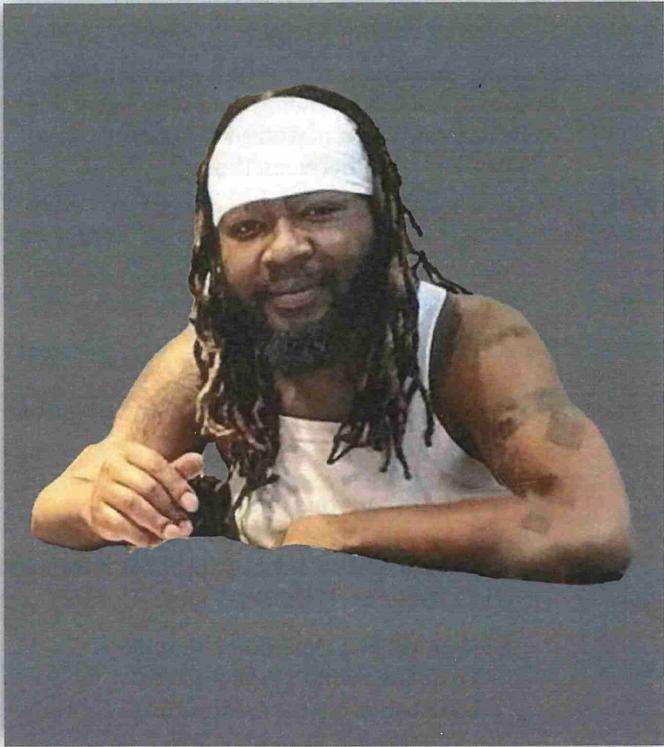


In Loving Memory



Erick V. Curry

Sunrise ~ July 7, 1979

Sunset ~ April 18, 2025

“With hands we speak, with hearts we listen”

-Anonymous

THE DASH

I read of a man who stood to speak
At the funeral of a friend.
He referred to the dates on her tombstone
From the beginning to the end.

He noted that first came the date of her birth
And spoke of the following date with tears,
But he said what mattered most of all
Was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time
That she spent alive on earth
And now only those who loved her
Know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own,
The cars, the house, the cash,
What matters is how we live and love
And how we spend our dash.

So think about this long and hard;
Are there things you'd like to change?
For you never know how much time is left
That can still be rearranged.

If we could just slow down enough
To consider what's true and real
And always try to understand
The way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger
And show appreciation more
And love the people in our lives
Like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect
And more often wear a smile,
Remembering that this special dash
Might only last a little while.

So when your eulogy is being read
With your life's actions to rehash
Would you be proud of the things they say
About how you spent your dash?

~Linda Ellis~

In Loving Memory of

Erick Vincent Curry

Born

July 7, 1979 Minneapolis, Minnesota

Passed Away

April 18, 2025 St. Paul, Minnesota

At the Age of ~ 45 Years

Celebration of Life

Gearty-Delmore Chapel

12:30 PM Monday, April 28, 2025

Survived by

his sister, Endea Curry; siblings, Christine Curry, Leroy Curry and Carol Curry; daughter, Adrayella Curry and a whole host of nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles.

Preceded in Death by

his father, Arthur Curry, Jr; mother, Alma Curry; sister, Ebony Kelly, and an unborn daughter, Aneyjah.

Order of Service

Welcome....Officiant Endea Curry, sister

Reading of Poem - "The Dash",
thoughts on her Dad.... Adrayella Curry, daughter

Visual Tribute (photo montage)

Eulogy....Endea Curry

Funeral Sermon...Pastor Pamela Gilchrist, Aunt

Community and Family Sharing
(please limit to no more than 2 minutes)

Closing remarks....Endea Curry

Erick was born on July 7th, 1979 to Alma and Arthur Curry. Erick, though born hearing, developed profound deafness after surviving meningitis (a potentially deadly infection surrounding the tissues of the brain and spine) at just 3 months old. This did not stop him in the least from achieving his goals and throughout his life he worked to prove that his deafness was not a weakness. In fact, when offered the opportunity to have surgery for cochlear implants, he refused, stating that he was fine the way he was. As a young child, he attended Seward School in Minneapolis eventually transferring to Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf, then Kansas School for the Deaf and finally graduating from St. Louis Park Senior High School in 1998. He went on to attend different community colleges through the years studying photography, visual communications and business administration, ultimately earning a certificate in bartending in 2020. He enjoyed interacting with people, sports (especially watching the Pittsburgh Steelers), WWE, cooking, and cartoons like Scooby Doo. He also enjoyed being a girl dad!

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf Foundation.

The family thanks the care team at Regions Hospital for their compassionate support and care and his hospice team. We also particularly thank Jessie, his physical therapist who connected with Erick through her knowledge of ASL, and Hannah, his occupational therapist who not only made it a point to learn some ASL but who also fiercely advocated for Erick. Finally, special thanks for the Ramsey and Hennepin County teams who worked quickly get him a CADI waiver.

Please join us for a Reception at 2:00 pm at:
Beach South of the Lake apartments at the party/club room
(park in parking lot and follow signs)
4199 46th Avenue North
Robbinsdale MN 55422