



## Mr. Ernesto Montanez, Sr.

July 15, 1935 - February 7, 2022

UTICA – Mr. Ernesto Montanez, Sr., age 86, passed away unexpectedly Monday afternoon, February 7, 2022, in the comfort and dignity of his home. Ernesto was born in Fajardo, Puerto Rico, on July 15, 1935, to the late Pablo and Catalina (Melendez) Montanez. He was raised and educated there, while under the maternal guidance of his grandmother. At age 19, Ernesto’s brother José brought him first to New York City, then to Rome, NY, and ultimately, they settled in Utica. Ernesto was able to find good work, which encouraged him in his decision to make Utica his new home.

At one time, Ernesto had been married to Clara Melendez, who passed on March 2, 2014. During their time together, the pair was blessed with four sons. Ernesto was known for being a hard worker who dabbled in a little bit of everything. He worked for various companies, starting his Utica career with a position in the foundry at Utica Boilers. From there, he shifted into a role at Bonide Products, LLC and then moved to Melee Manufacturing. Finally, Ernesto settled at Wonder Bread, where he remained for nearly sixteen years until their close.

A kind-hearted man, Ernesto was known for going out of his way to help anyone in need. If a friend or family member ever asked for something, he made sure to find a way to provide it.

Ernesto deeply loved and enjoyed his family and friends. When he was not working or with loved ones, he delighted in his varying hobbies. Ernesto loved to go fishing, taking a leisurely drive, and spending time with his favorite K9

companions.

A devout Christian, Ernesto found that his faith gave him comfort and infused him with purpose.

Ernesto is survived by his beloved sons, Ernesto Montanez, Jr., who was also his friend and caretaker; Jose Montanez, Sr. and his wife Wendy; Edwin Montanez; and Eduardo and Lillian Montanez. Ernesto leaves behind many grandchildren and their families, as well as great-grandchildren, and his siblings' families. He joins his siblings, who all have passed: José Montanez, Sr., Nereida Montanez, and Fernando Montanez.

Visitation will be held on Friday, February 18, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Eannace Funeral Home Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Ernesto's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence at 12:00 noon at the funeral home immediately upon conclusion of visitation. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 735-2727

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**FEB 18.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.  
932 South Street  
corner of Hammond Ave.  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 724-6714  
eannacefh@roadrunner.com

## Funeral Service

**FEB 18.** 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ So Sorry For Your Loss Ernesto & Family We are Sending A Heartfelt Condolences To You All Workman Prince & Jackson Family



Workman Prince & Jackson Family - February 20, 2022 at 12:24 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Ernesto Montanez, Sr..



February 15, 2022 at 11:52 AM



“ Condolences to you & your family. God Bless.



Aaron & Kimberly Montanez - February 12, 2022 at 08:23 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Ernesto Montanez, Sr..

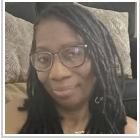


February 12, 2022 at 07:45 PM

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“ *My condolences to you Ernest Jr. and your family.*

Patricia Jackson - February 12, 2022 at 07:31 PM



“ *Deborah Parrish-Montanez lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernesto Montanez, Sr.*



Deborah Parrish-Montanez - February 12, 2022 at 09:17 AM



“ *Sending my deepest condolences to the Montanez family, on the passing of my former father-in-law, Ernesto Montanez, Sr. May God bless and keep you all, through this difficult time. I'm praying for you all.* 🙏🙏🙏



Deborah Parrish-Montanez - February 12, 2022 at 09:16 AM

JD

*My condolences to the Montanez family. God Bless*

Jai Dorsey - February 18, 2022 at 09:02 AM

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“ *My Condolences*



Linda Spratt - February 12, 2022 at 05:54 AM