



## Mr. Derrick Caldwell Roper

April 10, 1988 - January 16, 2019

Funeral Services for Mr. Roper of 1810 Allen Benedict Court Apt J-1 will be held on Wednesday January 23, 2019 at 3PM at Friendship Baptist Church, House Street with interment to follow in The Promised Land Cemetery. Public Viewing will be held on Tuesday January 22, 2019 from noon until 6PM at the funeral home. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 4-6pm Tuesday afternoon. A. A. Dicks Funeral Home is in charge of these services.

Derrick Caldwell Roper was born in April 10, 1988 and was the son of Judy Roper.

Derrick attended Richland School District Two Public schools and graduated with Richland North East High School Class of 2007. He attended Denmark Technical College. Once he left college, he enrolled in the Job Corp and completed training to become a Cable Technician. He also worked as a Commercial Cleaning Contractor in Columbia, South Carolina.

Derrick was an active member of Ridgeview Presbyterian Church and loved participating in the choir, youth club, Boy Scouts and leading youth service. Derrick also enjoyed attending services at Journey United Methodist Church and Friendship Baptist Church.

Derrick was a hardworking, loving, compassionate, and family-oriented. He

had a heart of gold and was often referred to as a gentle giant. He was very passionate and pursued his interest with great tenacity. Derrick had a passion for reading and learning; he was a frequent visitor of the Richland County Public Library, Downtown.

Derrick leaves to cherish precious memories: his mother, Judy Roper of Columbia, SC.; Siblings, Mustaqeem Abdul-Azeem (Michelle) of Brooklyn, NY; Tinalouise Polite (Amiru) of Abu Dhabi, UAE; Tyrone Macon of Lancaster, SC; April Roper of NY, NY; Mellissa Roper of Columbia, SC; Sunra Stephens of Staten Island, NY. An uncle and aunt a host of nephews and nieces, cousins and friends.

Derrick was reared with his nephews and nieces who were all around the same age, so, the standing joke of the family was to call him "Brother/Uncle" and he wouldn't have it any other way. He is truly loved and will be sorely missed

# Cemetery Details

## Promised Land Cemetery

1740 Cushman Drive  
Columbia, SC 29204  
(803) 254-4673

# Tribute Wall

GC

“ As a student with a sweet disposition and friendly smile, Derrick was one of my students at Virginia Park Elementary School. He was one of those students a teacher always remembers and thinks about from time to time. Derrick was always eager to learn and very curious about the world. I can still hear him say, "I can do it now" with a radiant smile. My students made Christmas ornaments one year using their school photographs, and Derrick gave me the ornament that he made. It is a treasured keepsake, and has been on my Christmas tree every year since 1998.

*I am so very sorry that Derrick has passed away, and my heart breaks for his family and friends. May his loved ones find peace and comfort in knowing that he is resting in the everlasting arms of our loving God. My prayers and thoughts are with you all.*

*Glynda Carroll*

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**Glynda Carroll** - January 31, 2019 at 08:49 AM

TC

“ Tiffany Cochran lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derrick Caldwell Roper



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**Tiffany Cochran** - January 30, 2019 at 05:25 PM

TR

“ You will be missed.



TR - January 25, 2019 at 06:33 PM

DY

“ Denise Young lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derrick Caldwell Roper



Denise Young - January 23, 2019 at 03:55 PM

LA

“ You will be greatly missed. You had a heart of gold, and a smile that could light up the world. Get your rest. Rest in PARADISE Friend! Love you always, Ladawnya

Ladawnya Archie - January 23, 2019 at 03:53 PM

YJ

“ Photos of Derrick



Yolanda James - January 23, 2019 at 09:34 AM

DO

“ I taught Derrick while he attended Richland Northeast High School. He was a wonderful young man. He will be missed.

Denise Owens

Denise Owens - January 22, 2019 at 03:25 PM



“ 31 files added to the album Life Tributes



A A Dicks Funeral Home Sullivan Chapel - January 22, 2019 at 03:24 PM

HJ

Derrick I'll never forget you my good friend ,and Coworker your smile was the first thing I would see each day I came too work and now I'll never see you smile but I know your smiling down on me each and everyday. But one sweet day I will see your smile again my friend in "HEAVEN".RIP 🥹💔

Harold Jackson,jr. - January 22, 2019 at 11:36 PM

YJ

“ My deepest condolences to the family of Derrick, These of some of my memories of Derrick. When Derrick came to live with my family and I, he was a very shy young man who always smile and never complained about anything. He enjoyed playing outdoors with his friends when he was younger. In school, he took pride in all of his accomplishments during his stay with my family and I! Derrick also enjoyed eating out at his favorite restauraut like Golden Corral. Also, if Derrick was pleased with the food, he would smile. Even though Derrick was a quiet and Kind youngman his smile was so contagious which made others approach and show an interest in him. Again, my deepest condolences go out to you and your family.



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**Yolanda James** - January 21, 2019 at 04:20 PM

SG

“ Derrick Roper was a kind and respectful young man and he always had a smile even when he didn't have much.Derrick you will be miss. Rest in peace

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**Sharrian Gunter** - January 20, 2019 at 10:50 AM