



Derrick Joseph Kerley

March 1, 1995 - March 5, 2018

Derrick Joseph Kerley, age 23 of Crown Point, formerly of Cedar Lake, passed away March 5, 2018. He graduated from Hanover Central High School, Class of 2013, and attended Purdue University Calumet. Derrick was also a certified personal trainer. He was a member of Holy Name Catholic Church in Cedar Lake. Derrick was a loving son, brother, nephew, godson, cousin, and friend. Derrick, with his hair of gold, would light up any room, with his million dollar smile and the twinkle in his eyes; but, he will be remembered most for his kindheartedness and his passion for riding motorcycles. He will be greatly missed.

Derrick was preceded in death by grandparents- Milton and Naomi Kerley and Clarence and Carolyn Kozminske; uncles- Tom Kozminske, Jerry Kerley, and Everett Borders.

He is survived by his parents- Rick and Connie Kerley; sister- Breanna Kerley; aunts- Sharon (Andrew) Armstrong, Patricia Kozminske, Dwana Kozminske, Kathleen Kozminske (Norm) Theoret, Donna Borders; uncles- David (Aura) Kozminske, Jim (Judy) Kozminske, Joseph Kozminske, Boyd (Sharon) Kerley, Mike (Cheryl) Kerley, Virgil Shreffler; girlfriend- Andra Bleier; numerous cousins.

Visitation will be held from 3-8 p.m. on Friday, March 9, 2018, at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place DIRECTLY at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 10, 2018, at Holy Name Catholic Church, 11000 W. 133rd. Ave, Cedar Lake, IN. Interment at

Holy Name Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Hanover Central Men's Soccer Team, in care of Burns Funeral Home. www.burnsfuneral.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 9. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point
10101 Broadway
Crown Point, IN 46307
(219) 769-0044
info@burnsfuneral.com
<https://www.burnsfuneral.com/>

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 10. 10:00 AM (CT)

Holy Name Catholic Church
11000 W. 133rd Ave
Cedar Lake, IN

Tribute Wall

KK

“ *Kathleen Kozminske lit a candle in memory of Derrick Joseph Kerley*



Kathleen Kozminske - March 23, 2018 at 03:59 PM

KK

“ *My Derrick My Derrick...so many memories I shall cherish with you. As I have said you were my summer buddy. Loved loved spending time with you. You were always so energetic, animated, full of life, spirited, bubbly, enthusiastic, always cracking a joke, and just being you which was simply the best. No wonder you had so many friends who wanted to hang out with you. Oh yes, you promised to get me into shape too!!! Words can't express how deeply sadden we all are but I know now I have a new angel watching over me. I still find those coins but hope to find many more so I know you are okay and looking down on us all. Love you more each day...as I do have sooooooooooooo many stories to share and who will get my 116? Rest peacefully and don't be a stranger...as I await those coins and signs.*

ALL MY LOVE FOREVER AND EVER...Your Auntie Kathleen

Kathleen Kozminske - March 14, 2018 at 01:58 PM

AB

“ *Amy (Cox) Burns lit a candle in memory of Derrick Joseph Kerley*



Amy (Cox) Burns - March 09, 2018 at 10:23 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Derrick Joseph Kerley.*



March 08, 2018 at 11:00 PM

MZ

“ *I taught Derrick in 3rd grade. He was such a joy to have in class. He was considerate and very smart. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends at this difficult time.*
Ms. Zyzanski-Jane Ball

Ms. Zyzanski - March 08, 2018 at 07:58 PM

SR

“ *I worked with Derrick at Target...he was such a sweet young man...his Target family is devastated at his loss...his smile lit up the whole back room...prayers that the family finds comfort in the knowledge that he brought so much joy to so many people...we miss him dearly*

Sherry Rogge - March 08, 2018 at 07:37 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Derrick Joseph Kerley.*



March 08, 2018 at 07:36 PM



“ *Love, Janet & Ray Newhouse, Vickie & Joe Leale purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Derrick Joseph Kerley.*



Love, Janet & Ray Newhouse, Vickie & Joe Leale - March 08, 2018 at 04:27 PM



“ *I met Derrick when he dated my neighbors daughter. He was such a gentleman, always polite, and you could just tell he was just a good kid thru and thru. I can't even begin to imagine the heartache his family is experiencing now. I pray for them, for healing, and that they can feel that a whole community is lifting them up during this sad time. Hugs, love and continued prayers for the Kerley Family. Matthew 5:4 " Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted".*

*With Love,
Kay De Young*

Kay De Young - March 08, 2018 at 02:06 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Derrick Joseph Kerley.*



March 07, 2018 at 10:27 PM



“ *Derrick graduated with my Anthony (Garcia), I remember a sleep over at your house for his Birthday and your parents being so sweet. My heart breaks for you at this time...may God ease your pain and comfort your family in this time of need ❤️*

Jessica DeGroot - March 07, 2018 at 09:24 PM



“ *Dear Connie, Rick and Breanna,*

Words cannot express our heartache and sadness on hearing about Derrick. He was truly a gentleman and kind soul. His beautiful smile and kindness will always be remembered and always be with us. We hope that in time, wonderful memories will help bring some comfort to you. He will be greatly missed and never forgotten. We love you and our hearts go out to you.

*Love,
Janet & Ray*

Janet Newhouse - March 07, 2018 at 08:24 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Derrick Joseph Kerley.*



March 07, 2018 at 08:19 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Derrick Joseph Kerley.*



March 07, 2018 at 06:41 PM



“ *Connie Koz Kerley and family. I am so sorry of your loss. I can't imagine losing one of your children. Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Cheryl (Hughey) Anderson - March 07, 2018 at 06:20 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Derrick Joseph Kerley.*



March 07, 2018 at 05:39 PM

DK

“Derrick my nephew, you were a big part of my families life. You became very close to my boys, Rychard and Alex, at an early age. I remember you and my boys spending countless hours gaming during the holiday breaks at our house or yours. As you grew older and became a young man your interests included girlfriends which sometimes left a little bit of awkwardness with you and my boys. They couldn't understand how she was so important that you couldn't go in the basement at aunt Patti's during the Easter Party to play some Rune Scape. When you finally had your own car you would make surprise visits at our house, arriving unannounced but always welcome, spending the weekend with Aura, myself and the boys. You always brought a warm smile and a happy demeanor with your presence. It was amazing as competitive you were with the boys I never saw you get angry.

You loved working out and developed a passion for exercise science and like myself considered a career as a trainer. We often talked about our different workout regimens and I was surprised when you took the "NASM", National Association of Sports Medicine, certification program and passed. I knew then that you were serious about becoming a trainer. I often imagined you and myself teaming up as a dynamic training duo and opening our own training facility.

Derrick my nephew, you will be sorely missed by me, my wife and the boys, but thank you for making my life a lot richer, by you, being a part of it.

Love you forever,
David, Aura, Rychard and Alex Kozminske

David Kozminske - March 07, 2018 at 05:04 PM

KW

“ *Kevin and Kaitlyn Willy purchased the Celestial Love for the family of Derrick Joseph Kerley.*



Kevin and Kaitlyn Willy - March 07, 2018 at 03:48 PM