



Deron Wayne Daniel

September 9, 1965 - March 17, 2026

Deron Wayne Daniel was born September 9, 1965, to Jerry and Sue Daniel in Cincinnati, Ohio. He passed peacefully on March 17, 2026, in Lakeland, Florida.

Deron dedicated much of his life to Christian education and ministry. He graduated from Southeastern University in 2005 with a degree in Business and Christian Leadership and was a licensed Bishop in the Church of God. Deron served as both a teacher and principal at Mulberry Christian Academy for over 20 years. He also served as youth pastor then pastor of Mulberry Church of God for many years. Deron faithfully lived and served his community by investing in students and families and was known for his compassion and commitment to sharing the love of Christ.

Deron married his sweetness, Teri Daniel in 1986, celebrating 39 years of marriage. He loved spending time with his family, going on youth trips, fishing, and other outdoor activities.

Deron is survived by his loving wife, Teri Daniel; his father, Jerald Daniel, his children, Jennifer Jones (Matt), Jacob Daniel (Peyton), and Joshua Daniel (Brianna); his granddaughter, Audrey Jones; and his siblings, Jerry Daniel (Choe), Susan Daniel, David Daniel (Terrie), and Vicki Gill (Jay).

In addition, Deron is lovingly remembered by a host of nieces and nephews, and great nieces and nephews whom he cared for and loved deeply, along with many extended family members and dear friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to the local youth ministry here at City on a Hill Church, a ministry close to Deron's heart, reflecting his lifelong passion for investing in the next generation. Link to donate below.

<https://cityonahillcog.churchcenter.com/giving>

The Celebration of Deron's life will be held at City on a Hill Church in Lakeland on Saturday, March 21st at 10am.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Burial Park

4620 US Highway 98 S
Lakeland, FL 33812

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 21. 10:00 AM (ET)

City on a Hill
1942 W. Memorial Blvd
Lakeland, FL 33815

Tribute Wall

DC

“ Deanna C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deron Wayne Daniel.

Deanna C. - March 21 at 10:23 PM

TM

“ I remember when Deron and I took a group of teens to Jamaica on a mission trip. When we arrived at the airport, each of us grabbed our bags and headed to our destination. Upon getting settled in, I heard a knock at the door. It was Pastor D asking me to come look at his bag. He had mistakenly grabbed someone else's bag that was identical to his. The odd part was what was in the bag. He showed me a pair of pants that would have wrapped around him two or three times, a water hose and a pot. He said, I'm not sure what happened to my stuff, but I don't think any of this will fit me. Of course I suggested he try them on, just to make sure. He didn't, but we laughed for a looooooong time about the mixup! What fun I ALWAYS had with one of my dearest and closest friends, Pastor D.
I will miss you until heaven.
Love,
Your Seester, Tina Manus

Tina Manus - March 21 at 12:03 PM

SF

“ Deron was indeed a bright light with the most beautiful smile. Grateful to have had the opportunity to know him and his amazing family members.

Susan Freeman - March 20 at 10:19 PM

JW

“ *Pastor Deron- Brother Aubrey and I love you. Always have...always will. Your entire family holds a special place in our hearts. You enjoy Heaven! You fought a good fight and you kept the faith. Well done good and faithful servant.*

One picture is when I sang in the ensemble with Deron at Mulberry Church of God. Boy, could he sing! And the other one is on a Pastor Appreciation Day. Precious memories!

Love and prayers to my sweet Teri and the entire family. 🙏

I know you saw Jesus first and then your precious Momma. We will see you soon. I imagine you're smiling bigger than ever!!!



Joyce Wetherington - March 20 at 03:19 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Deron Wayne Daniel.*



March 19 at 02:16 PM

JB

“Deron, my friend, a Pastor, a leader, teacher, singer and probably many shoes he filled that I missed. From the pulpit, Deron was an awesome teacher. He was able to convey The Word in such a way that anyone could grasp it. When he prayed.....it was like the Holy Ghost was reaching right through him to your heart. Such power! He's rejoicing with his Mom right now and maybe even my son Dylan and holding the hands of Jesus. No more suffering. Rest easy. We will see you soon.

Juliane Bales - March 19 at 10:59 AM

JW

Well said!

Joyce Wetherington - March 20 at 03:35 AM

AH

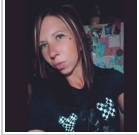
“Anita H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deron Wayne Daniel.

Anita H. - March 19 at 12:48 AM

A

“Rest easy Deron. Your battles are over. We will take it from here. Love you!

Anita Hester - March 19 at 12:41 AM



“ 25 years ago I got saved at the age of 9 with the help of Mr. Deron at Mulberry Christian Academy. I will forever remember that day for the rest of my life and I'm so proud to have had him apart of that special moment in my life. He was such a sweet soul with a heart like Jesus. The brightest smile that lit up the whole room. I know Jesus was waiting with open arms. He will be missed by many! Rest in paradise Mr. Deron Praying for the whole family!

Jena Lyn - March 19 at 12:40 AM



“ Deron and I are cousins. We have shared many memories over the years, from me making him cinnamon toast, to a day trip to Panama City. He enjoyed letting me know when I quit the pizza restaurant we worked at together that they installed a microphone to announce each persons name when their food was ready. Before that I would yell it to let them know. It tickled him. It wasn't long ago that we went to Cracker Barrel and saw a ghost buster car. He loved that we took our picture in front of it. I will miss him dearly. He was a special soul. Love you Deron.

Anita Hester - March 19 at 12:38 AM



“ My deepest condolences to all the family. I remember one occasion when Deron warned me out of a lake in Florida that “may” have alligators. I never forgot that he may have saved my life. Bruce Osborne

Bruce Osborne - March 19 at 12:33 AM



“ I will never forgot the light in Deron's smile. He lifted me up, made me laugh and brought the most amazing family into our lives. Watching Teri & Deron together always warmed my heart and it is my absolute privilege having known them.



Mel Powell - March 19 at 12:14 AM

JW

I love these two so much! All that know them are blessed.

Joyce Wetherington - March 21 at 01:19 AM



“ I loved how I could
Getingt a smile from him when he was at the front desk. I'm going to miss that beautiful smile and his laugh.

Angie Bass - March 18 at 10:07 PM