



Roman Derick King

December 22, 1970 - February 13, 2026

Mr. Roman Derick King, known by his family and friends as the Greatest of All Times (G.O.A.T.), was a legend in his own way . Born on December 22, 1970 to the union of Roman King and Paulette Ball King, in Talladega, Alabama, Roman radiated love, charisma, and joy throughout his life-a beacon of light to all who had the privilege to know him.

Roman was nurtured in a loving home filled with faith and music, uniting with Antioch Missionary Baptist Church at a young age, where he showcased his musical talents on the piano. He was educated in the Talladega County School System where he was a graduate of Talladega County Training School in the class of 1989. With education being a fundamental part of his life, Roman continued his education by attending Alabama A & M University where he met two of his lifelong brothers, Chuck, and once making a visit to meet Chuck's family, he gained another brother, Mike. His love for learning led him to join the Army Reserve during high school and later enlisted full-time active duty in the United States Army in November 1990, where he served his country for four years with honor and distinction as an Administration Specialist and Cannon CRMBR.

Roman's military achievements are a testament to his dedication, including the following awards and commendations: Southwest Asia Service Medal Bronze Service Star-3, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Army Commendation Medal,

Army Achievement Medal 2nd Award, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, and Overseas Bar. Once returning to civilian life, Roman remained an active-duty member of the United States Army Reserve. Roman was a proud Gulf War Veteran whose education blossomed into full bloom when he received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Management of Human Resources from Faulkner University and he later received two master's degrees, one in Human Resources Management and one in Global Technology Management from American Intercontinental University.

In a career defined by excellence, Roman's career flourished in Global Technology. Roman began as a Data Conversion Operator in 1996 and held several positions in mail processing and customer service including Station Manager, Manager of Customer Service Operations, Manager of Post Office Operations and Postmaster in multiple locations to include Alabama, Tennessee and Virginia. He also served as the Officer-in-Charge for Washington DC, Maryland District. Before announcing the executive appointment of Roman D. King to the position of Postmaster of the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Post Office on June 15, 2024, he held the acting position as Officer-in-Charge of the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania from July 21, 2023. Roman is also a graduate of the New Supervisor Program (NSP), Advanced Supervisor Program (ASP), and Management Essentials for Field Leadership (MEFL). He was also Lean Six Sigma Yellow Belt certified.

Roman's heart truly belonged to his family. He found his soulmate in the former Ms. Alseca Holt, and they celebrated twenty-three years of marriage filled with love and shared dreams. Together, they nurtured six beautiful children, fostering a loving home where laughter echoed and memories were made. Roman's passion for life was infectious-his jokes, vibrant spirit, and welcoming smile could brighten even the darkest room.

Roman was a very outgoing, fun-loving, and charismatic legend who was very generous and giving, always lending a helping hand. If there was a party, he was definitely going to be the life of it. A great husband, loving father, beloved son, wonderful sibling, caring uncle, dear cousin, and forever friend has physically left us, but will always remain etched in our hearts.

Beyond his professional endeavors, he was a master chef in the kitchen who loved experimenting his culinary skills, always delighting friends and family with gourmet meals inspired by his travels. If you asked for a certain meal, Roman was going to prepare it just that way! His exuberance extended to his love for fantasy football, golfing, and gaming, where he thrived as a creative content creator, bringing joy to those around him. He was one of the best content creators with the greatest imagination of putting things together to makes things happen. Roman has traveled the world enjoying life and all it had to offer. Roman cherished the bonds he formed throughout his life, treating friends as family and leaving an indelible mark on all who he encountered.

As time winds its course, we look ahead to a future where Roman's spirit transcends this earthly realm, as he embarks on his journey towards eternal peace. On Friday, February 13, 2026, Roman's journey on this earth concluded while he was enveloped in the love of his wife at Inspira Medical Center in Mullica Hill, New Jersey. He is now reunited with his father, Roman King, son, Jaylen King, brother, Corey King, grandmothers, Eleanor Curry and Isma King, grandfathers, Elvin Ball, Sr. Arthur King, and Sylvester Pointer, nephews, Neil King and Uriah Humphrey, and an array of family members who awaited him with open arms in the next life. As we hold Roman in our hearts, let us remember him not only with sorrow but with the vibrant joy he shared with each of us, ensuring his spirit will forever thrive in our memories.

