



James Derrick Mason

September 12, 1963 - June 6, 2022

James Derrick Mason was born on September 12, 1963, in Fort Campbell, Kentucky to James Stanley and Doris June (Baum) Mason. Derrick grew up in Florissant, Missouri and graduated with the class of 1980 from McCluer High School. He furthered his education with Florissant Valley Community College obtaining several certificates.

Derrick was a hard worker and enjoyed working with his hands. He worked for Harlan Construction for many years and was part of the Laborers' Union. Derrick was known as a very talented and gifted drummer. His passion for drums began in high school and he played in several bands throughout the years.

Derrick liked to spend time outdoors and barbecue. He focused on things he valued most, especially spending time with his family and friends. Derrick loved his niece and great-nephews and treasured watching them grow. He was a loving son, caring brother, and cherished uncle.

Derrick departed this life on June 6, 2022 in St. Louis, Missouri at the age of fifty-eight years. He leaves behind his loving mother: Doris Mason of Florissant, MO; sister: Monica Slazinik and husband Norm of Caseyville, IL; niece: Andrea Yates and husband Brandon of Edwardsville, IL; great nephews: Donovan and Rhys; aunts: Brenda Thien and Sandra Curley; as

well as several cousins, other relatives, and dear friends.

Preceding him in death, father: James Stanley Mason; maternal grandparents: Wilburn and Alpha Baum; and paternal grandparents: Kenneth and Lola Mason.

Derrick will be remembered always as a gentleman, a man of great faith, a man who loved well and who was well loved in return. His memory will live on in those who loved him most.

Graveside Services for James Derrick Mason were held Thursday, June 9, 2022 at the North Lawn Cemetery with Pastor Chris Hendrix officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Wilson Mortuary of Salem, Missouri.

Online condolences may be entered at www.wilsonmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

North Lawn Cemetery

Salem, MO

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUN 9. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Salem, MO

Tribute Wall

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“Derrick and I played together Mojo Tooth for a couple of years, I believe 1989-90. We had a lot of fun and I have many good memories of those gigs. As boring as it should have been playing 'Mustang Sally' on Friday, then again on Saturday, almost every weekend for those two years (!), D-Man kept it fresh with his crazy chops and wise-ass sense of humor. We spent breaks talking about everything from Jimmy Smith to The Clash... he, along with Stan (who was at nearly every gig), introduced me to music I would never have heard otherwise... some of which became favorites for life. He and I lost touch shortly after that... I think I visited him at his house briefly in the later 90s in an attempt to recruit him for a new band, but it didn't come together.

I am so sorry for your loss, Doris, family and friends. Derrick and that brief time we spent together doing what we loved most - playing music - will live forever in my memory.

Eric Svoboda (aka E-Man back then by the Mojo crew)

Eric Svoboda - June 21, 2022 at 06:09 PM

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“Apart from being the drummer for The Skitzos, Derrick was a very dear friend for many years. My deepest condolences to Derrick's wonderful, loving family.

Terry Fair - June 20, 2022 at 10:14 PM



“ 60 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Wilson Mortuary - June 08, 2022 at 03:04 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of James Derrick Mason.



June 08, 2022 at 09:57 AM



“ *Doris, So sad to hear of James passing. Our prayers in the days ahead for you and your family.*

Bill & Sandy Bowers - June 07, 2022 at 03:59 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss did not know James but knew Grandma Lola she talked about him often have known the Curley family for many years prayers for all the family! Bobby Camden*

Bobby Camden - June 07, 2022 at 12:57 PM