



## Derrick Harrison

August 1, 1965 - June 20, 2017

### Obituary

Derrick Leon Harrison, affectionately known as “Big Dee” departed this world on June 20th, 2017 at Brookhaven Memorial Hospital in Patchogue, NY.

He was born on August 1, 1965 at Kings County Hospital in Brooklyn, NY. He was the 2nd oldest of 4 children born to Helen Harrison and the late Roosevelt Harrison Jr. He grew up in East New York, Brooklyn. He attended Thomas Jefferson High School where he was a star football player and worked part time at Texaco gas station. He continued his education at Suffolk Community College.

Derrick was employed by Farmingdale State College as an Environmental Specialist. He worked there for 16 years until he retired in 2015.

In 1997 Derrick met his soulmate Cheryl and the following year they were married. In 2008, they moved from Brooklyn to Mastic, NY where they lived with their children. He was very active in his community and heavily involved in youth football with his son and nephews.

Derrick was a very kindhearted man with a huge heart. He touched the lives of so many with his infectious smile and generous nature. He was someone you could always count on to check up on you to make sure you were ok. Derrick

would do anything he could to help the people that he loved and that included his immediate family, extended family and all of his friends.

He is survived by his wife Cheryl Harrison, 2 sons, Cain Harrison and Shahib Johnakin, 3 daughters, Deja Harrison, Tysheena Brathwaite and Iyana Simpson, 2 grandchildren, Shahib Johnakin Jr. and Kingston Johnakin, His mother Helen Harrison, 2 sisters, Pamela Harrison and Sharon Harrison, 1 brother Gregory Harrison (Kymara), sisters in law Penny Bremby and Tiffany Ketcham (William), brother in law Gregory Bremby, 6 nieces, 5 nephews, 1 grandniece, 1 grandnephew and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father Roosevelt Harrison Jr. and his son Terrance Brathwaite.

# Cemetery Details

## All Souls Crematory

72-02 Astoria Boulevard  
East Elmhurst, NY 11370

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **29**. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Grace Funeral Chapels  
607 North Conduit Blvd.  
Brooklyn, NY 11208  
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## Funeral Service

JUN **30**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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## Cremation ( Private)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Derrick Harrison*

November 11, 2022 at 12:38 PM



“ *Here it is, the end of March 2020, and the entire Globe is out of balance. My thoughts I keep to myself, because my beloved brother is no longer here to listen and console me. GOD, I miss him dearly. May he rest in peace, and as he lived, in absolute POWER.*

**His Sister** - March 29, 2020 at 04:24 AM



“ *Tysheena lit a candle in memory of Derrick Harrison*



**Tysheena** - December 19, 2019 at 04:43 PM



“ *Cain lit a candle in memory of Derrick Harrison*



**cain** - December 06, 2017 at 04:51 PM

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“ Cain sent a virtual gift in memory of Derrick Harrison



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**cain** - December 06, 2017 at 04:50 PM

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**cain** - December 06, 2017 at 04:38 PM