Roman leaves tapestry of memories woven with love to forever be cherished by his loving and devoted wife of twenty-three years, Alseca King; four sons, Tacorian (Jessica), Justin, Sr. (Shenae), Aaron, and Jarvis; daughter, Jordan; his beloved mother, Paulette King; two caring brothers, DeMarko King and Nicholas (LaTasha) King; loving sister, Ayanna King; grandmother, Clara Richardson; adorable grandchildren, Justin, Jr., Christian, Myzel, Corrina, Savannah, and Paiton; five bonus brothers, Andre (Sylvia) Jemison, Ray Lawrence, Michael (Belinda) Brooks, Charles (Kimberly) Marcus, and Jenord Taylor; mother-in-law, Odessa Cain; father-in-law, Alphonso (Shelley) Holt; sister-in-law, Leanetta (Shomond) Harris; brothers-in-law, Alleric (Sabrina) Holt and Alfonza (Odette) Holt; and a multitude of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends. As a world Postmaster and a legend in his own way, Roman's memories will also forever live in the hearts of all his wealth of colleagues and co-workers across the globe.

As we commemorate Roman's remarkable journey, we reflect on the countless memories created, the friendships forged, and the love spread across his 55 beautiful years. Though he has left this physical world, his spirit will forever reside in our hearts, a testament to the immeasurable impact he has made on our lives.

Roman Derick King, an esteemed Postmaster, has left behind a legacy of dedicated public service and community connection. Known for transforming the local post office into a welcoming hub, he served with integrity, warmth, and a commitment to connecting neighbors for years to come.

Cemetery Details

S.M. Goodson Funeral Home and Crematory

217 Coosa St. E
Talladega, AL 35160

Previous Events

Public Viewing

FEB **27**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

S.M. Goodson Funeral Home
217 Coosa St. East
Talladega, AL 35160

Celebration of Life

FEB **28**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Antioch Baptist Church
491 Stemley Road
Talladega, AL 35160

Tribute Wall

RT

“ Regina Truss-Briskey lit a candle in memory of Roman Derick King



Regina Truss-Briskey - March 02 at 09:01 AM

ST

“ To the family
My deepest condolences. I will continue to pray for your broken heart 💔
Shirley Pearl Reynolds Thompson



Shirley and Larry Thompson - February 28 at 03:23 PM

LK

“ Lewis and Deborah King purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Roman Derick King.



Lewis and Deborah King - February 27 at 01:49 PM

LK

“ Lewis and Deborah King planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roman Derick King.

Lewis and Deborah King - February 27 at 01:49 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Roman Derick King.*



February 27 at 01:11 PM



“ *Justin Henderson, Postmaster Charlotte purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Roman Derick King.*



Justin Henderson, Postmaster Charlotte - February 27 at 12:46 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Roman Derick King.*



February 27 at 12:04 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Roman Derick King.*

February 27 at 12:04 PM

TG

“ Tara G. purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Roman Derick King.



Tara G. - February 27 at 09:06 AM

TG

“ Tara G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roman Derick King.

Tara G. - February 27 at 09:06 AM

GR

“ GERALD A ROANE purchased the *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of Roman Derick King.



GERALD A ROANE - February 27 at 08:50 AM

LG

“ Leslie and Gary Garrett planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roman Derick King.

Leslie and Gary Garrett - February 27 at 05:14 AM

DT

“ I would like to send my Condolences to the King Family! There are no words to describe the devastation I feel to know that you are no longer here on Earth with us anymore! But I thank God for the 55 years he loaned you to us! We shared some wonderful times growing up and I will always cherish those beautiful memories Cousin! I love you and you will be sorely missed 📞🙏🏻👤👤



Daphne Tate-Simmons - February 27 at 01:38 AM

RM

“ Roman Derick King - Friends on earth and beyond, sending my condolences to your family - Karena Matthew-Donawa” purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Roman Derick King.



Roman Derick King - Friends on earth and beyond, sending my condolences to your family - Karena Matthew-Donawa” - February 26 at 05:32 PM

RM

“ Roman Derick King - Friends on earth and beyond, sending my condolences to your family - Karena Matthew-Donawa” planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roman Derick King.

Roman Derick King - Friends on earth and beyond, sending my condolences to your family - Karena Matthew-Donawa” - February 26 at 05:32 PM

KM

“ *Memorial Tree Planting – In Loving Memory of Roman Derick King* 🙏

Today I offer this tree for planting before God, in loving memory of a man whose life was filled with joy, laughter, and a light that touched so many.

