

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;
And though we cannot see you,
You are always at our side.

Our family chain is broken,
And nothing seems the same;
But as God call us one by one,
The chain will link again.

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Zebedee Beauford
Brian Sherald
Arthur Patterson
Del Monte Grant
Ron Grant
Clyde Grant
Daumarion Matthews
Dennis Thompson

FLORAL BEARERS

Ushers

IN APPRECIATION

Please know that the family of
Derel O'Neal Matthews

has been deeply blessed by your many
acts of kindness and support during the passing
of our dear loved one. Your presence, calls,
visits, gifts, prayers and all acts of compassion
will always be a beacon of hope and a
strong pillar of faith for our lives.
May God forever bless and keep you.

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF DEREL O'NEAL MATTHEWS

JUNE 14, 1987 – SEPTEMBER 11, 2026

Saturday, September 19, 2026 | 10:00 A.M.

Moncks Corner AME Church

306 West Main Street | Moncks Corner, SC

Reverend Bruce L. Francis, Pastor

INTERMENT

Moncks Corner AME Church Cemetery
Moncks Corner, South Carolina

A Life REMEMBERED

Derel O’Neal Matthews, affectionately known as “Derel” by his family and “Twin” by his close friends, was born on June 14, 1987, in Charleston, South Carolina, to Reverend Jerel O. Matthews, Sr. and Robin Aiken Brown. On September 11, 2026, Derel peacefully made his transition from his earthly life to his eternal home while at his residence in Jamestown, South Carolina.

Derel was educated in the Berkeley County Public School System and graduated from high school in 2006. He was a young man who found joy in the simple pleasures of life and cherished the time spent doing the things he loved. Before his health began to decline, Derel enjoyed shooting pool, playing basketball, and bowling. These activities brought him happiness and created many memories with family and friends.

Derel was united in holy matrimony to Natalie Blake Matthews, and together they were blessed with three children. He was a devoted husband and father who cherished his family and the precious moments they shared.

Derel accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior and was a member of Moncks Corner African Methodist Episcopal Church. His faith was a part of his journey, and he leaves behind a legacy of love and memories that will continue to live in the hearts of all who knew him.

Derel was preceded in death by his beloved twin brother, Jerel O. Matthews, Jr. Their bond was one that death could not erase, and Derel now joins his twin brother in eternal rest.

Those left to cherish Derel’s memory include his beloved wife, Natalie Matthews; his children, Derel Ti’Quan Matthews, Daumarion Matthews, and Da’Vonte Matthews; and So’Raya Blake, with whom Derel shared a special bond and whom he helped raise.

He will also be lovingly remembered by his mother, Robin Aiken Brown (Jerome); his father, Reverend Jerel O. Matthews, Sr.; his grandparents, Isaac and Vivian Aiken; his stepsister, DeMaria Myers; his step-sister, Martha Smalls (Derran); his stepbrothers, Jerome Brown, Jr. (Thomas), Shaquille Brown (Jackie), and Mijel Brown (Nicole); and his father and mother-in-law, Eddie Blake, Jr. and Virginia Blake.

Derel’s memory will also be treasured by his special aunts, Gwendolyn Graham, Patricia Hunley, and June Aiken; his special uncles, Isaac Aiken and Kenneth Vice; and a host of cousins, relatives, extended family members, church family, and friends who were blessed to know and love him.

Though our hearts are heavy with sorrow, we give thanks to God for the life of Derel O’Neal Matthews. We will remember his smile, his laughter, his friendships, his love for his family, and the memories he created along the way.

His earthly journey has ended, but his memory will forever remain in the hearts of those who loved him.

Rest well, Derel. Your work on earth is finished. May you rest eternally in the arms of your Savior.

ORDER OF Service

Reverend Bruce L. Francis, Officiating
Reverend Pauline Walker, Presiding

Processional Clergy & Family

Opening Hymn - #364 “My Hope Is Built”

Prayer..... Sister Betsy Shands

Scripture Readings
Old Testament..... Reverend Wallace Hurrell
Pastor, New Emanuel AME Church

New Testament Reverend Dorothy Duncan

Selection Moncks Corner AME Church Choir

Reflections (*Three Minutes Please*):
Class Leader Reverend Verdell Williams

Family Kerhyl Matthews, *Niece*

Solo.....Ms. Felecia White

Words of Comfort
Reverend Bruce L. Francis, *Servant Leader*
Moncks Corner AME Church

Committal

Viewing of Remains

Benediction

Recessional