

- Prayer of Comfort Minister Patrica Graves
- Scripture Readings..... Timene Farlow
 - Old Testament Psalm 23
 - New Testament John 14:1-6
- Solo/Selection -
 - “Precious Lord Take My Hand” Minister Patrica Graves
- Cards and Resolutions Shakia Bowman
- Obituary Sheela Carroll
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- Solo/Selection -
 - “I Won’t Complain” Minister Patrica Graves
- Message of Hope Minister Patrica Graves
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- Final Viewing
- Recessional Clergy and Family
- Selection - “On My Way” by The Williams’ Brothers

THE BROKEN CHAIN

We little knew that morning
that God was going to call your name.
In life we loved you dearly, in death
we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you, you
did not go alone, for part of us went
with you, the day God called you home.
You left us peaceful memories, your love
is still our guide, though we cannot
see you, you’re always at our side.

Our family chain is broken and nothing
seems the same.

But as God calls us one by one,
the chain will link again.

We will miss you Derek, you will never be forgotten.

*Your,
Mother & Father*

I'M FREE

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard his call
I turned my back and left it all
I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work, to play
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found that peace at the end of the day
If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joy
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Ah, yes, those things too I will miss
Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full, I savored much
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart and share with me
God wanted me now, He set me free

REMEMBER ME

Remember me with smiles not tears
For all the joy, through all the years.
Recall a closeness that was ours
A love as sweet as fragrant flowers.
Don't dwell on thoughts that cause you pain
We'll see each other once again.
I'm at peace – try to believe
It was my time – I had to leave.
But what a view I have from here
I see your face – I feel you near.
I follow you throughout the day
You're not alone along the way.
And when God calls you – you will be
Right by my side – right here with me.
Till then – I'll wait by heaven's door
We'll be united – evermore.



