



Derek James Mitchell

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Derek James Mitchell left this earthly life on April 20, 2021 in Tempe Arizona. Born in Tampa and raised in Trinity, Florida, Derek loved his family, his friends, his dogs and he held a special place in his heart and mind for children, and those who were homeless or hungry.

Known for his magnetic smile, which could light up any room, Derek cared deeply for his family, friends and those he loved. His interests included all things outdoors, sports—especially basketball, taking good care of his dogs, working out, and for the last several years, the practice of yoga, particularly Bikram.

Derek earned his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a triple major in Real Estate, Finance and Entrepreneurship from Florida State University, graduating Magna Cum Laude. He would go on to complete 49 credit hours towards his Master of Science degree in Building Construction at the University of Florida in Gainesville where he enjoyed the study and concentration of sustainable practices. Using his education and experience, Derek built over 40 homes in New Port Richey, worked for Balfour Beatty on an interstate road project in Austin, Texas, and most recently a work and live condominium project in Scottsdale, Arizona. Derek was coming home to work on a major project that will help promote the quality of life in Pasco County.

Survived by his loving parents, Dewey and Becky Mitchell, sister Carly and brother-in-law James Wilson, and nephews Jimmy and Bodhi Wilson, Derek is predeceased by his grandparents Jim and Dorothy Mitchell and Eugene Rippy, along with his Uncles Jimmy Mitchell, Jim Avery, Aunt Tyra Durbin, and Cousin Ryan Durbin. Derek predeceased his maternal grandmother, Lucille Rippy of Bowling Green, Kentucky. Additionally, he leaves behind his Aunts Mary Mitchell Avery and Melissa Williford, Uncle Chris Rippy (Sherry), cousins Linda Chapman, Samantha Houle (Steve), Mary Pfaffko (Max), James Dean Mitchell (Sarahy), Seth Williford (Holly), Taylor Williford, and Amber Cassibry (Gary). There are many more extended family members, but Derek always



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had a special relationship with Chelsea Houle and Kaelynn Moore. He also leaves behind his dear and treasured friend Hillary Madler.

Derek left us too early. But he will be remembered and cherished for all he offered the world through his bright mind, caring heart, love of children, infectious laugh and loving spirit.

A memorial service will be held Saturday May 1st at Generations Christian Church. The family will receive friends and family for visitation from 2:30 until the service begins at 4:00PM

Link to live stream for funeral service:

<https://vimeo.com/543283310>

Burial will be private following the funeral service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests charitable donations to: Metropolitan Ministries Pasco,

https://secure.metromin.org/site/SPageNavigator/2021_Impact_Fund.html?_ga=2.83465813.239397387.1619552682-579418342.1615296519

SPCA Suncoast Pasco,

<https://secure.qgiv.com/for/spcsun>

One Community Now,

<https://onecommunitynow.com/donate-now/>



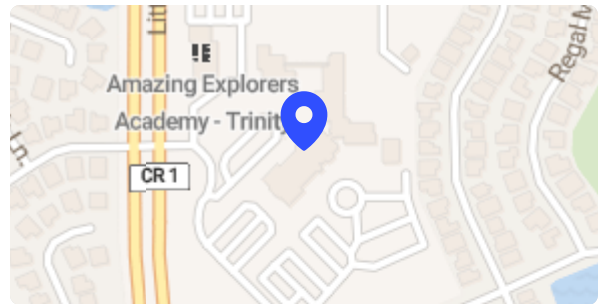
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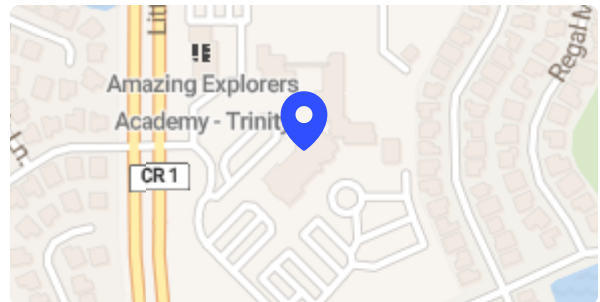
Visitation

- 📅 **Saturday**, May 1, 2021
- 🕒 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM ET
- 📍 **Generations Church**
1540 Little Rd, Trinity FL 34655



Service

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Lorie Krieg posted:

So Sorry Becky & Dewey for the loss of your beloved son Derek - my heart goes out to you both & your family . May he always be your guardian angel - my mother Lorna Ernst also send her condolences . Lorie Krieg & Family

May 5 at 7:44 AM



Arlene M Rudolph posted:

Dear Becky and Dewey, I was sad to hear of your loss, I remember so many of the times we all spent with our young ones sharing basketball , I remember also your Mom and Dad, please know you all are in my prayers, Derrick was such a good guy Brendan talked of him often please know we will pray for you all, love and Peace to all. Arlene and Brendan

April 30 at 4:02 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Mitchell family.



