



Derek Summers Jr.

February 1, 1991 - May 30, 2021

Derek Roszell Summers, Jr. (affectionately known as DJ) was the first-born child to Derek Summers, Sr. and Stephanie Johnson-Summers.

He was born on February 1, 1991 and departed on May 30, 2021, at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri from complications of Covid-19. DJ bravely endured multiple surgeries and setbacks during his six weeks of hospitalization and had begun rehabilitation. He was determined to make a full recovery. He had started walking again a few days prior to the 30th and a longer distance each day.

DJ and his wife, Amy Grace (Cunningham) started dating in 2013 and married on December 13, 2019. They enjoyed dinners, playing video games, volleyball and being with each other as much as possible. During his hospitalization, Amy temporarily moved to St. Louis to be at his bedside for countless hours providing emotional and physical care; as well as, providing updates for the family.

DJ was well loved and his devoted Aunt Maria flew in from Georgia and also spent countless hours at his bedside providing nursing care and updating his family on his progress.

His Christian faith was very important to him and was baptized at Cape First

Church in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, in 2014. During the spring of 2014, he was awarded a "Perspectives on the World Christian Movement" certificate. He was president of the Remix Young Adults group. Travels to Trinidad in 2014 and Jamaica in 2017 were for mission trips.

DJ graduated from Cape Central Senior High School in 2009 and Southeast Missouri State University with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems in 2016.

One of his first jobs, was as a Receiving Associate for Sears. Prior to his hospitalization, he was employed as a Web Developer for Big River Communication.

He loved fried chicken and more fried chicken with waffles!!! Marvel Universe was a joy for him and loved dressing with Batman paraphernalia. Volleyball was his favorite sport and favorite color was blue.

Everyone who knew DJ, knew that he was a quiet, kind, friendly and standup guy. He enjoyed playing video games when he had free time.

DJ is preceded in death by his grandfather, Charles L. Johnson, Sr. (Paw-Paw) and Grandparents, Willie and Versey Summers. He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Amy Grace Summers; his mother, Stephanie Johnson-Summers; his father, Derek (Tanya) Summers, Sr.; sisters, Brittani Summers (fiancé Demetrius Cannon) and Alexis Summers (fiancé Jake Fuemmeler); Emani Summers; grandmother, Sallie Johnson, bonus brother, Perry Harris, Jr. (PJ) and Brittany and their children, niece Makenna and nephew Myles, uncle, Charles (LaSaun) Johnson, cousins Morgan and Maya Johnson; aunts, Sandra, Valerie and Maria Summers: uncles Clyde and Claude Summers, aunt Gloria (Ira) Johnson and uncle Jerome Maclin, Jr.

DJ's family would like to thank the medical care he received at Southeast Hospital in Cape Girardeau, Missouri and Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri for the excellent care and their valiant efforts to save him.

Visitation will be 11:00 am - 1:00 pm on Saturday at Ford and Sons Mount Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau. The family requests a face covering to be worn during the visitation.

There will be no public funeral service.

Burial will be at Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery in Cape Girardeau.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 5. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Tribute Wall

GH

“ *Derek was a student in my fourth grade class at Blanchard Elementary. I remember him well. He was such a sweet, sweet boy. I am very sorry for your loss.*
Mrs. Gina Herzog

Gina Herzog - June 05, 2021 at 08:20 PM

SJ

Thank you Mrs. Herzog. I remember you quite well and enjoyed seeing you at Parent Teachers Conferences.

Stephanie Johnson-Summers - June 23, 2021 at 08:33 PM

MR

“ *Our hearts go out in sympathy to Amy, and the Summers and Cunningham families, at the devastating news about DJ. Our hearts and prayers are for you all!*
Sincerely, Mark and Karla Renaud and family

Mark Renaud - June 05, 2021 at 11:34 AM

JR

“ *Me and dj played video games almost everyday for the last year he was a super kind and awesome man we all will miss him Prayers for his wife and family*

james richmond - June 04, 2021 at 06:55 PM

SJ

James thank you for sharing that memory you have of Derek.
Stephanie Johnson-Summers

Stephanie Johnson - June 05, 2021 at 12:40 AM

AC

“ *Derek was one of my students at Washington Elem School! What an awesome young man he was! So kind and good! Prayers for the family at this tough time!* ”

Ann Cunningham - June 04, 2021 at 05:27 PM

SJ

Thank you so much Ann Cunningham for sharing.

Stephanie Johnson - June 05, 2021 at 12:44 AM

MP

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of DJ's passing. Praying for Amy and all the family! So grateful Derek knew Jesus! May the God of all comfort be very near to you!* ”

Mike Parry - June 04, 2021 at 11:36 AM

SJ

Mike Perry thank you so much.

Stephanie Johnson - June 05, 2021 at 12:46 AM

SB

“ I didn't know Derek however I've become close to him mom over the past few months. Stephanie spoke highly of DJ and her daughters. I know Stephanie loved her baby and he appears to have been an awesome man of God. I dislike the news however glad he is no longer suffering. Weeping May endure for the night but joy does come in the morning I'll leave for the family. Hold on and cherish the memories. My condolences to the Johnson and Summers family. I'll keep you all in my prayers. Hugs to you Stephanie and nothing but love your way. Stay Encourage Amy, Stephanie and DJs sisters and other love ones. God be with you all. 🙏



Shantelya BB - June 03, 2021 at 10:05 PM

SJ

Shanie I love you so much. Such beautiful words. God bless you.

Stephanie Johnson - June 05, 2021 at 12:48 AM

SB

You are so welcome honey. Please stay encourage love ❤️

Shantelya BB - June 05, 2021 at 10:38 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Derek Summers Jr..



June 03, 2021 at 07:12 PM

BF

“ *Big River Communications Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Derek Summers Jr..*



Big River Communications Family - June 03, 2021 at 06:08 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Derek Summers Jr..*



June 03, 2021 at 12:01 PM

EC

“ *We are so very proud to have had DJ as our Son-In-Law!!! DJ loved the Lord, and he loved Amy, with all of his heart!! What a wonderful BLESSING from God DJ has been to our family! Thank you, Thank you Lord!!!*
—Eric & Janet Cunningham



Eric & Janet Cunningham - June 02, 2021 at 11:34 PM

SJ

Thank you Eric and Janet for welcoming my son Derek into your family. Thank you for the kind words as well. God bless you both.

Stephanie Johnson - June 03, 2021 at 10:45 PM



Talana Shelton

Stephanie I always heard of DJ and I was looking forward to meeting DJ, Lexi, and Brittany. Trust and believe we still going to have our meet and greet. But Sis this is a hard pill to swallow. You have our sympathy so if you need anything Bobby and I are here for you. We love you Big Sis!

Talana Shelton - June 04, 2021 at 12:08 PM



SJ

I love you all too and yes it has been hard pill to swallow. Thank you for the kind words and please continue to pray for our family.

Stephanie Johnson - June 05, 2021 at 12:54 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Derek Summers Jr..



June 02, 2021 at 07:18 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Derek Summers Jr..



June 02, 2021 at 04:42 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of
Derek Summers Jr..



June 02, 2021 at 04:05 PM



“ *DJ you made it here me. I remember the talks we had at Sears,
about our faith and good God was to us.*

Daniel Long - June 02, 2021 at 01:12 PM