

## EvaLee L. Howard

December 1, 1963 - May 23, 2019

UTICA - EvaLee L. Howard, age 55, passed into the arms of the Lord on Thursday, May 23, 2019 at MVHS at St. Luke's Healthcare Center with her loving family by her side.

Born in Rome, NY on December 1, 1963, EvaLee was the daughter of the late James A. and Mary F. (Brown) Howard. Raised and educated locally, she attended Utica Free Academy.

EvaLee worked at the Abelove Linen Company and she also "dispensed spirits" as a bartender. She was crazy cool and loved music and dancing because it gave her the freedom to express her inner soul. She was excellent at cooking, especially soul food including collard greens, cabbage, and mac 'n cheese — they all hit the spot! EvaLee's bright spirit was reflected in her clothing, and she dressed to be seen. She had a vibrant personality and wore bold colors. Back in the day, she enjoyed skating, and playing kick ball with the kids in the neighborhood. She never looked for trouble, but if it came her way, everyone knew she would leave her signature in dealing with it. She listened to a variety of music, but R&B singer Keith Sweat moved her the most. His songs inspired her "karaoke moment" and "Nobody" was her go-to song.

EvaLee had a relationship with the Lord and she read the Bible, particularly when she was in pain and needed comfort. Although she was without children herself, she was generous of heart and mind with her nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. She was especially close to her godson Marcus

Reed and they loved each other. She will be remembered as a sister who was a fierce protector of her siblings, and she had an affinity for respecting others, especially her elders. She was unforgettable, and now she can rest in peace, free from pain.

EvaLee shared her life with Hakeen, and he was truly good to her. She is survived by her siblings and their loved ones, Lucille Brown, Mary Jane and William Tolbert, James "Hug" Howard Jr., Theresa Howard and Anthony Hill, Barbara and Rev. Anthony Murray, Charles Howard, Joyce Paulk, Stacey and Ralph Airall, Javelle Howard, Anitra and Allen Jefferson, Eugene Howard, and Amanda Howard; her step-siblings, Shirley and Kenny Troy, Paulette and Earl Lang, Annie and Charles Minor, Carolyn and Wayne Savage, Cathy and Tracy Spencer, Lepolia "Red" Spencer, Angelo and Quinton Spencer, James Spencer, and her step-mother, Annie Mae Howard. She was predeceased by her brother, David Howard; her sisters, Rosalind Lyles, April Howard, Jeanette P. Howard, Latwanya M. Howard, and infant Stephanie Howard; and brothers-in-law, Willie Rodriguez, and Allen Jefferson. She also leaves her nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, aunts, including Mary Smith, and Patricia Howard; and a host of friends, especially acknowledging Rachael Archie, Thelma Dingo, and Debbie Washington. She was preceded by her nieces, MaryAnn Howard, and Mary Ruffin; nephew, Ammar Williams; and uncles, Jerry Howard, and Paul Howard.

The family is grateful to the staff of St. Luke's PTU and 2nd Floor staff for their kindness and empathy in caring for EvaLee during her final stages of life's journey; and Bishop Hughes for her pastoral guidance and prayers.

Visitation will be held Saturday from 4:00-6:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. EvaLee's Home Going Service and Celebration of Life will commence on Saturday evening at 6:00 immediately upon the conclusion of visitation at the funeral home with her brother-in-law, The Rev. Anthony L. Murray.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Hill Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JUN 1. 6:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.  
932 South Street  
corner of Hammond Ave.  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 724-6714  
eannacefh@roadrunner.com  
<https://www.eannacefuneralhome.com>

# Tribute Wall

TS

“ Terry Spratt Sr lit a candle in memory of EvaLee L. Howard



Terry spratt Sr - July 18, 2022 at 06:18 PM

DC

“ God bless the Howard family. I love & miss you all. Eva was a good person who always made me laugh. Just like her brother & my man Hug. Donald Curry

Donald Curry - February 03, 2020 at 04:17 PM

SM

“ Sherisse Wells Moseley lit a candle in memory of EvaLee L. Howard



Sherisse Wells Moseley - May 31, 2019 at 03:38 PM

SB

“ Susie Lacy Brown lit a candle in memory of EvaLee L. Howard

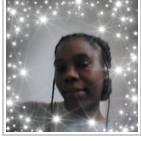


susie Lacy Brown - May 30, 2019 at 09:40 PM

SB

Sorry for your loss Howard family 🙏

susie Lacy Brown - May 30, 2019 at 09:43 PM



“ I'm going to really miss you so much you was the Aunt that everyone wanted. It sad to say goodbye but I know you not and pain anymore you will always be in my heart



Aja Phillips - May 30, 2019 at 08:33 PM

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“ Arthur Robinson (Charlie) lit a candle in memory of EvaLee L. Howard



Arthur Robinson (Charlie) - May 30, 2019 at 08:08 PM

DR

“ Darlene Branch.arthur Charlie Robindon lit a candle in memory of EvaLee L. Howard



Darlene branch.arthur charlie robindon - May 30, 2019 at 08:06 PM


RP

“ Rose Patterson lit a candle in memory of  
EvaLee L. Howard



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**Rose Patterson** - May 30, 2019 at 07:58 PM

 Nicole  
Harris

“ Nicole Harris lit a candle in memory of  
EvaLee L. Howard



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**Nicole Harris** - May 30, 2019 at 07:23 PM

