



Derrick Russ

November 4, 1959 - May 21, 2026

Derrick Russ, 66, of Brooklyn, New York, earned his heavenly wings on May 21, 2026. Derrick was born on November 4, 1959, in Manhattan, New York, the son of Margaret (Sowell) Dennis and Chester Russ.

Derrick graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in 1977. If you let Derrick tell it, this is where he first saw his future wife. They connected in 1999, and the rest was history. Derrick married Yvonne (Mayes) Russ on October 25, 2011, in Manhattan, New York.

Derrick worked as a Bus Operator at the Metropolitan Transportation Authority before retiring on April 1, 2026. Before that, he worked as a truck driver at Peerless Imports with his father, Charles, and then at Bartlett Dairy.

Derrick loved his music. If you heard good music in the area, you knew Big D/Chilly Dee was around. He was a people person who loved helping others. Although Derrick enjoyed hanging out to play a good game of dominoes or spades, he greatly cherished spending time with his family and closest friends, as well as traveling with his wife.

He was preceded in death by his biological Dad, Chester Russ, his mother, Margret Dennis, and his father, Charles Dennis.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Yvonne Russ; four daughters, Raynyoda Jackson (Terrence), Natisher Booker (Henry), Shaneeka Mitchell, and Monae Russ; three stepchildren, Thomas Guy (Tishana), Jamila Guy, and Jalila White (Frederick). His sister, Cynthia Hammond (Gregory). His sisters-in-law, Iva Chisolm and Joyce Miller; his brothers-in-law, Alfred Frasier and Junior Mayes. His niece, Alexis Hammond, and grandchildren, T'Ary Booker, Gianna Booker, Henry Booker III, and Ma'leiah Whitted. Derrick also leaves behind a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. His best friends were Bizze, Black, Bobby, Corn, Dahoo, Holiday, John, Mickey, Mitch, Pete, Rob, and Slice.

Upcoming Events

Visitation

MAY 30. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Service

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Burial

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Pinelawn Memorial Park and Garden Mausoleums
2030 Wellwood Avenue
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