



Derek Sleater Cook

July 2, 1962 ~ December 5, 2025

Whomever it was who wrote his obituary nailed Derek to a tee! He lived life large, and never lost his love for others with all he went thru. It's funny that he thought of himself as never fitting in, because it was that quality that made him so endearing. I sure loved him, and have so many fond memories of times shared with him growing up in the 9th ward, and at BYU...all filled with so much laughter and fun. He made everything funner. All my love to the Cook family! I still consider you all dear friends even though our associations are virtual these days. Hugs to you all as you navigate this tender time. My thoughts are with you.

- Julie Rasmussen

I was so sorry to hear of Derek's passing! I'm sending love and my deepest condolences to the family. Derek recently called me and we had the nicest conversation. He was still so full of enthusiasm, love, and caring for others. He expressed so many kind sentiments to me. May he rest in peace, and may the family feel God's love and peace surround them at this time.

- Lezlie Peterson Evans

Nuestras más sentidas condolencias a sus familiares y amigos. Derek ha sido un ser humano muy especial para nosotros, lo llevaremos con amor en cada recuerdo compartido y en la conexión que a pesar de la distancia física siempre nos mantenía unidos, no hay palabras para describir toda su luz y magia que envolvía su persona, con tanto entusiasmo y amor. Le vamos a extrañar siempre. Reciban en nombre de nuestra familia un abrazo, desde Valencia -Venezuela.

- Adriana Olaizola

Derek was a great example of living life with passion and positivity. Always the life of the party. Always a friend you could count on.

- Eric Frame

I'm so sorry for your loss. I knew Derek at BYU, and he was such a bright light—full of energy and positivity. He had a way of making the ordinary feel fun. My deepest condolences to the Cook family. May his memory be a blessing. With sympathy,

- Heather Horner

I just tried to log in to the services for Derek and found that I need an update to do so. Being the techie that I am (not), I don't see that happening in time to catch any of it. I want all of you to know just how much I love all of your family. A huge part of my life and the lives of my family has been tied to your family. My heart aches for you. Kwow that my prayers for your peace and comfort are with you! Love, "Aunt" Linda

- Linda Rasmussen