



Eugene D. "Baby G" Ward, Jr.

July 22, 1997 - April 30, 2020

UTICA - Mr. Eugene D. "Baby G" Ward, Jr. passed away on Thursday, April 30, 2020 at MVHS at St. Elizabeth Medical Center as the result of a tragic & fatal mishap.

Born in Utica on July 22, 1997, Eugene was the son of Cynthia Ruffin and Eugene Ward, Sr. He attended Utica City Schools and Little Falls Jr./Sr. High School. He was proud to receive his GED.

At one time, he was a Customer Service Associate for Walmart in New Hartford, and provided lawn maintenance for those in need. He was conscientious and meticulous in performing all his jobs. Although he was reserved and private, he had a smile on his face and was always there for his loved ones. He had a unique style and personality, and he loved his mom and dad. When his mother relocated, he was left in the care of his grandmother Levinia who loved him; he later returned to live with his mom, Cynthia. He wanted to be independent, but his decisions were not always correct. A smart young man, he didn't realize the potential of his own natural knowledge. His mom wanted him to be the best person he could be, and she preached to him often about making the right life choices.

"Baby G" had a gentle, good heart, and genuinely cared about others. He was a junk food fan, and easy-prep noodles and pasta were his favorites. When his mother cooked for him, he shared his enormous plate with his friends. He enjoyed wrestling, was a fan of the game of basketball and liked rap music, especially 'A-Boogie wit da Hoodie'. He would walk or bike to where he had to

go. "Baby G"'s greatest gift was his 3-year-old daughter who graced his life. Eugene is survived by his mother, Cynthia Ruffin and step-father, Aaron Mims; his father, Eugene Sr. and Danielle Gross; and his grandfather, Peter Thompson. All of his parents shared a great love and support for "Baby G". He also leaves his daughter, Lei'ani Samyra Rose Ward and her mother, Makaya Rose Brown with whom he shared a 3-year relationship and the bond of a beautiful little girl. He also leaves his siblings, Shuniya Ruffin and Richard Green, Robreaisa Devose, Robert Devose Jr., Roasear Ruffin, Aaron Mims Jr., Savanna Ward, and Ciara Ward; nephews, Zamarion "Guinea Pig", Ermias "Papa Keystone", and Sayquavion "Jiggy"; aunts and uncles, Tracy Ruffin and Frank Dixson, Jennifer Ruffin and Robert Bradley; Anita Ruffin, and Derick and Patty Ward; great-aunts and great-uncles, Anthony and Carmen Ruffin, Helen and Niel Saxe, Loretta Ruffin, and Lula B. and Lee Hervey; a host of cousins, especially Tyshawn Dixson, Randeise White, Terrick Spratt, and Eric Valesquez; his many "O-Block" friends; and Shaniece Brown, Lei'ani's grandmother and dear family friend. He was predeceased by his maternal great-grandmother, Annie Louise (Hines) Ruffin Strickland; maternal grandparents, Percell and Ellen (Strickland) Ruffin, Jr.; paternal grandmother, Levinia M. Ward; aunts, Gladys Ruffin, and Karen Strickland; nephew, Shazear Ruffin; and cousin, Christopher Rocco Prest, Jr.

The family extends their appreciation to Dr. Leo Sullivan and the staff at MVHS at St. Elizabeth Medical Center for their efforts and empathetic care. Due to the current health crisis and in keeping with federal and state regulations, Home Going services will be held privately with immediate family only. During this time of social distancing, please take a moment to connect with Eugene's family through the "Memories" section of his obituary on our website.

Our prayers go out to all as a sign of our continued support.

Tribute Wall

SB

“ *ShaNese Brown lit a candle in memory of Eugene D. "Baby G" Ward, Jr.*

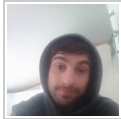


ShaNese Brown - May 06, 2020 at 10:23 AM

SB

Eugene you will deeply be missed by many!! We love you!! Love, ShaNese, Zeanna, Ej, and Jojo

ShaNese Brown - May 06, 2020 at 10:25 AM



So sorry for your loss Cynthia I didn't want to believe that someone killed my nephew I loved him very much can you tell me when and where are they burying him this is uncle Kano 315 864 1995 thank you take care

Collin Volo - May 06, 2020 at 10:54 AM

S&

“ *We love you jr and will always miss you.*



savanna &ciara - May 06, 2020 at 07:03 AM

AL

“ This weekend ill send you off lil bro. Cardncls are here. took you for a ransom. I'll send the video in Friday night. I love you baby boy. Love ab. We going be popping them bottles this summer boy.



