



Dirk Russell Miranda

January 9, 2022

Dirk Russell Miranda died on Sunday January 9, 2022. Dirk was born on November 21, 1982 to his parents Opal and David Miranda and was their only child, although Dirk had three older siblings through his father. As the baby of the family, Dirk was spoiled by us all. He was born in New York City, New York at Mount Sinai Hospital. He lived in Brooklyn, New York, until his parents' separation. Dirk and his Mom moved to New Orleans in the early nineties. He attended St Francis Cabrini Elementary and from there went to McMain High School.

During his teenage years he was a proud member of the hockey team CCHL Canadiens where he played defence. He and his friends formed a rock band, making much noise in the neighborhood. He loved music and he and his best friend, Shamari wrote as he reminded me, "bad rap songs."

He attended Howard University in Washington DC, and transferred to Florida International University in Miami to be close to his siblings. In 2005, at about the time of Katrina, Dirk started suffering from symptoms of what would end up being severe and debilitating mental illness. He sought refuge in the outdoors in his beloved Florida. He became clever at living off his wits and honed survival skills which kept him safe. His mother made several futile attempts to bring him home during this time.

He finally returned home and received treatment for his illness in 2018. He became the caregiver for his beloved grandmother fixing her meals and entertaining her with his DJ music.

Dirk will be remembered particularly for his kindness. While driving along, after our frequent bad weather days, he would stop and move to the side any debris in the road so other drivers would not get hurt. He was kind to the homeless, and kind to all animals. He was especially kind to his grandmother who he cared for with love despite sometimes trying times.

Dirk's passions were hockey and music and he joined an adult hockey team in Lafayette upon his return home.

Dirk leaves behind his loved ones to mourn including his mother, Opal Russell Walker, stepfather (Dr. George Walker), His Dad David Miranda of Miami. His Aunt Dawn Russell, siblings David Miranda Jr.(Wendy), Duane Miranda (Guliana), Christine Miranda (Derek) all of Miami. His aunt Dawn Russell of Brooklyn NY, stepsiblings Stanley Walker (Natasha), Elizabeth Walker Trimiew (Alonzo) of Atlanta. Cousins Malik Russell (Kristin) Brooklyn, and Earamichia Brown of McKinney. Grandmother Blanche Russell of New Orleans. Also a host of other friends and family.

Due to Covid 19 restrictions everyone in attendance must wear a face mask and practice social distancing. A funeral service will be held at DW Rhodes Funeral Home 3933 Washington Ave on Wednesday January 19th at 1pm. Visitation is from 11am to 1pm. Online guestbook is at www.rhodesfuneral.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 19. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Rhodes Funeral Home - Washington Avenue
3933 Washington Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70125
(504) 822-7162
<https://www.rhodesfuneral.com>

Funeral Service

JAN 19. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SB

“ Dirk was a kind kind person. You could see it in his warm smile. Always giving a helping hand. My favorite memory is when Dirk brought over some of his birthday cake for us to share, with his big smile and friendly grin shinning brightly. My daughter and I will miss him very very much. My deepest sympathy to Opal and all of Dirk's family. Suzanne Bagert

Suzanne Bagert - January 19, 2022 at 02:51 PM

RW

“ I offer my heartfelt condolences to Opal, her mom and other family members and friends of Dirk. I will treasure our time together and the memories I shared with Dirk as we discuss the Bible together while living at the Double Tree Hotel after Hurricane Katrina. Dirk, I will remember your humble heart, kind spirit and beautiful smile. May you rest in peace. Love Ms. Rhonda❤️

Rhonda Whitmore - January 19, 2022 at 02:30 PM

PR

“ Pamela Russell lit a candle in memory of Dirk Russell Miranda



Pamela Russell - January 19, 2022 at 12:51 PM



“ *My sincere and heartfelt sympathy especially goes to the Miranda family at this time. May God bring you comfort and may warm memories bring healing. Deepest sympathies to Dirk's Mother Opal and the entire family.*

Clare Beth - January 19, 2022 at 12:49 PM



“ *Clare Beth lit a candle in memory of Dirk Russell Miranda*



Clare Beth - January 19, 2022 at 12:44 PM



“ *My Condolences To The Miranda Family.....Love Tania Bailey-Watson & Family*

Tania Bailey-Watson - January 19, 2022 at 12:23 PM



“ *Mahlon Watson lit a candle in memory of Dirk Russell Miranda*



Mahlon Watson - January 19, 2022 at 11:43 AM

AC

“ Audrey Clark lit a candle in memory of Dirk Russell Miranda



Audrey Clark - January 18, 2022 at 10:13 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dirk Russell Miranda.



January 17, 2022 at 09:44 PM

MA

“ Opal,
I am truly sorry for the loss of your son. May God give you and your family strength during this difficult time. You and your family are in my prayers. Mary Ellen P.

mary - January 16, 2022 at 05:30 PM

MW

“ Sincere condolences to Opal, David, George, Mommy Russell and the entire village that raised Dirk. He has earned his wings and is soaring with the angels now. Let's remember that angelic smile, warm spirit, caring human and fun loving person that was Dirk. To know him was to love him and he will always be loved by me and my family. Walk good Dirk. Gone but never forgotten. Nuff love from Maxine, Mike, Erin and Miss Lukie.

Maxine White-Levy - January 16, 2022 at 02:57 PM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Dirk Russell Miranda.*



January 16, 2022 at 12:51 PM



“ *My dear long time friend Opal
Words will never express my sincere condolences 🌺 on your great loss
May his soul rest in eternal peace*

*Love,
Heather Cohen*

Hather Cohen - January 15, 2022 at 08:46 PM



Sincere Condolences to the Miranda family, we pray 🙏 that you will be strengthened at time.

Love 💕 from the Watson family.

Mahlon Watson - January 19, 2022 at 12:04 PM



Most sincere condolences to Opal and the family

Jack Barbour

Jack Barbour - January 23, 2022 at 07:41 PM