



Mr. Donnie Graham, Sr.

August 14, 1957 - November 9, 2024

UTICA – Mr. Donnie Graham, Sr., age 67, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, November 9, 2024, with the love and support of his family.

Born in Utica on August 14, 1957, Donnie was the son of the late Raymond Graham and Lillie Pearl (Hawkins) Clark. Raised in the area, he was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1975. For a period of 27 years, he was employed as a machine operator at TECT Power, a position he proudly held until his illness.

A good man with a compassionate heart, Donnie adored his children and his family. Incredibly humble and a people person, he loved life. His family affectionately called him “Don Juan,” and he was able to make a friend wherever he went. Donnie was a very hard worker, taking on additional projects to help others, or simply to keep himself busy. Whenever someone would tell him to slow down, he would reply, “I’m a grown man.” Nobody could argue with that!

Donnie did take time to partake in hobbies. He particularly enjoyed the outdoors, and participating in bowling leagues, knocking the pins down with his friends. Throughout his life, he was an active and beloved member of Peter Spencer UAME Church.

Donnie is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Talela and Eddie Davis; son, Donnie Graham, Jr.; grandchildren, Keishaun, Keionta, Akira, Akyra, and Domani; great-grandchild, Kaysen; and siblings, Deborah “Debbie” Taylor, Sandra “Sandy” Graham, Raymond “Ray Boy” Graham, Jr., and Ronald “Ronnie” “Ron G.” Graham. He further leaves to cherish his memory many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins; and his good friend, Michael “Spoon” Denmark.

The family would like to extend their gratitude to the doctors, nurses, and staff at Wynn Hospital for their compassion and professionalism while caring for Donnie.

Visitation will be held on Monday, November 18, 2024, from 1:00-2:00 p.m. at Peter Spencer UAME Church, 841 Bleecker St. Donnie’s Home Going Service and Celebration of Life will commence at 2:00 p.m. at the church.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 18. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Peter Spencer UAME Church
841 Bleecker St, Utica, NY 13501
Utica, NY 13501

Home Going Service

NOV 18. 2:00 PM (ET)

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841 Bleecker St, Utica, NY 13501
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Tribute Wall

LB

“ *Lonnie Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donnie Graham, Sr.*



Lonnie Brown - December 14, 2024 at 04:03 PM

RL

“ *My condolences and 🙏 to his friends and family*



Ruthie Iggins - November 18, 2024 at 09:35 AM

DB

“ *Just saw u and Ronnie over the summer you both looked so good Id dare to say ageless RIP*



Denise Brown - November 18, 2024 at 09:30 AM

IC

“ *I remember watching Donny play basketball he was so great and always like a brother to me. I will always keep him in my heart 🙏💙💙*



Ida Cook - November 16, 2024 at 10:08 AM



SLEEP ON MY BROTHER..GONNA MISS U..

Todd Johnson - November 18, 2024 at 09:32 AM

EP

“ *Elizabeth Patterson-Moyer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donnie Graham, Sr.*



Elizabeth Patterson-Moyer - November 15, 2024 at 11:05 AM

AB

“ *One of my childhood friends. Rest well my friend. You're going to be missed by many. Debbie, Ray, Sandy and Ronnie my deepest condolences to you all.*

Alicia Glinton boyd - November 15, 2024 at 06:39 AM

GD

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family we shared many good years in East Utica, Much Love Family*



Grace Jones DeCastro - November 14, 2024 at 10:56 PM

RS

“ *Sorry 🙏 for the loss of your love one. May he rest in peace. Rose Pearson & Stanley Dunigan*



Roseann Simmons - November 14, 2024 at 09:35 PM

PE

“ *My condolences to the family, so sorry for your loss*

PeggyLilley17@Gmail.com - November 14, 2024 at 05:12 PM

JE

“ *Will always remember him riding with Ervin to work and arriving early to have a little liquid breakfast before his day scaring me when he made noise out on the deck saying don't mind me Joyce I'll be ready when he comes out always a gentleman with a smile and never missed work .I will miss him because above all else he was a good person.my condolences to his loved ones 🙏🙏🙏😊*

Joycr Enoch - November 14, 2024 at 02:58 PM

DJ

My condolences to the family. Keeping you all in Prayer. Donny will be missed. R.I.P.

Doris Jenkins - November 14, 2024 at 04:46 PM

PE

He was such a cool guy, always had a smile on his face and a cold one in his hand, and in the parking lot on Grove place with his friend having fun, he will be missed RIP MY friend

PeggyLilley17@Gmail.com - November 14, 2024 at 05:09 PM

JB

Donnie was a true friend I am deeply saddened we laughed our entire life he was a funny person always had a kind word for you to the entire Graham family I send my condolences and prayers and love to you all remember he is resting weeping may indore for the night but your joy will come in the morning good night my friend until we meet again

Jeffrey Boykin - November 14, 2024 at 06:02 PM

YW

I remember you as always making laugh! And your amazing ability to always see the good in everyone!

Yolanda Whiting - November 16, 2024 at 10:51 PM

RM

“ Will always remember his funny jokes and loving heart ❤️. May Donnie rest in paradise. Condolences to the entire family. With our deepest sympathy Donald duck Harris and Rosana Morales. 🙏🙏💙💙



Rosa Morales - November 14, 2024 at 12:58 PM

EB

“ My condolences to the family..my boy Don Juan....I can truly say he was my brother from another Mother....I got so many memories with Don that I can't just pick out one...eventhough we didn't see each other in his latter years we still kept in touch...and when we did run into each other we would always reminiscence about the good old days...and before we would leave each other we would always hug and say I Love you bruh....so I just wanna say RIP my brother and I'm gonna truly miss you 🙏❤️🙏

Ed Blackshear - November 14, 2024 at 12:52 PM

KM

“ Our deepest condolences 🌸❤️🙏 we have the family lifted up in prayer. SIP Donnie. Thanks for the memories

Keith and Angela Webb Southaven Ms. - November 14, 2024 at 12:45 PM

EM

“ My condolences and prayers to the family
Rest In heavenly Peace Donnie



Ernesto montanez - November 14, 2024 at 12:29 PM

AB

“ *My prayers are with the family and my good friend we called ourselves family in high school and still family love you guys*

Annie mae Brooks - November 14, 2024 at 10:59 AM

CT

“ *Condolences to the family SIP my friend*



Clyde Taylor - November 14, 2024 at 10:27 AM

SB

“ *Susan Green Bynum lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donnie Graham, Sr.*



Susan Green Bynum - November 14, 2024 at 10:02 AM

BW

Prayers and condolences to the family 🙏

Betty Whitehurst - November 14, 2024 at 11:36 AM

EP

My condolences to the Graham family in the passing of Donnie.

I will always remember his bright smile and enjoyable conversations. Such a hard working man with a good heart.

Lifting you all in Prayer,

Elizabeth Patterson-Moyer

Elizabeth Patterson-Moyer - November 15, 2024 at 11:06 AM

GC

DONNIE i'll always miss you it was a pleaser helping raise you your pop as you called me Rev George Clark

george clark - November 26, 2024 at 10:38 PM

CM

Rip don missing you messing with me @ the different places we meet @stores all the laughs are Priceless. Rip my friend until we meet again

Charlene Miller - February 06, 2025 at 01:09 AM