April 30 at 10:55 AM



Cathy Hanson posted:

Dear Dewey, Becky and Carly. We are very saddened to hear of Derek's passing. Fond memories at the baseball park and basketball games. Forever in our hearts. God Bless and prayers for all. The Hanson's. Greg, Cathy, C.J., Kevin

April 29 at 4:01 PM



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Ryan James posted:

Derek, The first time we met I knew immediately we would become friends. I didn't know hardly anyone in your class because we all came from River Ridge Corey Miller, Eddie Garton, Reggie Miller, and I so excited about this new Mitchell High School..yet all of us were from Trinity and Wyntree. I remember you introducing yourself to me because my brother Michael was dating your sister at the time and wanted to know what or who these Crites brothers are. The confidence you carried made every guy gravitate towards you at that moment I knew what type of person you are. From the many House Parties that I was throwing. I invited you to one which you bought your entire crew. That moment we all linked up as Mitchell, instead of being from Gulf, River Ridge, or Seven Springs. Creating this Bond of Brothers turned into this entire circle of friendship. That was you man you had a way of making every guy feel unique and Unstoppable. I don't know if it's because you didn't have any brothers is why we all became Brothers in the first place? Yet I wouldn't change anything from my high school and college memories of you. The news that you passed broke my heart into a million pieces. You always had a way of making every guy feel like their brother, way of understanding, also helping others. Fly high Big D know that I love you brother. You will truly be missed. My sincerest condolences to the Mitchell Family. Sincerely Ryan James

April 29 at 7:46 AM



Anonymous sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Mitchell family.



April 29 at 6:23 AM



Nadeem Mazhar sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Mitchell family.



April 29 at 5:03 AM



James Wilson posted:

Derek, I always wanted a brother, and that dream came true; although, it was taken away from me too soon. When you moved out to Texas, a genuine bond was formed. You certainly showed me the real sibling experience. While our time together was cut short, it will remain in my heart forever. You were a great uncle to my kids and always so good to my mom. Rest assured that your sister is taken care of from here on out. I love you bro... see you on the other side.

April 28 at 5:58 PM



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Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Mitchell family.

April 28 at 5:15 PM



Holly Edgar lit a candle in honor of Derek.

Dewey, Becky, Carly & Family, Words can't express the sorrow we feel. Sending you prayers for strength and comfort as you face each day. Derek was one of a kind with a beautiful smile and a beautiful soul. God Bless you all. We are so very sorry for your loss. Tim & Holly Edgar, JT, Collin and Todd

April 28 at 4:31 PM



Ellen & Dave Holeman posted:

We remember working with your family in school and the softball field. Our daughter, Audrey, played ball with Carly and Derek was in her gifted classes. We are so sorry for your loss. We hope your family will have support and encouragement during this time of sadness. We will send prayers for Derek while he is on his new life's journey. He will always be around you. The Holeman Family Ellen & Dave

April 28 at 1:43 PM



Linda Ward sent a Gracious Lavender Basket to the Mitchell family.

April 28 at 12:37 PM



Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Mitchell family.

April 28 at 12:15 PM





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SC

Stephen Chapal posted:

Derek You could make anyone smile on their worst day. Such an amazing person and I will always hold on to the memories we made over the years. My condolences and prayers to your family. You will be missed and never forgotten my friend! Love you Big D. Chap

April 28 at 12:07 PM

DI

David Ishaq shared 4 photos to the **Memories Album** album.



April 26 at 2:56 PM

DI

David Ishaq shared an album called **Memories Album**.



April 26 at 2:56 PM

JC

Johnny Davis (Constance) sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Mitchell family.



April 28 at 10:01 AM

LC

Linda And Christy sent a Love's Tapestry to the Mitchell family.



