



Mr. Aaron Jacob Mims, Sr.

August 3, 1985 - September 7, 2025

UTICA – Mr. Aaron Jacob Mims, Sr., age 40, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, September 7, 2025, meeting his sunset and reuniting with his loved ones who had gone before him.

Aaron's sunrise began in Utica on August 3, 1985. He was the beloved son of Michael Allen and the late Loretta Mims. From a young age, he found a second home at the Greater Holy Temple Church of Jesus Christ, where he developed a strong foundation of faith and remained a proud and devoted member throughout his life. Aaron graduated from T.R. Proctor High School and went on to continue his education at Utica College.

Throughout his career, Aaron held a variety of roles, including positions at Granny's Kitchen, TLC Lighting—where he served as a supervisor—and most recently, Special Metals. He was known in the workplace for his respectful demeanor, strong work ethic, and dependable competence. Pleasant and kind, Aaron was the type of person who always wore a smile, brightening the day of those around him.

Aaron was an independent, laid-back man who loved to enjoy life. He was deeply devoted to his family. For nearly 17 years, he shared a loving relationship with Cynthia Ruffin, and together they were blessed with children whom Aaron adored. He was an amazing dad. There was nothing he wouldn't

do or make time for his children. In his downtime, he enjoyed watching sports, engaging in spirited political debates, and traveling. Above all, he cherished spending time with his loved ones, especially during family gatherings. His all-too-early departure from this world has left a hole in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

Aaron is survived by his wife, Cynthia Ruffin Mims; father, Michael Allen and Shirley; and children, Aaron J. Mims, Jr., Mykale Mims, Shuniya, Robert, Robreaisa, and Rosear. He was preceded by Eugene Jr., who passed away on April 20, 2020. He is further survived by his brother, Osland Mims; a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins he shared a special bond of siblinghood with, Dia Allen-Hayes, Duane House, Dennis Allen, Jr., Willy Frank Dixson, Jr., and Desiree Allen-Potts; a host of aunts and uncles, Dennis & Janie Allen, Kenny Allen; and his aunts & uncles of the Mims family; and in-laws, Tracy Ruffin, Jennifer Ruffin, and Anita Ruffin. Also left to remember Aaron is his special family friend, Connie. He was additionally predeceased by his paternal grandparents, Milton and Mary (Dixon) Allen; aunt and uncles, Carolyn Allen, Ronnie Allen, Milton Allen, Jr., and Willie Frank Dixon, Sr.; and cousins, Ronnie Allen Monahan, Chanel Allen, and Demetrius Warner.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at the Greater Holy Temple Church of Jesus Christ, 1309 Howard Ave. Aaron's Home Going Service and Celebration of Life will commence at 12:00 p.m. at the church. Interment will follow in Forest Hill Cemetery.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave.

Cemetery Details

Forest Hill Cemetery

2201 Oneida Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-2701

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 17. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Greater Holy Temple Church of Jesus Christ
1309 Howard Avenue
NY, Utica 13501
(315) 732-8801

Home Going Service

SEP 17. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

ES

“ *Erin Scalise lit a candle in memory of Mr. Aaron Jacob Mims, Sr.*



Erin Scalise - September 17, 2025 at 06:22 AM

ES

Sincere condolences to Aaron Jr., Ms. Ruffin and your beautiful family.

Erin Scalise - September 17, 2025 at 06:26 AM

TG

“ *Aaron was such a great person! A gentleman that is hard to come by in this day and age. I really enjoyed working with him as a coworker, he was such a hard worker and rarely ever complained. He had such neat handwriting... even when he was in a rush to write things down his handwriting stayed perfect. We would always laugh about the TV show Shameless (US version), he loved Kev and V. Aaron will be missed greatly!*

Tori Griffith - September 14, 2025 at 09:22 PM

BP

Aaron, you will be missed! My heartfelt condolences to his family. Aaron's quality workmanship at The Light Connection, Inc. (Fiber Optic Cable) is still spoken of to this day- he set the bar on how that department is expected to perform- and I'm sure his next employer (Special Metals) was very fortunate to have him! Not just for his work ethic, but personality- he was someone who made your day better... Although he's missed here, he's shining even brighter with the Lord!

Benjamin Philbrook - September 15, 2025 at 09:15 PM

ND

My condolences to his family and loved ones I remember as always a quiet polite and respectful young man rest in paradise from Natasha Perkins Davis and family

Natasha Davis - September 17, 2025 at 11:59 AM

HC

*To Aaron's Family: May your fond memories of Aaron's bring you all comfort during this difficult time. Aaron's was a very nice and kind nephew. We look forward to seeing him again in Paradise.
Mims/Cabbage Family*

Henrietta Cabbage - September 18, 2025 at 08:54 AM

AM

“ I worked with Aaron for 10 years at the light connection.He was a fun guy to work with as a good friend. he would always make me laugh.This so sad to hear he passed away I just seen him a few months back at Walmart and talked about how everything was going.He was telling me about his new job and how much more happier he was there.RIP Aaron you were always a good Friend man



Adam moore - September 13, 2025 at 08:04 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Aaron Jacob Mims, Sr..



September 13, 2025 at 02:18 PM

LJ

“ Latrisha “Bikey” Jackson-Hawkins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Aaron Jacob Mims, Sr..

Latrisha “Bikey” Jackson-Hawkins - September 13, 2025 at 11:26 AM

LJ

“ Latrisha “Bikey” Jackson-Hawkins purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Mr. Aaron Jacob Mims, Sr..



Latrisha “Bikey” Jackson-Hawkins - September 13, 2025 at 11:26 AM

EP

“ Elizabeth Patterson-Moyer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Aaron Jacob Mims, Sr.



Elizabeth Patterson-Moyer - September 12, 2025 at 09:10 PM