



Mr. Earnest James Robertson

April 8, 1939 - January 2, 2023

UTICA- Mr. Earnest James Robertson passed away on Monday, January 2, 2023, at the age of 83 while in the presence of his family.

Earnest James Robertson was born on April 8, 1939, to his parents Tommie Lee Robertson and Marie Evans Pierce. Earnest “Ernie” was born in Crawford, Mississippi, spending his childhood years with “Big Mama,” learning to work in the fields, producing crops and raising cattle. As the story goes, he and his cousins played in those fields, and the cows were “like their toys,” but hard work was what it took to survive. Those early years influenced his work ethic and also brought him joy when he planted his yearly vegetable garden. After a few years he migrated to Kankakee, Illinois, where Earnest received his childhood education. In the early 60s while visiting his Uncle Charlie in Utica, NY, Earnest got stuck on Liberty Street when he fell in love and decided to stay. On July 3, 1964, he married Peggy Harvey. Instantly Peggy was entrusted to parent his three daughters and Earnest was entrusted to parent her daughter. In their union they had one daughter- a real life “Brady Bunch.” Earnest was a “girl dad!” He had six daughters and survived the daily drama of a house full of girls—each one he “spoiled,” and taught them all everything he’d teach a son, and he did the same for his granddaughters and grandsons. Earnest was a Mr. Fix-It for the neighborhood, and he turned garbage items into gems that could rival any invention. He prided himself on teaching his family how to use his newly created tool, and whatever it was, it worked! Earnest also loved hunting and fishing, especially with his close friends Mr.

John Lacy and Mr. John Frazier. In addition to loving the outdoors, Earnest was also a skilled musician, and he played as the lead guitarist for a gospel group that played in local churches and other venues.

Over the years Earnest worked in various capacities, and just within the last five years he retired from Hubbell Galvanizing where he enjoyed meeting new people, none of whom were strangers after the first "hello."

Earnest is survived by his wife, Peggy Robertson; his daughters, Cynthia Obeya, Joyce Haden (Kelvin), Monique Heyward (Quinten), Melissa Jackson, and Dietra Harvey. He also leaves behind to mourn his loss fifteen grandchildren, eighteen great-grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren, one with whom he shared a birthday (Zayveon). In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his daughter, Mary Kay Mayo; and grandson, Morgan Minor.

The Robertson Family would like to thank the family and friends who provided extra support during the last few years, and the medical professionals that provided care, including Visiting Nurses and Hospice and Palliative Care. Visitation will be held on Thursday, January 12, 2023, from 10:00-11:15 a.m. at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Earnest's Home Going Service and Celebration of Life will commence at 11:30 a.m. at the funeral home immediately upon conclusion of visitation. Those unable to attend may be present for services virtually at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82957394780>. Interment will follow in Forest Hill Cemetery, where he will be laid to rest.

Cemetery Details

Forest Hill Cemetery

2201 Oneida Street
Utica, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 12. 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
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Home Going Service

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Tribute Wall



“ To the Robinson Family, I give my sincere condolences of Mr. Ernest.
Love Diana C. Greene

Diana C Greene - January 12, 2023 at 09:49 AM



“ Ernie was one of the first people I met when I started to work for Hubbell and had the privilege to work with him for many years. he has greatly been missed since his retirement, my deepest condolences to his family and friends. R.I.P. Ernie

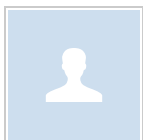
Emmite White - January 12, 2023 at 09:39 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mr. Earnest James Robertson.



January 11, 2023 at 07:23 PM



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January 10, 2023 at 09:15 PM

DW

“ Dawn Winston lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest James Robertson



Dawn Winston - January 09, 2023 at 04:37 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Earnest James Robertson.



January 08, 2023 at 01:12 PM



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January 08, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Earnest James Robertson.



