



Derrick Curtis Kline

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Derrick Curtis Kline, 30, of Pana, Illinois, formerly of Monticello, passed away December 23, 2025, at Springfield Memorial Hospital.

Derrick was born in Decatur, Illinois, on May 11, 1995, the son of Joseph and Sandra (Jenkins) Kline. Derrick was a beloved uncle to scores of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. He, in turn, was so proud of being an uncle that he kept finding more reasons to love it, and he listed those reasons on his t-shirt. He enjoyed playing video games, watching WWE wrestling, and checking out Corvettes. Most of all, he loved being around people, especially his family. He brought light and joy to all he met. He will be greatly missed.

Derrick is survived by his mother Sandy of Monticello; siblings Eric (Laura) Kline of Tallahassee, FL, Bobbie Kline of Monticello, IL, Marcena (Virgil) Shockley of Cerro Gordo, IL, Amanda (Audrie) Kline of LaPlace, IL, Bryan Kline of Mahomet, IL, Jerry Kline of Kankakee, IL, and Hailey Kline of Monticello, IL; special buddy Brayden Copeland; and a host of cherished nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, grandparents, brother-in-law Brian Klay, and great-niece Riley Burt.

Services for Derrick will be held on Friday, January 2, at Graceland Fairlawn Funeral Home. Visitation will begin at 2pm and will be followed by a service at 3pm.

Condolences may be shared with the family at <https://www.gracelandfairlawn.com>.



Events


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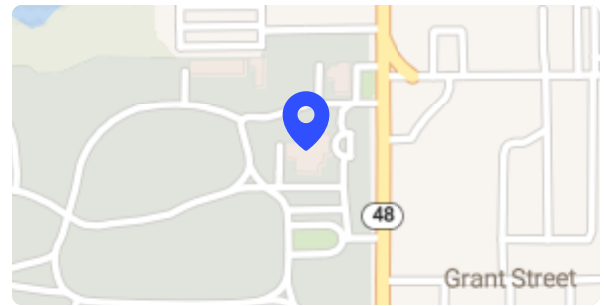
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Visitation


 **Friday**, January 2, 2026


 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM CT


 **Graceland Fairlawn Funeral Home**
2091 N. Oakland Avenue, Decatur IL 62526

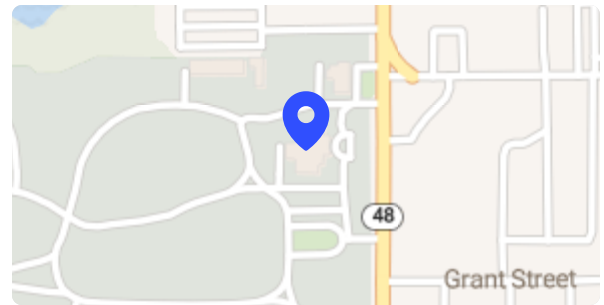


Funeral Service

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 3:00 PM CT

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Tribute Wall

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Derrick Tribute posted:

It was not anything dramatic.No speeches. No spotlight.It was the way Derrick noticed when someone was standing alone and made room beside him, as if belonging were something you could simply offer without asking. It was the way he listened, not to respond or to fix anything, but to let someone feel heard for a moment longer than the world usually allows.I remember a day when everything felt heavier than I could carry. Derrick did not try to take it away. He just stayed. He made a small joke, the kind that does not demand laughter but invites it. In that moment, he reminded me without saying so that I was not invisible and that my presence mattered even when I did not feel strong.T hat kindness stayed.It still does.People say time moves on, but some gestures do not fade. They settle quietly into who we become. When I choose patience instead of irritation, when I check on someone I could easily pass by, I realize I am still carrying a piece of what Derrick gave freely, without knowing how far it would travel.His kindness did not end.It continued through other people.It continues now.

January 15 at 1:38 AM



Donnette Coley posted:

Derrick was the most loving boy then man. He loved going for car rides through Allerton park.He loved singing and most of all he loved his family and friends, but he loved Jesus the most and now he is talking to Jesus in person. I'll never forget you and I'll love you forever.

January 1 at 5:47 PM



Anonymous sent a Basket of Memories to the Kline family.



December 29 at 9:09 AM



Skylar Hetzler lit a candle in honor of Derrick.

Was really wanting to meet you in person. We only video chat a couple of times on the phone. Wish I could have gotten to know you better. Love you big brother your little brother Skylar Hetzler



December 28 at 5:54 PM



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Kristian And Kelly planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Derrick.



December 27 at 2:43 PM



Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Kline family.



December 27 at 2:43 PM



Donnette Coley shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



December 27 at 2:37 PM



Lilly Hild posted:

Oh sweet Derrick. I had the pleasure of taking care of Derrick several times this past year while he was hospitalized. Even when he was sick, this sweet man never failed to smile. Jennifer (one of techs), had this joke to tell "yeehaw!!!" every time he saw me. Sure enough, everytime i walked by his room, you would hear a "yeeeehawww!!!" with his giggles to follow. He'd always ask for "the pretty nurse." On his whiteboard i'd always write "behave!" His reply would always be "never, Lilly!" This man had so much love to share, even in his sickest days. Rest in peace sweet Derrick, you will be missed (I know you're drinking all the chocolate milkshakes in heaven hehe). Love, Lilly ☐

December 27 at 11:47 AM



Sierra lit a candle in honor of Derrick.

Hello when I first met him back when I came to Decatur he was so happy to see me he always love to talk about his wrestlers to me and I'm going to miss his inspiration and encourage when he told me everything would be okay love you brother rest in peace from your sister Sierra



December 27 at 4:39 AM



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Sierra lit a candle in honor of Derrick.

I remember when me and Derrick hung out he was the light of the room he would get along with everyone rip love your sister

December 26 at 11:20 PM



Janice Manion posted:

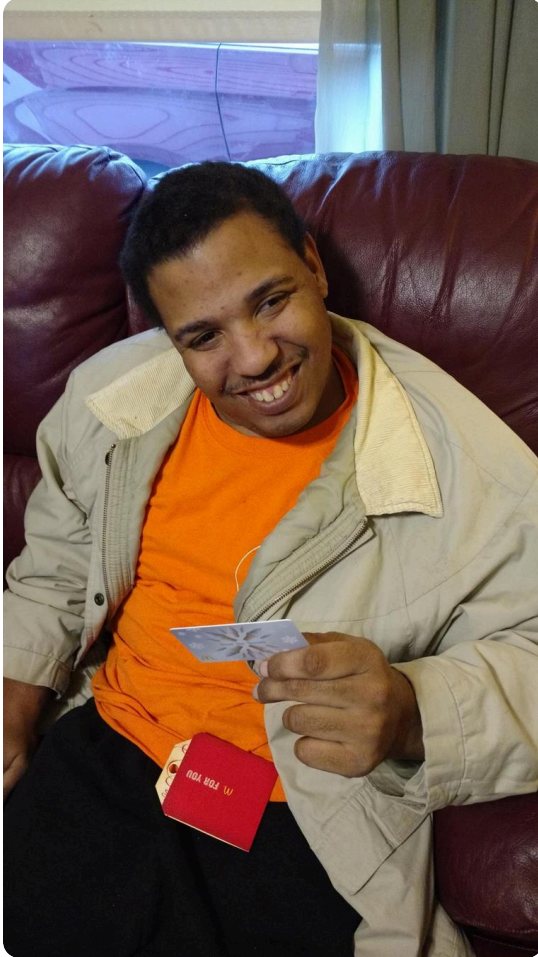
Oh sweet Derrick. You always brought a smile to my face.

December 26 at 10:13 PM



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Memories only last if you share them

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



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