



Derrick Dishun Ponder

November 27, 1982 - October 25, 2025

Derrick Dishun Ponder was born November 27, 1982 in Griffin, Spalding County, Georgia to Darryel Ponder, Sr. and Hattie Harris Ponder. He was raised in McDonough, Henry County, Georgia. At an early age, he joined the Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Stockbridge, Georgia.

Derrick attended Henry County Public Schools and graduated in the Class of 2001 from Henry County High School.

Derrick enjoyed and played football, he loved working outdoors, enjoyed heavy equipment operations, and he loved fishing. Derrick sang in the choir as a youth at Mt. Olive Baptist Church and he had a beautiful voice. One of Derrick's favorite songs that he sang so well was "Falling in Love with Jesus." Derrick was a great grill master and he enjoyed displaying his cooking talents with his family and friends. Derrick loved his family and he loved the Lord. Derrick loved his son Ethan, dearly.

Derrick was preceded in death by his grandparents Annie Pearl and Robert Harris, Sr. and George Ponder, Jr.; uncles, Eugene Turner, Ernest Harris, Rev. James E. Harris, John Robert Harris, Robert Harris, Jr., and Martin Harris; and an aunt, Marrian Lawrence.

Left to cherish fond memories of Derrick are his parents, Hattie and Darryel

Ponder; son, Ethan Fields; siblings, Minister Malanda Ponder and Darrel Ponder Jr.; grandmother, Mildred Sims Ponder; nephews: Nathaniel Hood, Jeremiah Williams, and Blake Soden; and a host of uncles, aunts, cousins and friends.

Celebration of Life Services for Derrick Ponder will be held on Monday November 3, 2025 at 1PM. These services will be recorded and streamed live. If the event is interrupted at any time due to technical issues, the entire event will be uploaded and available to view later in the day. Please copy and paste the link to share, or simply click on the link to view the event.

<https://vimeo.com/event/5493183>

Previous Events

Viewing

NOV 2. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

W.D. Lemon & Sons Funeral Home - McDonough Chapel
300 Griffin Street
McDonough, GA 30253
(770) 957-4337
info@wdlemonfuneralhome.com

Service

NOV 3. 1:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Olive Baptist Church
469 Mt. Olive Road
Stockbridge, GA 30281
(770) 957-3308
mtolive@mtolivebcs.org
<http://www.mtolivebcs.org>

Interment

NOV 3 (ET)

Mt. Olive Baptist Church
469 Mt. Olive Road
Stockbridge, GA 30281
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Tribute Wall



“ *W.D. Lemon & Sons Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Derrick Dishun Ponder*



W.D. Lemon & Sons Funeral Home - November 02, 2025 at 04:11 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Derrick Dishun Ponder.*



October 31, 2025 at 01:57 PM



“ *He will be missed. Praying for his family.*



Alesia bearden - October 31, 2025 at 09:29 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Derrick Dishun Ponder.*



October 30, 2025 at 09:15 AM



“ *Derrick was always a shining beam of light in any room he came into. With a big heart and a smile that could capture anyone. Sending love and light to his family during this difficult time.*

Ashley Rodriguez - October 29, 2025 at 10:05 AM