



## Mr. Derez Anthony

July 27, 1961 - July 4, 2015

### My Story:

Derez Anthony was born to Thomas E. Walker and Ernestine Anthony Davis on July 27, 1961 at Detroit, Hutzel Hospital. He was a proud Detroit Public School graduate of Cody High School. In high school he was an active and enthusiastic member of ROTC and he played the saxophone. After high school, he went into the US Marine Corps based in Concord, CA. where he was a military policeman.

He attended college and was honorably discharged. Early in his life his mother and father instilled a great work ethic, organization, and to work hard and do your best at everything attempted. Derez loved music, concerts, sports, baseball, being with his children, and movies. He lived in California and Georgia before making Michigan his final home. He had several positions as supervisor at Absopure Water, Bonnie White Bread, and Sears. Eventually he landed at Art Van Furniture Store where he continued a hard work ethic and again was raised through the ranks to be trainer/mentor for the delivery fleet. At Art Van for over ten years, he trained and mentored young drivers/delivery men with his many years of service with Art Van. Because he was so responsible, dependable, and trustworthy, he often was called upon to perform special delivery jobs for the owner of Art Van and his family. So trusted was Derez that Mr. Art Van allowed him often the privilege of driving the pride and joy of the Art Van fleet, the "flaming Art Van truck" for special

parades and events. He did everything with pride, responsibility, and hard work, and a great attitude.

Derez was the oldest of five children. He leaves behind to mourn his untimely passing: Michael, Dexter, Eric, and Tiffany; his adoring mother, Ernestine Anthony Davis; father, Lawrence E. Walker; grandmother, Thelma Anthony; six uncles and four aunts.

His grandfather, Ernest Anthony and two aunts and uncle preceded him in his transition from earth to heaven.

Derez was especially close to his uncle, Wayne and aunt, Robin Anthony. He depended on each for moral support, wisdom, and counsel. He considered his Aunt Robin Anthony his sister, greatest friend and confidant with whom he shared the secrets of his heart.

# Cemetery Details

## Trinity Cemetery

5210 Mt. Elliott  
Detroit, MI 48211

# Previous Events

## Family Hour

Friday, Jul. **17**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Peoples Missionary Baptist Church  
3000 McDougall  
Detroit, MI 48207

## Funeral Service

Friday, Jul. **17**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Derez Anthony*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *I am at a loss for words right now. I just found out today that Derez has passed away and I am deeply saddened. I've been trying to get in contact with him and I knew something had to be wrong. Derez was a nice and friendly man. I pray the outpour of love for Derez will give your family some measure of comfort.*

**Stacey** - September 08, 2015 at 12:32 AM



“ *I love and will miss you Uncle Derez love your niece Nicolette*

**Nicolette Davis** - August 26, 2015 at 12:48 PM



“ *Praying for your family Nicolette Grandma*

**Clara Edmond** - August 26, 2015 at 12:47 PM



“ *Daddy Derez- I love and miss you and I will always remember the valuable lessons you taught me! Your loving daughter Zoë Carter Anthony.*



**Zoë** - August 19, 2015 at 03:01 PM

JE

“ *Jenica sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Derez Anthony*



Jenica - July 16, 2015 at 09:17 AM

JE

*Praying the love, joy peace and strength of God will comfort you all.*

Jenica - July 16, 2015 at 09:22 AM

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*you will truly be missed.... you were a great friend Derez*

melissa thomas - July 16, 2015 at 03:15 PM

KC

“ *Karen Cowans lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derez Anthony*



Karen Cowans - July 15, 2015 at 09:34 PM



“ *Derez was an extraordinary co-worker and friend. Always smiling and in a good mood...Never had a bad thing to say about anyone. He was loyal, truthful, and more importantly one of the nicest people I know. I am so sorry to the family. This is a tremendous loss. Rest in peace friend.*



Doni Davis - July 13, 2015 at 10:56 PM

EW

“ *Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal. May the perfect peace of GOD which transcends all understanding be with you all at this special time. Praying that GOD will continue to strengthen and comfort the entire family.*

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**Eric Wheeler** - July 13, 2015 at 07:03 PM

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“ *Eric Wheeler lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derez Anthony*



**Eric Wheeler** - July 13, 2015 at 06:18 PM