January 08, 2023 at 09:13 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Earnest James Robertson.* ”



January 08, 2023 at 09:11 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Earnest James Robertson.* ”



January 08, 2023 at 09:10 AM



“ *Sorry for the loss of your love one, Mr Ernest has always been a kind and caring man that would do anything for you. God bless him he's gain his wings.* ”



Rose Simmons & Stanley Dunigan, family - January 06, 2023 at 08:12 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Earnest James Robertson.* ”



January 06, 2023 at 02:55 PM

JW

“ *Judith Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest James Robertson*



Judith Williams - January 05, 2023 at 11:42 PM

DH

“ *I am praying for the family and your loss. May God continue to shine a light over you. RIP Mr. Earnest*

Dorothy Holloway - January 05, 2023 at 02:59 PM

DH

“ *So many great memories of my brother in law Earnest like all the times we spent scaling the fish he caught on the back steps at L-4 Washington Courts and how he generously offered to let me use his car to drive to and from my classes at Utica College when he was working nights and sleeping days! What a blessing he was to so many people. Praying that his transition from earth to eternity was smooth. Dottie*

Doris Hill-Wyley - January 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM

HB

“ *Harold & Cynthia Bivens lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest James Robertson*



Harold & Cynthia Bivens - January 05, 2023 at 08:13 AM

DT

“ Praying for Comfort and Strength for the Family.

Diane Tanner - January 05, 2023 at 07:54 AM

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FJ

“ With deepest condolences to the Robertson family in your time of loss.

Fred J.Greer - January 05, 2023 at 07:51 AM

TM

“ I♥️you grandpa when you reach your destination to heaven ill be wanting for you n my mom to pay me a visit reinsure me you made it safely 💔i can here my mom saying ain't that nothing daddy that's you 😭😭

Tecolia Mayo - January 05, 2023 at 03:12 AM

KT

“ Our deepest condolences 🌸 to the family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Keith and Angela Webb, Memphis Tn - January 05, 2023 at 12:27 AM

GD

“ My deepest sympathy to the (our)family, R. I. P. Yearnest, you were a father to me and Grandfather to my 2oldest boys, and I Kno you Loved Us and we definitely Loved you, so many memories, no more pain or suffering, Rest.



Grace DeCastro - January 05, 2023 at 12:20 AM

LJ

“ Sending my condolence and prayer 🙏 to the family. Look to the hills which cometh your strength

Leola Turner Jones - January 04, 2023 at 10:29 PM

JS

“ People grow up every day not knowing who their father is or not having a father figure. I have been fortunate as I had my father but I also had Kool-Tide(my nickname for him, a long story). He was never afraid to tell me he loved me and lord knows I love him. I learned plenty for him, but more importantly I learned about unconditional love as he told me he loved me like I was his son. I told him that love him like he was my Dad! My heart is broken. I love you Tide! Godspeed! I know you will have them laughing in heaven!!

Jai R Dorsey Sr. - January 04, 2023 at 05:00 PM

JD

“ *My Deepest Condolences to the Family in your time of Loss. I am extremely grateful that I was able to spend some time with Earnest a few weeks before his transition. We had some of the Greatest conversations ever!! We would run into each other at Hanaford Supermarket and hold full fledged 30 minute conversations in the middle of the aisles. He is missed and will be missed for a vey long time . Condolences to my Sister Monique Deitra and thank you Miss Peggy for our Deep Conversations that I'm sure will continue until the end of time . I am so Sad but I'm am happy he is not suffering any longer. Until the Morning my Friend
Jody Dorsey and Family*

Jody Dorsey - January 04, 2023 at 04:49 PM

FS

I had the "honor" to sing to my Uncle Ernest two worship songs Saturday New Year's Eve as he nodded in agreement to the songs I sung to me. Nearing the end of this life, the next one is eternal! There is no more suffering, crying 😭, pain, or sickness! Eternal Joy 😊 came Monday !morning

Freddy L. Perry Sr. - January 04, 2023 at 05:25 PM