



Derek R. Tolleson

July 5, 1981 - June 29, 2024

Derek R. Tolleson, 43, passed away on June 29, 2024, in Middletown, NY.

He was born July 5, 1981, in Rockland County. He was the son of Derek Tolleson Sr. and Lucretia Callahan. He was employed by the Middletown Transit Company.

Derek will be remembered for his outgoing personality, love for riding motorcycles, and enthusiasm for racing quads and dirt bikes. Derek also had a deep passion for fishing, often spending peaceful hours by the water. Throughout his life, Derek touched the hearts of many with his kindness and willingness to help others. He had a large circle of friends who cherished his vibrant spirit and generous nature. As a school bus driver, Derek was adored by the children he transported.

Derek is survived by his mother, Lucretia Callahan; his sisters, Kelly Ann Plazzo, Billie Jo Griffo, and Colleen Callahan; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his father, Derek Tolleson Sr.; his grandparents, Diane Tolleson and Julius Wallenburgh & Harold and Elizabeth Myers; his aunt, Cathy Rose; and uncle, Charlie Rose.

Derek's warmth, adventurous spirit, and love for life will be deeply missed but always remembered by those who had the privilege of knowing him.

A celebration of life will be scheduled at a future date.

Tribute Wall

DB

“ *I love you Derek, I miss you soo much*



Denise B - October 01, 2024 at 08:52 PM

KM

“ *My condolences to Derek’s family. He was such a nice person and a great to work with. He will be sadly missed.*
Kathi M&M

Kathi M - July 16, 2024 at 05:44 PM



“ *Derek, you were an amazing bus driver and such a funny, kind man. You deserved so much more. We love you.*

Abby Lee - July 13, 2024 at 11:49 PM

EV

“ *Derek, You made our cruise so damn funny and my father took a liking to you so fast. Thank you for buying him a hat just like tired that he would take from you in the cruise. I just can’t believe you are gone. You will be so miss and I will never forget our talks. Give our pops a hug and kiss*

Eva - July 07, 2024 at 10:00 PM

RH

Yes he did, Derek gave me his hat dad always took it's on dads bible, Derek was a great person full of life around everyone it's so hard to believe he's not here

Roseann hoey - July 08, 2024 at 04:06 AM

TM

*“ I never had the pleasure of meeting Derek but felt as if I knew him through many memories that his stepmom, Nancy Tolleson shared with me about her stepson Derek over the years. You especially loved cooking for him. Nancy, my condolences to you and your whole family. May Derek RIP
Teresa McDonald*

Teresa McDonald - July 07, 2024 at 09:54 AM

JA

“ Derek is survived also by his Aunt Dawn, Step mother Nancy Tolleson & Many cousin who he was very close to from his fathers side. He was predeceased by his father, Derek Tolleson Sr.; his grandparents, Diana Tolleson and Julius Wollenberg ; his uncle James D. Rewalt. We are so heartbroken over this loss and we will miss Derek so much. Rest in peace my sweet cousin

Jamie - July 06, 2024 at 02:25 PM

CC

Well said

Colleen Callahan - July 06, 2024 at 06:12 PM

RH

You all don't know me but Derek and I were very close my son was his brother since their teen years I know a lot even how he was so depress with his dads side of the family fighting about his grandfather, when he was down and out and had no where to go we weren't his family but gave him that place to go if you all love him and know him no matter what he would not want anyone fighting plus this is a place for memories not for someone other than his parents to write an obituary unless both of his parents were deceased I am sorry, but this should've never happened. He didn't deserve this, but I do know he wouldn't want any nonsense either so please everyone let's let Derek rest in peace.



Roseann hoey - July 06, 2024 at 07:52 PM

NT

Derek I might not of given birth to you but I known you since you were 3 and married your dad when you were 10.i loved you as if you were my own son. I am truly going to miss you deeply. I will always cherish the good times we had going camping at the shore, going grabbing, or just hanging out. I am going to miss making your favorites dishes ,you always enjoyed what I made. You were gone to soon Derek, but I believe you are happy being with your dad, your grand parents,your uncle and cousins. Also I wanted to wish you your first Happy Birthday in Heaven Derek. I love you and will ever so miss you. Thank you for everything you done for me. RIP

Your loving step mom Nancy

Nancy Tolleson - July 06, 2024 at 11:39 PM

DS

RIP Derek you deserved so much more I love you Auntie Dawn ❤️

Dawn Spataro - July 07, 2024 at 10:54 AM

NT

Aunty Dawn Derek always treasured what you done for him. Nancy tolleson

nancy tolleson - July 07, 2024 at 11:28 AM

JM

You will be deeply missed Derek my sister Nancy is heartbroken as well as your Aunt Dawn and all your cousins on your dads side. You were very close to them especially your cousin Dana. Rip Derek. Say hi to dad from all of us

Joann McElroy - July 07, 2024 at 07:43 PM

BC

“ *Say hello to Heaven and everyone. I hope that your full from Grandma's birthday cake still. I LOVE You Brother*

Beau Cricketown - July 06, 2024 at 12:38 PM

RH

“ *I can write a book with all the memories My family and I had with Derek. He truly was my son from another mother.He surely will be missed & always loved by us and so many others.RiP and fly high unto we meet again I love you always will* ❤️🥹

Roseann hoey - July 05, 2024 at 06:12 PM