

Pallbearers

Jeffrey Meeks
Robert Penn
Vernon Joseph

Gabriel Meeks
Earnest Dear
Denante Thomas

Honorary Pallbearers

Andrew Meeks
Minister Woody

James Bell
Phillip Henson

Flower Attendants

Friends of the Family

Acknowledgement

The family of the late Derrick Meeks would like to thank everyone who sent beautiful floral arrangements, food and monetary donations, called us with kind words, sent a card or was just there to help with anything that needed to be done. The sudden loss of Derrick was made a little easier with the love and support we received from our friends and family. Your expressions of sympathy were greatly appreciated and will never be forgotten.

~The Family

Interment

Edgewood Cemetery

Arrangements in Care of:



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A CELEBRATION

of Life
For



Min. Derrick Deandre Meeks

December 4, 1969—October 11, 2017

Service

11:00 AM, Saturday, October 21, 2017

*The Awakening Power of God's
Word Ministries*

9525 Gibson Avenue

Jacksonville, Florida 32208

Apostle Will A. Meeks, Officiating

Obituary

Derrick Deandre Meeks, the second son of proud parents Apostle AD and Evangelist LB Meeks, was born in Chicago, Illinois on December 4, 1969. He was educated in the Duval County (Florida) Public School System and graduated from Douglas Anderson School of the Arts in 1987, as one of the first charter school students. Thereafter, he studied Computer Science at Florida State College (formerly FCCJ) and Remington College in Jacksonville, Florida.

Derrick passionately pursued his hobby of musical composition while also pursuing his career endeavors. He was gainfully employed by several Fortune 500 companies: Anchor Glass Corporation (Jacksonville, Florida), Assistant Manager at Auto Zone Parts Store (Jacksonville, Florida), Department Manager at Walmart (Olive Branch, Mississippi), Johnson & Johnson Corporation (Racine, WI), and worked faithfully as an Armed Guard.

On December 28, 1991, Derrick married the love of his life, the former Miriel Penn, at Jerusalem Temple Church of God in Christ in Leland, Mississippi. This love story produced two beautiful children, Gabrielle and Derrick, Jr. Totally committed to their union – Derrick and Miriel loved fervently and unconditionally to the end.

Derrick's earliest spiritual upbringing was rooted in the Church of God in Christ (COGIC). He was baptized with the Holy Ghost at age nine and began preaching at age 14. There was a fire that burned with Derrick to preach, sing, and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with anyone that listened. In 1991, Derrick was installed as Pastor at Disciples of Christ Christian Center in Atlanta, Georgia. He would later serve as Pastor of the Awakening Power of God's Word Ministries in Jacksonville, Florida in 2001. Ordained as an Elder and called as a Prophet, Derrick touched many lives through ministry and friendship. His Love for God and Commitment to Holiness inspired and encouraged other believers. He was a "big brother" in the Gospel and loved by many. Throughout his ministerial career, Apostle AD Meeks, served as his Pastor and Overseer.

Derrick will be cherished forever by his beloved wife, Miriel; his daughter, Gabrielle Alivia Meeks (Jacksonville, FL) and son, Derrick Deandre Meeks, Jr (Gainesville, GA); Parents: Apostle AD and Evangelist LB Meeks; Siblings: Elder Andrew Meeks, Jeffrey Meeks (Bernice) of Jacksonville, FL, Lasha Meeks of Pooler, GA, Valerie Yousafzai (Joseph) of Acworth, GA, and Shurnita Jones (Phillip) of Acworth, GA; and one Brother-in-law: Robert Penn (Melody) of Stockbridge, GA. He will truly be missed by his godmother: Mother Annette Brown of Jacksonville, FL; goddaughters: Cailee Chism and Oriyana Polite; Special Friends: Elder Vernon and Felicia Joseph of Jacksonville, FL, and Minister Love of Racine, WI; a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends.

Order of Service

Elder Raymond Williams, Minister of Ceremony

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| Prelude | Musical Accompaniment |
| Processional | |
| Prayer | Apostle Will A. Meeks |
| Scripture | Elder Reginald Goodman |
| Acknowledgement of Pulpit Guests | Apostle Will A. Meeks |
| Words of Encouragement to the Family | Bishop TT Scott Jurisdictional Prelate, Presiding Bishop Northern Mississippi Churches of God in Christ (COGIC) |
| Selections | Valerie Meeks Yousafzai & Family |
| Expressions | Pastor Bo Todd, Folkston, GA Elder Vernon Joseph, Best Friend Minister Michael Woody, Best Friend |
| Acknowledgements / Resolutions | Elder Reginald Goodman |
| Selection | Meeks/Dear Clan Ensemble |
| Expressions | Robert Penn, Brother-in-law Jackie Meeks Pace, Cousin Earnest Dear, Cousin |
| Eulogy | Apostle Will A. Meeks Pastor, Sweet Honey in the Rock Restoration Church Atlanta, GA |
| Recessional | |