April 28 at 8:57 AM

CC

Cheryl Landon, Mother, James, & Carly posted:

Dearest Derek, You will be sorely missed. Always loved! Forever touched by ur special sparkle, heart & smile. How incredible an Uncle to my, Becky/Dewey Grandboys: Jimmy & Bodhi! Ur spirit flows in them. Ur God's Glory! I luv u Derek!! C- Dawg

April 28 at 8:49 AM



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Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Mitchell family.



April 28 at 7:03 AM



Samantha Rice shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Derek, I'm so grateful I got to be a friend to you and share a small bit of this life with you. You made me feel beautiful and loved during a difficult time in my life and really uplifted my confidence and spirit. Through you I gained a beautiful friendship with your sister! You will be missed and forever loved. Rest In Peace. Love, Your friend Sam xxoo



April 28 at 5:17 AM



Anonymous sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Mitchell family.



April 28 at 4:37 AM



Kimberly Ciolli sent a Rose Garden Heart to the Mitchell family.



April 28 at 3:12 AM



Carly Wilson shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

My partner in crime, my shoulder to cry on, the light in my darkness, always my protector, my hero, my best friend... until the day I get to wrap my arms around you and laugh with you again... rest peacefully my big brother and guardian angel. Love you more



April 28 at 1:27 AM



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Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Mitchell family.



April 27 at 8:34 PM



Anonymous sent a Magnificent Life Spray to the Mitchell family.



April 27 at 6:11 PM



Kelly Callies posted:

Dewey and Becky So sorry to hear about the loss of your Son. That is something no parent should have to face, I can not imagine what your going through . Kelly Callies.

April 27 at 4:55 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Mitchell family.



April 27 at 3:25 PM



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Ken Cornelius lit a candle in honor of Derek.

Dewey, Becky and family, My Prayers and deepest sympathies are with you all. May you take comfort in the love of God. Your memories and love of Derek will outlast and outshine these times of sorrow. God bless you ! Respectfully, Ken Cornelius



April 27 at 2:37 PM



Carol Kinnard April 28 at 5:27 AM

Sending our love and prayers for Dewey, Becky, Carly and the entire Mitchell family. We have faith that Derek is rejoicing in heaven with his grandparents. May you feel the love of our Lord and your family and friends and be comforted. Kel and Carol Kinnard



Margaret Graham April 27 at 5:05 PM

Dewey, Becky and Carly. Jeff and I are so very sorry for your loss. We are without words. Please know we are hear for you at anytime. It is not easy burying your child. Please reach out to us if you need ANYTHING at all. We are also hear if you need a chat. If you need to vent. Anything at all. Derek will be missed by many. ❤️Margaret & Jeff Graham



The Lift Team And Family sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Mitchell family.



April 27 at 2:02 PM



Kindest Personal Regards, Lynn Wells sent a Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet to the Mitchell family.



April 27 at 9:40 AM



Anonymous sent a Basket Full of Wishes to the Mitchell family.



April 27 at 5:45 AM



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Anonymous sent a Sweet Tranquility Basket to the Mitchell family.



April 27 at 5:35 AM



Anonymous sent a Vivid Recollections to the Mitchell family.



April 27 at 5:28 AM



Georgia Bickford posted:

Dear Dewey, Becky and Family, May our God of Eternal Life hold you tight in His loving arms and may your Faith and your happy memories of Derek bring you smiles thru the tears. Love and Prayers, Georgia and Dick Bickford

April 26 at 5:18 PM




Carol O'Connell April 27 at 10:02 AM

Dear Dewey, Becky, and family, May you be surrounded by the love of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ in your time of loss and grief. Your love for Derek and your memories are precious. My love prayers are lifting you all up! Carol O'Connell



Joanne Franco Surmin shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Derek, Your friends and family will miss you and we are all heartbroken....  I'm blessed to have called you and your family my friends all these years. You are a shining star, always a smile on your face, a nice guy, and a great hugger! You are a great friend to many of Mitchell's best and a wonderful son, brother and uncle. I loved hearing you call my name when you saw me..."Ms. Surmin!" :) I'm glad I was able to see you at James' house on this day :) Love you ...Rest In Peace



April 26 at 2:56 PM



Katie Mooney April 30 at 3:25 PM

So sorry to hear this news! God Bless you in this time of grief and know that God is with you! We love you and pray for peace to all of your family!



David Ishaq shared 4 photos to the **Memories Album** album.

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April 28 at 10:19 AM





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Samantha Rice shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

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Carly Wilson shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Derek by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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