2025 | 1:00 p.m.
Oak Ridge M.B. Church
1679 Rockport-New Hebron Road
New Hebron, Mississippi 39140

Reverend Eric Dixson, Pastor
Minister Derrick Gardner, Officiant



From Rickey Dee, With Love



Don't cry too long for me, my friends,
My family, my soul's true ties—
Though I've gone where you can't see,
My love for you never dies.

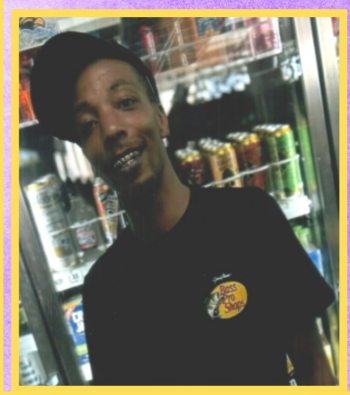
I lived with purpose, led with heart,
A husband, father, son—
I gave my all while I was there,
And now my race is run.

Remember me in laughter shared,
In moments soft and true—
In every hug, in every smile,
Know I am there with you.

I didn't get to say goodbye,
But please don't carry pain—
I'm resting now, I'm at peace,
And I'd do it all again.

Love each other deeply,
Be strong and stay kind—
For what I leave behind in you
Is the best I hoped to find.

So live, and love,
and hold me near,
Though I am far above—
My spirit
walks beside you still,
Forever, with all my love.





To My Husband

**10 years of love so true,
of laughter in our own little world,
of every "me" and "you."**

You were my calm, my solid ground, My heart's most steady beat. Now, silence sits where you once stood, and I am not complete.

**Rickey Dee, life still moves ahead,
But I'm not sure how to.
The world just keeps on spinning,
While all I want is you.**

**I talk to you in whispered prayers.
In tears, I try to hide,
And sleep beside your memory
Each aching and lonesome night.**

**But love like ours does not just end.
It lingers, warm and deep.
It blooms in every quiet thought
And follows me in my sleep.**

**So though your arms cannot hold me now. I feel you all the same.
10 years was just a chapter
In love that still remains.**

**Until the day I see your face
And time no longer binds,
I will carry you, my sweetest love
In heart, in soul, and in mind.
Forever yours,
Your wife, Jamiya**





Dad, The Sky is Where You Are





**I see you in the clouds, Dad,
And hear you in the rain –
I feel you in the sunshine
When I laugh or feel some pain.**

**I draw your face in crayon
I write your name in the stars,
And sometimes I just sit and talk
Like you're not very far.**

**They say the sky is where you live,
Among the moon and sun –
But in my heart, you're always near**
Forever Dad, Forever one!
Knylnn, SunLynn, DreLynn

Rickey, **my son, my heart,
The day we brought you into this world became the brightest part.**

**A loyal son, a loving brother,
A husband, father, too-
So full of love, so deeply kind,
In all you said and do.**

**You left too soon, but what remains is how you made life better—for family, friends, and everyone who'll love you now and ever.
Forever missed, Forever loved.
-Ricky Durr, Dad**

The Obituary

Rickey Damascus "Dee" Durr

August 13, 1991 – June 14, 2025

Rickey Damascus Durr, lovingly known as "Dee," was born on August 13, 1991, in Jackson, Mississippi, at Methodist Medical Center. He departed this life on June 14, 2025, at approximately 6:00 p.m. at Memorial Hospital in Gulfport, Mississippi.

Rickey was preceded in death by his mother, Carolyn Louise Buckley; maternal grandparents, Anna Jane and Joe Paul Buckley; and paternal grandparents, Lola and Clarence Durr.

Rickey was raised in Mendenhall, Mississippi, where he was surrounded by love, family, and a deep-rooted sense of faith and community. He attended Mendenhall High School until 2009. Rickey accepted Christ at an early age and became a member of Oak Ridge Missionary Baptist Church.

On July 25, 2022, Rickey was united in marriage to the love of his life, Jamiya Thornton. To this union, three beautiful children were born.

Rickey is survived by his devoted wife, Jamiya Thornton-Durr; his children, Khlynn Thornton, SunLynn Durr, and DreLynn Durr; his father, Ricky "Sam" Durr (Linda); his siblings, Jabari Buckley (Andrea) of Magee, Mississippi, Robert Anthony, Micheal Anthony and Tony Riley (stepbrother) of Mendenhall, Mississippi.

He also leaves behind his beloved in-laws: Maurice Thornton (Renee) of Gulfport, Mississippi, Khadijah Thornton (Laderrick) of Pascagoula, Mississippi, and Tykeyia Thornton of Magee, Mississippi.