Our paths crossed in younger days, and I will always be grateful for the friendship and kindness we shared. Time and life may have taken us in different directions, but the gift of knowing him has remained in my heart, and I honour his life with quiet thankfulness.

He lived with a spirit that lifted others, and I believe that same beautiful spirit now rests in the peace of the Lord.

“The Lord is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.” – Psalm 34:18

As I plant this tree, I am reminded of God’s promise of eternal life — that what is sown in love continues to grow, that what is rooted in Him will never be lost.

*May this tree stand as a living testimony:
to a life well lived,
to laughter that was a blessing,
and to a soul now held safely in God’s eternal care.*

*I pray for his beloved wife and family —
that they are surrounded by comfort, strength, and peace, and that
the love he gave them continues to flourish like the leaves of this
tree.*

*Thank you for the part of your life that touched mine. Until we meet
again in God’s glory, rest in perfect peace.*

*With love and grace,
Karena 🙏*

Karena Matthew-Donawa - February 26 at 05:19 PM

AJ

“ *To the King family please accept my deepest condolences. Mr. King made a significant impact on my career and he will be greatly missed. I learned so much from you Mr. King, if it wasn't for you I wouldn't be holding the position that im in now, as I always tell you, thank you. Your dedication to team DC was unmatched.*

April Jackson - February 26 at 03:52 PM

CF

“ *Chester Post Office Family purchased the Divine Light for the family of Roman Derick King.*



Chester Post Office Family - February 26 at 01:15 PM

CF

“ *Chester Post Office Family purchased the Pure Heart for the family of Roman Derick King.*



Chester Post Office Family - February 26 at 01:15 PM

BT

“ *Beverly D Taylor lit a candle in memory of Roman Derick King*



Beverly D Taylor - February 26 at 11:35 AM

KC

“ *Karachi and Carmen Cook purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Roman Derick King.*



Karachi and Carmen Cook - February 26 at 09:01 AM

KF

“ *Kevin Jones and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Roman Derick King.*



Kevin Jones and Family - February 25 at 09:02 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Roman Derick King.*



February 25 at 07:16 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Roman Derick King.*

February 25 at 07:16 PM

VF

“ VA District ~ MPOO B Family purchased the Glorious Grace Bouquet for the family of Roman Derick King.



VA District ~ MPOO B Family - February 25 at 04:01 PM



“ Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Roman Derick King.



February 25 at 02:18 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Roman Derick King.

February 25 at 02:18 PM

RF

“ Ron Delollis , Folsom purchased the Healing Thoughts Gift Basket for the family of Roman Derick King.



Ron Delollis , Folsom - February 25 at 12:23 PM

CD

“ Carolyn David lit a candle in memory of Roman Derick King



Carolyn David - February 25 at 11:12 AM

AW

“ Amber W. purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Roman Derick King.



Amber W. - February 25 at 10:52 AM

AW

“ Amber W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roman Derick King.

Amber W. - February 25 at 10:52 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Roman Derick King.



February 25 at 09:47 AM

JH

“ *Postmaster King is what the Postal Family called you, but Mr. King is who you were. You came in and took Philly by storm with a southern style, joyful laughter, bright smile, straight to business but not without cracking a few jokes to lighter the atmosphere and show you were also personable as well as relatable. You will definitely be missed. May you Rest well in Peace.*

Jumaanah Harps - February 25 at 09:16 AM

JH

“ *Jumaanah Harps lit a candle in memory of Roman Derick King*



Jumaanah Harps - February 25 at 09:15 AM

JF

“ *Jumaanah Harps & Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Roman Derick King.*



Jumaanah Harps & Family - February 25 at 09:07 AM

JF

“ *Jumaanah Harps & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roman Derick King.*

Jumaanah Harps & Family - February 25 at 09:07 AM

B3

“ *Brotherly Love Lodge 311 purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Roman Derick King.*



Brotherly Love Lodge 311 - February 25 at 06:48 AM

B3

“ *Brotherly Love Lodge 311 planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roman Derick King.*

Brotherly Love Lodge 311 - February 25 at 06:48 AM

DC

“ *Rest On Cousin, Rest On. Until we meet on the other side*



DC - February 24 at 11:50 PM

BF

“ *Bianca Musshafen & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Roman Derick King.*



