



Derek Street

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Derek Emory Street, beloved son and brother, passed away at age 22.

Derek was a remarkable person - artistic, musical, athletic, brilliant in academics, and a skilled cook. Everything Derek was interested in, he quickly learned to do very well. He was observant, witty, and sophisticated beyond his years. Derek was a pleasure to raise as a child, excelled in school, and had many friends.

Unfortunately, Derek had a disease that emerged in his late teen years that neither he nor his family could overcome. Alcoholism and substance abuse took Derek and took him away from his loving family. To any family dealing with addiction, our compassion and sympathy go out to you.

Derek is survived by his parents, Philip Emory Street and Mary Ruth Street, his sister Allison Street (Austin Londono), his aunt Jane Essig (Bob Jackson), his uncle Wesley Hagler (Kim Shugar), cousins Kendra Essig (Isaac "Kal" Morales) and Peyton, Cason, and Hannah Hagler, his step-grandmother, Gaynel Hagler, and extended family members. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, his cousin Cody Essig, and his aunt Janet Street, as well as several close friends.

A memorial in Derek's honor will be held October 18 from 2-4PM at Unity-Eastside Church, 8551 Buck Lake Road, Tallahassee. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Derek's name to Catholic Charities of Northwest Florida or a charity of your choice.



Tribute Wall

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Mackenzie Trapp shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



My thoughts are with Derek's family and friends, as I cannot begin to grasp the grief they are facing in the wake of such a devastating loss. I had the privilege of meeting Derek in 2018 and dating him until 2022. He was the most intelligent, artistic, creative, and unique person I've known. The memories of my trips to Tallahassee and his journeys to Central Florida will always hold a special place in my heart, and I am beyond grateful to have shared that time with him. I cannot find the words to describe the kind of person Derek was, though I know that if he were in my place, he could easily. His way with words was effortless and poetic in a way that was entirely genuine, never performative and never forced. I never had the opportunity to meet his family or many of his friends due to our distance, but I am thankful to the people who surrounded him, supported him, and helped shape him into the magnificent person he became. Derek was a force of nature-- powerful, yet so gentle. He refused to be anything other than exactly who he wanted to be. Attached is one of my favorite photos of Derek, from the day we first met in person.

April 8 at 6:22 AM

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Angel Flynn posted:

I had the pleasure of meeting derek when he was around 16/17. He gave the kind of advice that would change the way you think about struggling for life. Derek once told me "You are a conduit of nature and creation is inevitable." when I considered seeking a new career path outside of art. I am still a kids book illustrator, I think about that every time life gets difficult. I will always remember Derek as the creative, funny, kindhearted man he was, and I am beyond sorry to hear of his passing. You all raised a very caring a kind young man and he will always be remembered as such by me and so many others thank you.

December 26 at 9:06 PM

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Julia lit a candle in honor of Derek.



October 22 at 12:37 PM



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Phil And Mary Street posted:

Thank you to everyone who came to Derek's memorial/celebration of life yesterday. The chapel was filled to standing room only. We are thankful that so many of Derek's friends got word about the service and were able to be there. My heart is full of the love you all expressed for our son. The grief is so deep because the love is so strong. Love and light to you all.--Mary (M.R.) Street (Derek's mom)

October 19 at 5:20 AM



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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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