Rickey shared a special bond with his nieces and nephews: A'Zariyah, A'Nylah, Khar'Leigha, Ruari, Charme, Trennin, Cain, Carlytn, Keedyn, Ja"Ciyah, A'Legend, Truth, Chosen, Leighton, Kacedyn, Corey, and Tyler.

He also leaves behind his loving mother-in-law, Temekia Thornton; grandmother-in-law, Betty Thornton; aunts, Linda Sterling, Lee Vinnia Grubbs, Elvinne Williams, Patricia Posey, Mary Lynn Hardy, and Nita Skiffer; uncles, Joe (Ruthie) Buckley, Larry (Winnie) Buckley, Clevie (Bonnie) Buckley, Charles Durr, Glenn (Alice) Durr, and James (Charlene) Durr.

He is also remembered by a host of cousins including: Aswad "Bo" Jones, Tarquis "SheaMan" Grubbs, Dashaun "Peanut" Mikel, Charlotte Durr-Burkett, Montreal "BoBo" Walker, Tra'Toyia "KG" Grubbs, Tamauria "Bam" Easterling, Dontayis "Tater Baby" Dampier, Ralph Sterling, Kierria "Ke" Sanders, Morgan Williams, Malcolm Williams, Laqueta (Wayne) Mitchell, Carmen Collins, and Danni Grubbs.

Rickey was also deeply loved by many of his close friends: Alfonzo Payne, Darren Rankin, Cordario McClain, Shaquille Easterling, and Javonne Easterling.

He was a proud godfather to Saint Barnes, Jream Barnes, and Legend Barnes.

Rickey was a kind and generous soul, always willing to lend a helping hand and share a laugh. He was a faithful friend, a loving father, and a devoted husband whose presence will be missed dearly by all who knew and loved him.

The Order of Service

Master of Ceremonies	Mr. David Posey
Processional	Clergy and Family
Song	Choir
Old Testament Reading	Minister Darrell Washington
New Testament Reading	Minister Patrick Hubbard
Prayer	Appointee
Solo	Sister Laster Norwood
Expressions	Family and Friends
Acknowledgments	Lavai Grubbs and Francine Durr
Song	Choir
Eulogy	Minister Derrick Gardner
Recessional	Funeral Directors of J&M in Charge
Interment	Oak Ridge Cemetery

Letter to My Big Brother in Heaven

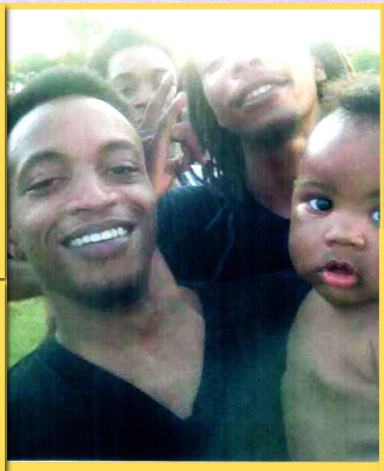
They say there is a reason, they say time will heal;
Neither time nor reason will change the way I feel.
Gone are the days we used to share. But in my heart, you are always there.
The gates of memories will never close; I miss you more than anybody knows...
Love and miss you every day. Till we meet again,
Always & Forever—Your Brother, Jabari







Memories...

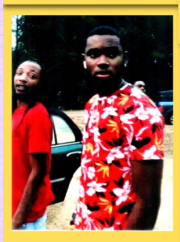


















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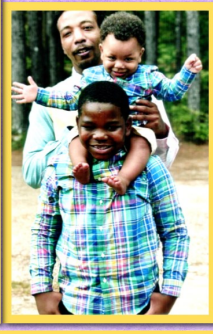














Acknowledgments

The family of Rickey "Dee" Durr would like to thank everyone for your comforting expressions of sympathy. Thank you for the great comfort during our sorrow. Thank you for the expressions of sympathy conveyed to us in many ways during our recent bereavement. Respectfully Yours – The Durr/Buckley Family

Active Pallbearers

Dontavis Dampier
Darius Payne
Chase Rankin
Zayvian Byrd
Alfonzo Payne
Darren Rankin

Honorary Pallbearers

Jabari Buckley
Montreal "BoBo" Walker
Aswad "Bo" Jones
Jarrod Skiffer
Ralph Sterling
Cameron "Juicy" Smith
Tarquis "Shea Man" Grubbs
Malcolm Williams

Flower Bearers

Cousins

Repast

Oak Ridge Church Fellowship Hall
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