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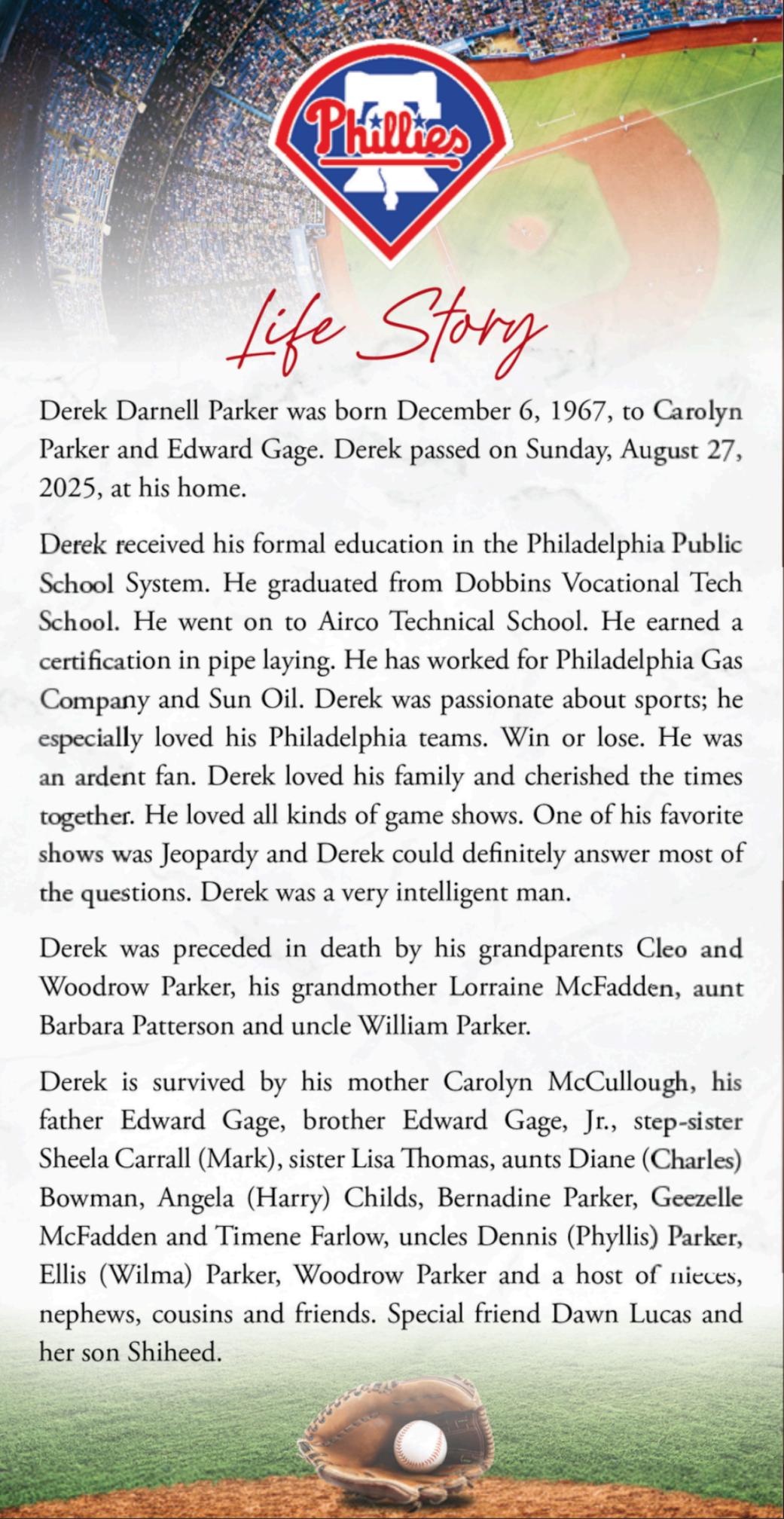
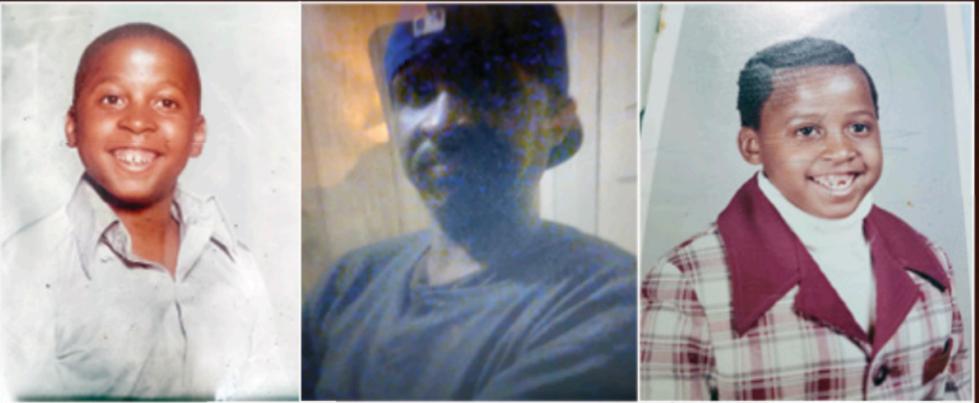
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CELEBRATION OF LIFE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 2025
Viewing 12:00pm Service: 1:00pm

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Life Story

Derek Darnell Parker was born December 6, 1967, to Carolyn Parker and Edward Gage. Derek passed on Sunday, August 27, 2025, at his home.

Derek received his formal education in the Philadelphia Public School System. He graduated from Dobbins Vocational Tech School. He went on to Airco Technical School. He earned a certification in pipe laying. He has worked for Philadelphia Gas Company and Sun Oil. Derek was passionate about sports; he especially loved his Philadelphia teams. Win or lose. He was an ardent fan. Derek loved his family and cherished the times together. He loved all kinds of game shows. One of his favorite shows was Jeopardy and Derek could definitely answer most of the questions. Derek was a very intelligent man.

Derek was preceded in death by his grandparents Cleo and Woodrow Parker, his grandmother Lorraine McFadden, aunt Barbara Patterson and uncle William Parker.

Derek is survived by his mother Carolyn McCullough, his father Edward Gage, brother Edward Gage, Jr., step-sister Sheela Carrall (Mark), sister Lisa Thomas, aunts Diane (Charles) Bowman, Angela (Harry) Childs, Bernadine Parker, Geezelle McFadden and Timene Farlow, uncles Dennis (Phyllis) Parker, Ellis (Wilma) Parker, Woodrow Parker and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Special friend Dawn Lucas and her son Shiheed.

