



Mr. Donald Gene "Donnie Boy" Freeman

June 14, 1957 - September 5, 2024

UTICA – Mr. Donald Gene "Donnie Boy" Freeman, age 67, passed away on Thursday, September 5, 2024, after a brief illness. At the time of his passing, his loving family was by his side.

Born in Dublin, GA on June 14th, 1957, Donald was the son of the late Novia Lee, Sr. and Ella (Freeman) Woods. His family relocated to Utica, and he was raised in his beloved Washington Courts & Goldbas Apartments. Donnie Boy attended Potts and Kernan Elementary Schools and was a graduate of Utica Free Academy.

Donnie Boy was a well-known and cherished figure in his community who will be remembered for his vibrant personality and deep love for his family. He was the epitome of the life of the party, always ready to make others laugh and lend a helping hand without hesitation. He would give you the shirt off his back and not take no for an answer. He loved to brag about his role in "The Junior Temptations," a group he co-founded that brought joy across Utica with their spirited talent, funky clothing and stellar performances.

Donald's commitment to work was as strong as his love for fun so much so that he wouldn't hesitate to jump on the bean field bus to find work; he was a dedicated employee at Insight House and later the Utica Train Station, where he never missed a day in eight years.

In Donald's free time, he enjoyed pursuing multiple hobbies, which included dancing, watching sports and western movies, and taking cherished fishing trips with his family.

Donald is survived by his beloved son, Donald Freeman Jr.; four grandchildren, Donesty Freeman, Hezekiah Henderson, Devon Cardin, and Aiprayus Robinson; brothers, Tirus Freeman, Clay Woods, Travis Woods (Katie), Nicky Woods; and sister, Lisa Woods (Malik). He fondly remembered his siblings who preceded him, Iris Woods, Ronald Freeman, Nolan Woods, and Novia Lee Woods Jr. He further leaves his memory to a multitude of nieces and nephews to include, Kayla, Tmya, Tyann, Nakia, Jyanna, JoNique, Danielle, Matt, Devin, Carson, Clay Jr (Danielle), Nicole (Harvey), Cameron, Travina, Damont, Aaliyah, Coella (Rashid), Quaneisha, Brandon (Tytrese), Devon, Drequan, Samir, Rita (Tommy), Cory, Janelle, Shayna, Mike, Rondrel (Jameela), Nidra, Anthony, Ricky (Jennifer), and Jordan who will all treasure his memory. He was additionally predeceased by his nephews, Noriel Stubbs, Tirus Freeman Jr., and Antoine Clarke.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the staff at both Wynn Hospital, and The Grand Rehabilitation and Nursing Center for their treatment and care of Donnie Boy.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, September 17, 2024, from 12:00-1:00 p.m., at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Donald's Home Going Service and Celebration of life will commence at 1:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment will follow in Forest Hill Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Forest Hill Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 17. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
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Home Going Service

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Tribute Wall

LB

“ *Lonnie Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Gene "Donnie Boy" Freeman*



Lonnie Brown - December 14, 2024 at 04:35 PM

BM

“ *Bernard Monroe lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Gene "Donnie Boy" Freeman*



Bernard Monroe - September 17, 2024 at 02:56 PM

RD

“ *Rachael & George Davis purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Donald Gene "Donnie Boy" Freeman.*



Rachael & George Davis - September 15, 2024 at 11:05 AM

RD

“ *Rachael & George Davis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Donald Gene "Donnie Boy" Freeman.*

Rachael & George Davis - September 15, 2024 at 11:05 AM

KE

“ Condolences to big cuz



Kendel - September 14, 2024 at 02:02 PM

BM

Bernard Monroe I just found out you passed and I feel so bad that I wasn't there my friend we go a long way back from the projects and Im truly going to miss 💔 you my friend RIH 💔

Bernard Monroe - September 17, 2024 at 02:09 PM

DW

“ *Deepest sympathy to the Freeman and Woods families for your loss. Sending prayers of comfort to all.*



Dawn Winston - September 14, 2024 at 10:23 AM

DW

“ *So Sorry For Your Loss Praying For The Family Sending Our Love*



Dolores Workman - September 13, 2024 at 03:41 PM

LI

Ty

Lisawoods - September 14, 2024 at 12:15 AM