



## Mr. James A. Albison

May 18, 1956 - September 28, 2018

UTICA - Mr. James A. Albison, age 62, left those who loved him dearly here as he entered the gates of heaven on Friday, September 28, 2018. At the time of his passing he joined his beloved mother, father, and brothers. Jimmy faced his journey with cancer with courage and determination and at the time of his passing he was in the comfort of his home surrounded by those who loved him most.

Jimmy was born on May 18th 1956 in Utica the son of Robert Albison Sr. and Catherine "Dolly" (Mancuso) Albison. He was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School, Class of 1974. It was during these formative years he developed friendships that have endured the test of time and enhanced his life in immeasurable ways.

Jimmy had a long career in customer service on many different levels and he believed hard work was the true measure of a man. He was the consummate waiter and provided his expertise in many of the local eateries, the Chesterfield being the longest. His patrons came to love his innate sense of humor and his quick wit and would ask to be seated at his tables whenever they visited. It was also through this profession he developed lifelong friendships. Jimmy also worked for several years for the City of Utica in the Urban and Economic Development Office, a job of which he was very proud. He assisted many businesses in storefront revitalization, especially in the west Utica, Varick Street corridor. He also oversaw Christmas decorating for the City of Utica and many have said that those years in particular had a magical quality to them.

Jimmy was a true renaissance man; he had a flair for decorating, and his homes were tasteful and yet had a most welcoming quality. His culinary skills were legendary; he rivaled any professional and his holiday baking was always anticipated if you were lucky enough to be one of the recipients. Unknown to many, Jimmy knew his way around a workshop and could build, fix, or repair anything.

Family history was the cornerstone of Jimmy's foundation and he knew every story and could keep you enthralled with every detail. He was especially enamored with the traditions, and he painstakingly recorded them to memory making sure the younger generation understood their importance. He truly believed that a family was only as strong as its values and those were to be celebrated on holidays and special occasions. He took great pride in the year he was able to surprise his beloved "Dolly" with an 80th birthday

party. Jimmy was a devoted son and “Dolly” was the light of his life and he was the twinkle in her eyes. Her passing last year left a void in Jimmy’s heart so profoundly that even when the tears ceased to fall the pain was etched deeply in his soul.

Jimmy was a foster parent and over the years provided security and direction to many children who graced his doorstep. He provided love and support to Eric Kirk and the years they spent together truly made Jimmy’s house a home.

Jimmy loved music and could often be heard singing a tune or using a song as a reference to how he was feeling. He was especially fond of disco from the eighties or anything Motown and while he was an abundant man he was light on his feet and smooth as silk on the dance floor.

Jimmy’s true legacy was his friendship, and if you knew him but for a minute, a day, or a lifetime, his imprint was indelible. Everyone who met him immediately embraced him; his smile was infectious, and it only took a moment in his presence to feel as though you had known him forever. When he came to visit you could count on being entertained for hours on end, or if the phone rang, be prepared, for the call was going to be long and jam packed with laughter and love.

He was blessed with friends who were there beyond distance of time: Thalia Hunter, Vince Scalise, Linda Williams, Denise Gregory, Candace Millson, Michele Giruzzi, Joseph, and Danny Mendoza, Gary Peterson, David Mallozzi, Tommy and Johann Torchia, Karen Martin Byrd, Betsy Parkinson, Marlena Capparelli, Angelo Tomaselli, Greg Hearty, Christine Abbass, and countless others too many to mention but will always be remembered for their thoughtful intentions.

Jimmy is survived by aunts Doris Mancuso of California and Agnes Mancuso of Florida. He leaves many cousins on both the Mancuso and Albison-Albin side with special intention of Theresa Mancuso, Lorey Zaman, Bonnie Coiro and his extended Mancuso family in Florida. He also leaves behind Christine, Beth, Rae and Robert (Bud) Jr. Albison-Albison and their spouses.

Jimmy was predeceased by his brothers Robert (Bobby) Albison Jr. and Guy Camello. He also knew the love and companionship of his canine family, Ginger, Titi, Carly, and Kipper. Visitation will be held on Tuesday from 5:00 – 7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South Street corner of Hammond Ave. A final blessing will be offered immediately upon conclusion of visitation by Pastor David Ossenfort. Interment will take place at the convenience of the family.

# Cemetery

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## Glenside Cemetery

Cottage St.

NY Mills, NY, 13417

# Events

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**OCT** **Final Blessing** 07:00PM

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Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.

932 South Street, Utica, NY, US

# Comments

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“ I can't believe you're gone. I just found out about this and my heart is sad. For years we looked for each other and here I found you resting in peace. I will forever love and remember you; the great times we had. RIP, until we meet again.



**Lydia Carretero** - November 10, 2018 at 11:11 PM

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“ Jimmy, I was always thinking, I have to call Jimmy to see how he is feeling, this week, but sadly, I was too late I'll always remember how you used to decorate city hall lobby, and when I was always over at Dollys we would always laugh and have a good time Rest in peace my friend from Dar Trombetta King

**Darlene Trombetta King** - October 11, 2018 at 04:52 PM

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“ Karrie DiNigro- lit a candle in memory of Mr. James A. Albison



**Karrie DiNigro** - October 07, 2018 at 11:18 AM

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“ Sweet dreams Jimmy. I know the heavens will definitely have a fabulous make over now that you have arrived my old friend. Thank you for welcoming in to your world many many moons ago. I will forever treasure those crazy days of yore..... until we meet again handsome....