LS

“ Linda Spratt lit a candle in memory of EvaLee  
L. Howard



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**Linda spratt** - May 30, 2019 at 04:26 PM

CP

“ Cynthia Patterson-Bivens lit a candle in  
memory of EvaLee L. Howard



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**Cynthia Patterson-Bivens** - May 30, 2019 at 08:55 AM

CM

“ *Charlene(house) Miller lit a candle in memory of EvaLee L. Howard*



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**Charlene(house) Miller** - May 29, 2019 at 03:19 PM

SM

“ *Sherisse Wells Moseley lit a candle in memory of EvaLee L. Howard*



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**Sherisse Wells Moseley** - May 29, 2019 at 03:00 PM

RA

“ *Eva, we shared laughter, love, and friendship. I am going to miss spending time with you. I love you and miss you. Until we meet again. Love you Eva.*

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**Rachael** - May 29, 2019 at 02:43 PM

DF

*You will be missed EvaEva...*

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**Denise Fenimore** - May 29, 2019 at 09:45 PM



“ *My beautiful dear friend Eva, Thank you for the kindness that you have shown me through the years we shared going up. I will miss your smile, but will carry our friendship a life-time..Love you my dear friend & sister. God Bless the Family*



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**Ida Cook** - May 29, 2019 at 01:10 PM

AS

*Eva lee you will be missed by me ( mrs. story) as you always called me, mrs. bert. i am so glad that i got to know you and the family.what i truly am going to miss is that laughter you had when something were funny to you. also what a wonderul person you were, now that the good lord. have call you home so there will. be no more. suffering and pain, now you. can rest my friend , and sleep on may you rest in peace , my condolences to. the family. mrs. bert*

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**Albertha. Story** - May 31, 2019 at 08:50 AM



“ *Candy Jefferson lit a candle in memory of EvaLee L. Howard*



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**Candy Jefferson** - May 29, 2019 at 12:50 PM



*I Love You Always My Best Friend And Sis May You S.I.P*

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**Candy Jefferson** - May 29, 2019 at 12:52 PM

FG

“ *Felicia Greene lit a candle in memory of EvaLee L. Howard*



Felicia Greene - May 29, 2019 at 12:23 PM



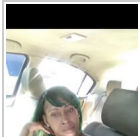
*I am Going Too Miss My Best Friend And Sis May You S.I.P Love You Always* 🌸💖🌹💖

Candy Jefferson - May 29, 2019 at 12:48 PM

HK

“ *rest in peace my friend you are loved and missed. will miss our times together in the park and all the fine meals you cooked peace and love till we meet again*

harold kind - May 29, 2019 at 12:21 PM



“ *Tina Chastine sent a virtual gift in memory of EvaLee L. Howard*



Tina Chastine - May 29, 2019 at 11:42 AM



“ *Classie Boyd lit a candle in memory of EvaLee L. Howard*



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**Classie Boyd** - May 29, 2019 at 10:37 AM



“ *Classie Boyd lit a candle in memory of EvaLee L. Howard*



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**Classie Boyd** - May 29, 2019 at 10:36 AM



“ *Gayle Westmoreland lit a candle in memory of EvaLee L. Howard*



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**Gayle Westmoreland** - May 29, 2019 at 09:58 AM



“ *When EvaLee called you "CUZ" It was turely a honor because She Ment That Thang 😊 In my teenage years She would braid my Short, short hair and got it to start growing and never charged. She was very Funny, Respectful and Protective of the people she loved. Gayle Ann Dickson / "Westmoreland" will hold untold memories of you*

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**Gayle Westmoreland** - May 29, 2019 at 09:55 AM

LT

“ TO THE FAMILY: I SENT MY CONDOLENCES AND WILL KEEP YOUR FAMILY IN PRAYER AS YOU GO OVER THIS HILL. LOOK FORWARD TO HILLS WHICH COMETH YOUR STRENGTHEN


Leola Turner/Jones - May 29, 2019 at 09:48 AM

SB

“ So sorry for your loss



Susan Bynum - May 29, 2019 at 08:15 AM

  
Deborah Washington

“ My condolences to Howard family my prayers shall evermore be with you all! I love and miss you so much my sister friend my hitta. Sleep easy in the Lord! 🙏😭❤️



Deborah Washington - May 29, 2019 at 07:33 AM

NG

“ Nanette Griffin lit a candle in memory of EvaLee L. Howard



Nanette Griffin - May 29, 2019 at 07:32 AM

GD

“ *In deepest sympathy to the Howard Family*

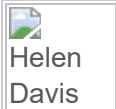
Grace Decastro - May 29, 2019 at 07:10 AM

AP

“ *ANGELA ROGER PATTERSON lit a candle in memory of EvaLee L. Howard*



ANGELA ROGER PATTERSON - May 29, 2019 at 07:07 AM



Helen  
Davis

*Rip, She was my Auntie best friend now they will meet again, Sip sis evaLew*

Helen Davis - May 29, 2019 at 09:56 AM

AP

“ *WE ARE SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS SHE WAS ONE OF KIND WE ARE TRULY GOING TO MISS HER. SHE IS LOVE BY MANY RIP SIS*

ANGELA ROGER PATTERSON - May 29, 2019 at 07:06 AM

UJ

“ *My Condolences to the Howard Family.*



Ulysses "Jamel" Lewis Jr - May 28, 2019 at 04:30 PM



*I loved Eva she will truly be missed*

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**Belinda Holliman** - May 29, 2019 at 10:10 AM