Alex - May 06, 2020 at 05:28 AM



Kano would like someone to call him please his number is 315,864 1995 please and we are very sorry for your loss and we love you

Melissa Bikowicz - May 06, 2020 at 11:16 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. There's nothing I could say or do to make the pain go away only thing I can says may God help you through the hard times may God bless you and your family

Kathy Studer - May 06, 2020 at 12:50 AM

LF

“ So sorry for your loss. He was a good kid. Remember him in his school years. May God be with you in your time of need. He is flying high watching over as a guardian angel. God rest his soul.



Lisa Farley - May 05, 2020 at 02:38 PM

PT

“ Fly HIGH Junior... YOU will be greatly missed... YOU earned your wings...

Pamela Talbot - May 05, 2020 at 01:54 PM



“ *Share the Health was purchased for the family of Eugene D. "Baby G" Ward, Jr..*



May 05, 2020 at 01:13 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to his family, so very sorry for your loss. I knew his Grandma Levinia Ward and she was a great lady w a kind heart. I knew his Dad when he was little. God bless you all. I'm sue his Grandma is holding him in her arms*



Kathy R - May 05, 2020 at 11:31 AM



“ *Test in Heavenly Peace, Eugene. Fly high with the Angels !!!*

Deborah Brown - May 05, 2020 at 10:30 AM



Rest, not Test !

Deborah Brown - May 05, 2020 at 10:31 AM



“ *Lockwood Family lit a candle in memory of Eugene D. "Baby G" Ward, Jr.*



Lockwood Family - May 05, 2020 at 08:46 AM



“ *Classie Boyd lit a candle in memory of Eugene D. "Baby G" Ward, Jr.*



Classie Boyd - May 05, 2020 at 07:06 AM



“ *BIP LIL BRO. I loved you like my own bro. Took care of you. Sleeping on these streets together. Love AB O.B*

Alex - May 05, 2020 at 03:24 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Eugene D. "Baby G" Ward, Jr..*



May 04, 2020 at 10:42 PM



“ *Fly high young man.*



Racheal - May 04, 2020 at 09:29 PM

RH

“ Eugene and I were good friends years ago and I'd always wished we had stayed close, he was a very nice young man! May he Rest In Peace ❤️

Rebecca Harris - May 04, 2020 at 08:39 PM

MI

“ My prayers are with you all



missy - May 04, 2020 at 06:40 PM



“ Ulysses Rodriguez lit a candle in memory of Eugene D. "Baby G" Ward, Jr.



Ulysses Rodriguez - May 04, 2020 at 06:31 PM

VA

“ So sorry for the family's loss may prayers reach in your time of need. He was such a pleasant and respectful young man anytime I've seen him. He would always ask to use a phone to call home to check in so his family wouldn't worry. I'm lost for words rip gods angel fly high.god bless



Val - May 04, 2020 at 05:33 PM

DR

My condolences to the family. My prayers are with you. Eugene you will be missed for so many reasons especially your smile.

Diane Rice - May 06, 2020 at 12:07 PM

AG

“ *He will be missed dearly I lways loved hearing him call me titi when I went up on Oneida St XOXO RIP baby G, ❤️*

Andrea Gonzalez - May 04, 2020 at 04:38 PM

AS

Gunna miss you cuzzin! I remember you get my bike for me when someone stole it! And you brought it to me ! And said Anthony I got your bike I found who stole it! Baby Jean love you so much ! I loved you much that's why I always gave you money when you ask! R.I.P xoxo

Anthony Strickland - May 04, 2020 at 05:00 PM

HK

So sad me and my kids Valerie and Victor knew him and his cuz Nadia he sure going to be missed 😞

Holly Knapp - May 04, 2020 at 05:39 PM

RM

S.I.P, lil cuz, I'm gonna miss you, and I want you to know, everything is everything...

Robin Moore - May 04, 2020 at 06:41 PM

LF

God needed another angel. To the family, May God bless you and keep you. Praying for comfort and strength for your Family.

Lockwood Family - May 05, 2020 at 08:49 AM