**Karrie DiNigro- Cleveland, Ohio** - October 07, 2018 at 11:16 AM



“ Cookie Mancuso lit a candle in memory of Mr. James A. Albison



**Cookie Mancuso** - October 02, 2018 at 06:59 PM

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“ Theresa Mancuso lit a candle in memory of Mr. James A. Albison



**Theresa Mancuso** - October 02, 2018 at 06:34 AM

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“ Feeling blessed that I was able to spend time with cousin Jimmy when I visited Utica in late August. We had a long lunch at Georgios and shared some fond memories. He gave me some wonderful family photos, some of them from when our grandparents were young. I will cherish them. He told me how much he loved and appreciated the constant flow of cards and phone calls from my 92 year old Mom - his Aunt Agnes. I know he is happy in heaven reunited with his mom, dad and brothers. We will miss you Jimmy.

Lucy Mancuso Migliaccio  
Kissimmee, Florida

**Lucy Migliaccio** - October 01, 2018 at 08:35 PM

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“ Aunt Agnes Mancuso and children purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Mr. James A. Albison.



**Aunt Agnes Mancuso and children** - October 01, 2018 at 08:12 PM

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“ I just had your name on my minds last week, Jimmy. I had this client sitting in my chair and he reminded me so much of you that I spoke of my memory of you. Thanks for coming through the client to give me your memory, paying me a visit was very special and I will keep you in my heart always.

Sincerely,

kenneth rst Vick PS. See you on the other side. <3

**kenneth vick** - October 01, 2018 at 07:14 PM

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“ Barbara Poccia lit a candle in memory of Mr. James A. Albison



**Barbara Poccia** - October 01, 2018 at 05:24 PM

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“ Jimmy , your big heart and wonderful smile will be missed ! Thanks for always being there for me ! Rest In Peace ! Love u my friend ! Xoxo , P.S. Give Anthony a hug for me !

**Barbara Poccia** - October 01, 2018 at 05:21 PM

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“ Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of Mr. James A. Albison.



October 01, 2018 at 09:59 AM

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“ Jimmy my old school friend from way back to the Dudley ave days we had more fun there and to present days who will call me at 1am and talk for almost 2 hours I will miss our late night talks and I am really going to miss you my friend I hope your wish came true and you are with your mother Dolly that s what you always wanted may you REST IN PEACE and you will not be forgotten I love you a very sad Linda



**linda brown zizzi** - October 01, 2018 at 08:38 AM

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“ Jimmy was more than a second cousin, he was someone that knew our family's history well and someone that we always enjoyed spending time with. He was there for my father when he was battling cancer and he was there for my family when he passed. We moved back to Maryland, but he spoke to my mother often, and I'm glad that he had close friends and family by his side. He will truly be missed.



**Ray Cardillo** - October 01, 2018 at 07:59 AM

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“ Patricia Pierce lit a candle in memory of Mr. James A. Albison



**Patricia Pierce** - October 01, 2018 at 06:01 AM



“ I will always remember you Jimmy our late night dinners I'll always call you Dom DeLuise  
I'm going to miss you my friend

**Patricia Pierce** - October 01, 2018 at 06:02 AM

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“ Sandra George lit a candle in memory of Mr. James A. Albison



**Sandra George** - October 01, 2018 at 12:57 AM



“ Rest In Peace Jimmy. Thank you for some very fond memories.

**Sandra George** - October 01, 2018 at 01:00 AM

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“ Such sadness. He was such a wonderful soul. I never had a conversation with him  
where he didn't make me smile, laugh or just enjoy his company. God Rest your soul  
as you made so many smile !!! xoxo



**Cathy Drew-Egan** - October 01, 2018 at 12:05 AM

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“ Jimmy, everyone at Hope Lodge will miss you and your smiling face. This is how I will remember you. You always spoke of your deep love for your family and what a reunion in heaven it must have been.



**Ann Savastano** - September 30, 2018 at 08:54 PM

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“ Josue and Ollie purchased the Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Mr. James A. Albison.



**Josue and Ollie** - September 30, 2018 at 08:21 PM

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“ I will miss my silly weekly calls with Jimmy. He was more friend for nearly 30 years and we became very close over the last 3 when I moved back to the area. I was friends with Bobby to and I am sure he is already yelling at Bobby and loving being back with Dolly. Bless you my Friend. I love you and will miss you forever.

**Gennaro Raymond** - September 30, 2018 at 08:20 PM

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“ Jimmy, You were the biggest sweetheart. You will be missed by so many. Rest in peace our great friend! <3 XoXo



**Kim /Elaine Furgol & Family** - September 30, 2018 at 07:44 PM

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“ Jimmy you left us here on earth with memories and laughs to last a lifetime! You were a character all your own ! A man with class and talent beyond measure I had the opportunity to know! I believe you are at peace my friend! Love, Candace M.

**Candace Millson** - September 30, 2018 at 06:52 PM

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“ Rest In Peace now my dear friend. It was a great pleasure to be a part of your life if only for a few years. I will truly miss our long phone conversations.

**Donna Redmond** - September 30, 2018 at 06:04 PM

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“ Fondly remembering the old "daze" and the stories shared. We'll keep Jimmy, family and friends in our prayers.



**Tim & Colleen Moylan Family** - September 30, 2018 at 05:22 PM

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“ Karen Macri lit a candle in memory of Mr. James A. Albison



**Karen Macri** - September 30, 2018 at 03:53 PM

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“ Jimmy I am comforted to know that I was there to say good-bye. I got to hold you & kiss you & helped to make it easier to go. I will love you & keep you in my heart forever because now a piece of it is with you. We have been friends for 50 yrs & it was one of my craziest friendships ever. Lots of fun, lots of memories, both laughter & tears. I will cherish those memories for a lifetime, that's how I will get through this til I see you again

Love ya forever. Michele

**Michele Giruzzi** - September 30, 2018 at 03:36 PM

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“ Richard Horstman lit a candle in memory of Mr. James A. Albison



**Richard Horstman** - September 30, 2018 at 03:28 PM