Bianca Musshafen & Family - February 24 at 10:28 PM

CH

“ *There will never be another Postmaster to fill your courageous shoes Mr. King! You came in here and turned things around like no other has. Zoom mtgs will NEVER be the same for me. I have learned so much from you as a leader and your leadership will be missed tremendously! Heaven is in for a real treat! Rest well Mr. King*

Crystal L. Higgins - February 24 at 07:47 PM

LI

“ *Alseca and Family we at LTTravel Connection is sending our condolence to your family.*
Lillian



LillianMiller - February 24 at 05:10 PM

MN

“ *Mrs. Alseca King and Family, Praying God will give you strength, peace, and the gentle comfort your heart needs*



Mrs. LaVonne Nickens - February 24 at 03:51 PM

TF

“ *The Wilmington & POOM H Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Roman Derick King.*



The Wilmington & POOM H Family - February 24 at 03:39 PM

TS

“ I will always be grateful for Mr. King and the support he showed me in my future endeavors. His encouragement meant more than he probably ever knew. He and Mrs. King carried such warmth and kindness. The last time I saw them, I was met with a big hug and a beautiful smile — a moment I will forever hold close to my heart. Though he has departed from this earth, his spirit, love, and the memories will always remain. My deepest sympathy, Tae-Zaron Smith



Tae-Zaron Smith - February 24 at 03:29 PM

TT

“ The Bustleton Team (Dawn and Team) purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Roman Derick King.



The Bustleton Team (Dawn and Team) - February 24 at 03:02 PM

TT

“ The Bustleton Team (Dawn and Team) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roman Derick King.

The Bustleton Team (Dawn and Team) - February 24 at 03:02 PM

DA

“ Mr. King was an amazing man to work with. He was full of personality and also had so much knowledge he shared with all of us. My prayers go out to your family, you will truly be missed.

Dawn Adger - February 24 at 02:54 PM

SW

“ *Mr. King was a wonderful person and it was a delight to be in his presence. He will truly be missed.* ”



Stella W - February 24 at 02:30 PM

LR

“ *My heart goes out to you and your family Mrs. King. My deepest condolences to you and your family.* ”

Lakeisha Robinson - February 24 at 01:50 PM

AB

“ *Mr. King was one of the funniest people I have ever known, I am honored to have met him and his wife Alseca. My thoughts and prayers are with the family* ”



Antwain Brackett - February 24 at 01:34 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Roman Derick King.* ”



February 24 at 01:16 PM

WM

“ My thoughts of comfort and prayers to his wife Aseca.



William Mindziak - February 24 at 01:08 PM

SB

“ Thank you for the inspiring words you shared with me on me on my journey in management. Your wisdom, inspiration and motivating speeches will be remembered. Rest Well Mr. King.



Shedell Bolton - February 24 at 01:04 PM

NJ

“ One of the nicest people I have meet in my career at the USPS. He had a way to see the potential in people even when they couldn't see it themselves. This type of reassurance, support, and kind spirit does not come often. He will truly be missed.



Niala Johnson - February 24 at 12:32 PM

LM

“ My heart is deeply saddened by the loss of Derick. My deepest condolences 🌸 to the family



Lyshawn Miller - February 24 at 11:38 AM

BS

“ *My deepest condolences to the family during this difficult time.*



Brian Moten Sr. - February 24 at 10:42 AM

MD

“ *MONA DATES lit a candle in memory of Roman Derick King*



MONA DATES - February 23 at 03:21 PM

MF

“ *My prayer is with Derrick's family, God give them the strength they need in this difficult time. Build them up where they are torn down, be encouraged family in Jesus name.*



Minister Zeola Moore & Family - February 23 at 12:54 PM

CW

“ *Our hearts are full of compassion for Aunt Paulette and family. Uncle Roman was like a brother and we love all of his family. Youall have our deepest love and condolences. Milton Lee & Carolyn Wells and family.*

Carolyn Wells - February 23 at 09:52 AM

DD

“ Delaware-Pennsylvania_2 District planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roman Derick King.

Delaware-Pennsylvania_2 District - February 23 at 09:44 AM

DD

“ Delaware-Pennsylvania_2 District purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Roman Derick King.



