



Mr. Derek Dwayne Brunson

April 26, 1965 - June 11, 2024

In Loving Memory Of

Derek Dwayne Brunson was born on April 26, 1965 in Detroit, Michigan, to the late Herman Brunson, Sr., and Lula Mae Watson. From this union, Derek was the youngest of five children. Three siblings, Herman Jr. (Billy), Lovnova, and Selena preceded him in death.

Derek was educated in the Detroit Public School system. He graduated from Kettering High School in 1983 and then he entered the work force. Derek was employed at J.C. Penney in the Loss Prevention Department for thirteen years. This is where he met Verdell Rickett. In 1992, Derek and Verdell joined hands in matrimony. To this union, their beautiful daughter, Hannah, was born. Derek continued his career at Beaumont Hospital where he worked as a security guard for twenty-four years.

Derek loved the Lord, and he was baptized at Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church. He then joined Jefferson Avenue United Methodist Church with his family. Later in life, Derek attended Transformation Christian Church.

Derek was an avid Michigan State fan. He enjoyed tailgating, grilling, shopping, listening to music, and watching old television programs like Dallas, the Dukes of Hazzard, and M.A.S.H. Derek was known as “DD” to his family and “T-Bone” to his friends. He loved to attend sporting events and family

gatherings.

Derek leaves to cherish his life and memory, his daughter, Hannah Alexis Brunson, former wife, Verdell Brunson, brother, Curtis Brunson (Jeanine), brother-in-law, John Banks, a special aunt, Lillie Williams, nephews, Curtis Brunson, Jr., and Kyle Brunson, nieces, Alexandra Banks and Jacqueline Banks, life-long friend, Jerome Bryant, and a host of loving family and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

Friday, Jul. **5.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
17600 Plymouth Road
Detroit, MI 48227
(313) 838-9770
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Family Hour

Saturday, Jul. **6.** 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

Saturday, Jul. **6.** 5:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Growing up, cousin DeeDee was always full of fun and laughter. That’s the way I will always remember him. Hannah, Verdell, Curtis, and extended family, you have our love and are in our thoughts and prayers.

Warms Regards, Tongia & Rodney Feagins and Andre Franklin

Tongia Franklin Feagins - July 05, 2024 at 08:00 PM



“ Love you, The Feagins & Franklin Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Derek Dwayne Brunson.



Love you, The Feagins & Franklin Family - July 05, 2024 at 07:49 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Derek Dwayne Brunson.



July 05, 2024 at 03:37 PM

DD

“ *Derek was a true Spartan fan & is missed by many of his extended Spartan friends. Deepest condolences and prayers for his family.* ”



Doug Dickey - July 05, 2024 at 12:11 PM

SS

“ *Scott Spencer lit a candle in memory of Derek Brunson* ”



Scott Spencer - July 05, 2024 at 12:24 AM

MO

“ *Michael Oliver purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Derek Dwayne Brunson.* ”



Michael Oliver - July 04, 2024 at 07:47 PM

TC

“ *1 file added to the album Beaumont Security Officers* ”



Tim Craft - July 04, 2024 at 04:30 PM

DD

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Denise DiPasquale - July 04, 2024 at 12:28 PM

DD

“ Derek (Bubba) son, brother, husband, father, uncle, co-worker, friend and so much more. You made us laugh at JCPenney and are remembered as the LP who was always smiling. I can't count the number of times you reduced the stress at work with a well timed and sometimes snarky remark and we all laughed. Some of the best memories, was when you would lecture juveniles about their sins, I would often have to leave the room so they wouldn't hear me laughing. You helped the rest of us keep our sanity in an often chaotic environment. I will always carry a piece of you in my heart. I would like to extend our deepest condolences to Derek's family from the JCPenney family. Farewell my friend.

Denise DiPasquale - July 04, 2024 at 12:27 PM

DD

“ Denise DiPasquale lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derek Dwayne Brunson



Denise DiPasquale - July 04, 2024 at 12:18 PM

TS

“ *Brother Bones,
I was truly blessed to have worked with you for over 8 years. All the joking around and bowels of laughter we all shared together. The way we all watched each other's backs on them crazy calls at the hospital. I'm going to miss you until I see you on the other side my friend. Rest in peace 🙏❤️*

Tommy Spanski - July 02, 2024 at 01:19 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Derek Dwayne Brunson.*



July 02, 2024 at 10:42 AM

DL

“ *I was surprise to learn of Derek's (Boneman) passing. He was part of our YouTube family and was always very witty. To the family of Derek I extend heartfelt condolences. Rest in Peace Bones.*

Denise Labadie - June 22, 2024 at 07:51 AM

LS

“ *May Derek (boneman) rest in peace. Your Detroit memories will stay with me forever!*

Lila Sorensen - June 15, 2024 at 12:33 PM

FF

“ God bless Boneman for the joy and love he gave others and the heart he gave in everything he did. He made you smile and made you feel good when you needed it and made you feel that the world was a better place. May we all take a example of what he did and share it with others the way he shared it with us.

Freddy L Feliciano - June 15, 2024 at 03:29 AM

AH

“ Derek brought so much fun and laughter into our lives through one of the most surprising ways - YouTube! We have a channel and we knew him as 'Boneman' or rather ' BONES '. We would always shout 'BONES, how you doing' as he came into our livestreams.

Always bringing a smile to our faces and to those in the chat. We bonded over the fact that we were from Detroit. He was Coffee Joe's (my hubs) 'wingman' and would always say... 'Ang, leave that man be...' 🙄

I miss you Bones ❤️ Please know you made a difference and touched so many hearts with your soul. Rest.

Yo Ang (Angela)

Angela Homic - June 14, 2024 at 09:31 PM