Delaware-Pennsylvania_2 District - February 23 at 09:44 AM

CJ

“ Cody Jones lit a candle in memory of Roman Derick King



Cody Jones - February 23 at 08:18 AM

BT

“ I keep thinking this isn't real. Very few people in life make you feel good just by coming around. Derick brought charisma, energy, and happiness with his presence. This loss is a constant hurt that won't go away. I miss my brother. 🙏

Bertrand Tate - February 21 at 09:31 PM

KS

“ *Gone too soon. Rest in Paradise cousin!!!* 😞



Kessie Stockdale - February 21 at 07:28 PM

FS

“ *Fannie Stockdale lit a candle in memory of Roman Derick King*



Fannie Stockdale - February 21 at 07:17 PM

RL

“ *Praying for strength & peace*



Ray A Lawrence - February 21 at 08:16 AM

RC

“ *Praying for the family*



Rochelle D Chatman - February 21 at 07:38 AM

SG

“ *Spencer And Barbara Garrett lit a candle in memory of Roman Derick King*



spencer and Barbara Garrett - February 20 at 12:04 PM

IM

“ *Sorry for your loss praying for the family !
From :The McMeans , Swain, Reynolds families !*



Irish McMeans - February 19 at 11:34 PM

DD

“ *Deborah Dickerson lit a candle in memory of Roman Derick King*



Deborah Dickerson - February 19 at 10:21 PM

SM

“ *Praying for comfort and strength for the family during this most difficult time of sorrow and bereavement. 🙏*



Sharon Morris - February 19 at 09:54 PM

SM

“ *Sandy And Valerie Moore lit a candle in memory of Roman Derick King*



Sandy and Valerie Moore - February 19 at 09:38 PM

DJ

“ *Debra Johnson lit a candle in memory of Roman Derick King*



Debra Johnson - February 19 at 09:18 PM

CS

“ *Chrystal And Herbert Stockdale lit a candle in memory of Roman Derick King*



Chrystal And Herbert Stockdale - February 19 at 08:31 PM

PF

“ *Priscilla Fluker lit a candle in memory of Roman Derick King*



Priscilla Fluker - February 19 at 05:24 PM

LP

“ *Lori Pope sent a virtual gift in memory of Roman Derick King*



lori pope - February 19 at 01:47 PM

GA

“ *Georgia Ali lit a candle in memory of Roman Derick King*



Georgia Ali - February 19 at 01:35 PM

SB

“ *My heart is deeply saddened by the loss of Derick. The memories will forever be treasured in my heart. Thank you for the laughter, the conversations, and the advise you gave so freely. You will truly be missed, but never forgotten.*”

Sharol (Gooden) Bowens - February 19 at 11:15 AM

SB

“ *Sharol (Gooden) Bowens lit a candle in memory of Roman Derick King*



Sharol (Gooden) Bowens - February 19 at 10:53 AM

SB

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Sharol (Gooden) Bowens - February 19 at 11:13 AM

BB

"Derrick you will be missed. I will miss you. Love Bernice."

Bernice Beckett - February 19 at 08:11 AM

LC

"Lena Collins lit a candle in memory of Roman Derick King"



Lena Collins - February 19 at 07:59 AM

SC

"My heartfelt condolences to your family. You will truly be missed."



Sabrina Phillips Clark - February 19 at 07:40 AM

AC

"Arthur Perez Curry lit a candle in memory of Roman Derick King"



Arthur Perez Curry - February 18 at 11:52 PM

AC

“ *Derick it has truly been an honor to have grown up with you. You were like a brother and best friend to me instead of my nephew. Rest well my dear brother, friend, nephew. Love always Uncle Perez.*

Arthur Perez Curry - February 18 at 11:46 PM

TS

“ *Teresa Swain lit a candle in memory of Roman Derick King*



Teresa Swain - February 18 at 10:23 PM

LE

“ *My thoughts, prayers and condolences for our family, friends, colleagues & community. Rest Easy Cousin Roman Derick you are missed dearly.* 🙏🕊️🕯️



Lois Embry - February 18 at 10:17 PM

TC

“ *Tocha Calhoun lit a candle in memory of Roman Derick King*



Tocha Calhoun - February 18 at 09:07 PM

SF

“ Sharon Fluker lit a candle in memory of Roman Derick King



Sharon Fluker - February 18 at 04:13 PM

VE

“ Prayers and condolences to the King family from the Hampton Post Offices where he service as our MPOO. Great Leader and he will be missed!!



Vaughn Ellis - February 18 at 01:49 PM

GS

“ Greta Sweeney lit a candle in memory of Roman Derick King



Greta Sweeney - February 18 at 12:42 PM

GS

Mrs Alseca King, my thoughts and prayers are with you and family. Hope you will find comfort in this most difficult time 🙏

Greta Sweeney - February 28 at 04:43 PM