



## James L. "Leon" Moore Jr.

November 28, 1977 - October 5, 2019

UTICA - James "Leon" Moore, 41, of Utica N.Y, was called home due to a heart attack on October 5, 2019. Leon was born on November 28, 1977 in Utica N.Y. He is the son of the late James L. Moore Sr. and Francena (Gary) Moore.

Leon Graduated from T.R. Proctor High School, class of 1995 where he developed his love of sports and discovered the love for Softball & Baseball. Leon gained friendships that lasted a lifetime.

Leon was employed by Budweiser Company for many years. His next endeavor was as an entrepreneur. He opened and successfully operated V.I.P. Auto Detailing at two locations where he employed members of the local community. He was well respected in the community because of his high quality workmanship. Leon also simultaneously worked for the Utica City School District up until the time of his death. Leon was a dedicated, determined, self-motivated, hard-working provider. He was a man to be emulated by many. Leon had a gift for softball that was displayed by his numerous awards, trophies, and recognition. He was recognized in the sports section of the newspaper for being the MVP on the Auburn Bar & Grill team MUNY League for many years. Currently and actively, he was playing on the Miller Lite team and always proudly wearing the number 22. Leon was an asset to his teammates and accidentally hitting home runs also helped. He will be truly missed by his teammates and coaches.

Leon was the one that brought everyone together. He loved celebrating with

family, and always opened his heart and home extending his brotherly love. Leon loved to travel spending time with his family. He loved family cookouts, birthday parties and more. Leon was known as the Grill Master, famous for making his unique pork chops and BBQ ribs with a twist. Leon also enjoyed customizing his vehicles, from blinged out rims to black tinted windows with the crazy systems in the back, making it his own unique style.

Leon was a loving caring man who stepped into the role of a provider and protector for his family after the death of his father. He leaves to cherish his memory a loving mother, Francena Moore whom he adoringly called Frannie. Leon was a loving spouse to his devoted (CL) wife, Niesha Boyd and a caring father to his beloved children, Nyasiah Moore, Nevaeh Moore, Dominick, and his step-son Adrian D. Liggins, Jr., all of Utica, N.Y. He also leaves behind to mourn his sisters, Michelle Moore Billins, Rochelle Moore Nichols, and Stacey Ayers, all of Utica, N.Y. He also leaves six nieces, Danielle, Erica, Dana, Vanessa, Shahniqua, and Fantasia; two nephews, Ternell, and Benjamin; great-nieces, Zariah, Rayana, Myana, Jhada, Seleah, and Skylar; great-nephews, Quadir, Quamir, Kyrie, Ahmar, and Daquan all of Utica, N.Y. Also left to mourn are his aunts, Alena Chisolm, Liberty Mathis, Carrie'Mae McKinon, and Rosalee Gary Bradshaw, all of Camden, South Carolina; his mother-in-law, Sheila Berry, and the entire Boyd family. Leon will be missed by many friends, co-workers, employees, teammates, coaches, childhood friends, and members of the community in which he lived and worked.

Visitation will be held on Monday, October 14, 2019 from 10:00 to 12:00 at St. Paul's Baptist Church, 219 Leah Street, Utica, N.Y. Leon's Celebration of Life and Home Going will commence at 12:00. He will be laid to rest in New Forest Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## New Forest Cemetery

2001 Oneida Street  
Utica, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **14**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul's Baptist Church  
219 Leah Street  
Utica, NY

## Funeral Service

OCT **14**. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul's Baptist Church  
219 Leah Street  
Utica, NY

# Tribute Wall



“ Rochelle Moore-Nichols lit a candle in memory of James L. "Leon" Moore Jr.



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**Rochelle Moore-Nichols** - November 20, 2019 at 07:59 AM



“ From the family of Leon...We would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts.. Please continue too pray for us we have a long road head of us..Thank you the Moore Family



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**Rochelle Moore-Nichols** - October 17, 2019 at 07:40 AM



“ Lamika Truss lit a candle in memory of James L. "Leon" Moore Jr.



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**Lamika Truss** - October 14, 2019 at 01:21 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of James L. "Leon" Moore Jr..



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October 14, 2019 at 06:16 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James L. "Leon" Moore Jr..*



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October 13, 2019 at 02:16 PM



“ *Colleen lit a candle in memory of James L. "Leon" Moore Jr.*



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**Colleen** - October 12, 2019 at 06:29 PM



“ *JUDY JOHNSON lit a candle in memory of James L. "Leon" Moore Jr.*



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**JUDY JOHNSON** - October 11, 2019 at 11:44 PM



*MY SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO THE ENTIRE FAMILY...MAY GOD CONTINUE TO LIFT YOU ALL UP WITH HIS STRENGTH*

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**JUDY JOHNSON** - October 11, 2019 at 11:46 PM



*i really do miss my dad so much he was there for us so much*

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**nevaeh** - February 10, 2020 at 11:37 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of James L. "Leon" Moore Jr..*



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October 11, 2019 at 04:26 PM



“ *Dwight Tullis lit a candle in memory of James L. "Leon" Moore Jr.*



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**Dwight Tullis** - October 11, 2019 at 01:20 PM



++++ *Rest in Peace, my Brother, you were always A stellar individual, and when we conversed you always said. Tullis, you crazy. I remember how I would tell you how I played first base BACK IN THE DAY, which at that time you were PLAYING FIRST FOR SOME TEAM. I BELIEVE I WAS UMPIRING THE BASES THAT GAME, WELL ANYWAY I said you must go out and meet the ball ,don't wait for the ball to come to you.I used the illustration N. O. T. G .,AND YOU ASKED ME WHAT THAT MEANT. I REMEMBER TELLING YOU A COMPLETE SPLIT AT FIRST BASE. AND YOU WOULD SAY, "TULLIS U CRAZY", AND I WOULD ANSWER I KNOW,THERE WERE NOT MANY FIRST BASE MANS BACK THEN, AND DEFINITELY NOW, THAT COULD DO THAT. . GOD BE WITH YOU, AND YOUR FAMILY++++*

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**Dwight Tullis** - October 11, 2019 at 01:37 PM



“ *Ni, Just know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, if you need anything please let me know.*  
*Linda B.*

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**Linda Bielicki** - October 11, 2019 at 12:13 PM

CC

“ *CINDY CICCARELLI lit a candle in memory of James L. "Leon" Moore Jr.*



CINDY CICCARELLI - October 11, 2019 at 10:52 AM



*Thank you*

Rochelle Moore-Nichols - November 20, 2019 at 07:59 AM

CO

“ *Niesha and family. So sorry for your loss. Leon sounds like a wonderful person I wish had the chance to know him. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Love you, Cookie*



cookie - October 11, 2019 at 09:57 AM

DS

“ *My deepest sympathy to Leon's family. As an ex-coach and teacher of Leon, at Proctor, I have many fond memories of our relationship. His smile was infectious, as we had many laughs together. Always respectful, and easy-going. Just a tremendous person, that I had the pleasure of knowing. I only ran into him a few times, after high school, but it was like we saw each other daily. He never forgot his 'Proctor family.' Rest In Peace, Leon. Coach Scar (Dave Scarlino)*

David Scarlino - October 11, 2019 at 12:44 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James L. "Leon" Moore Jr..*



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October 10, 2019 at 11:05 PM



“ *Lauren LeViness lit a candle in memory of James L. "Leon" Moore Jr.*



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**Lauren LeViness** - October 10, 2019 at 10:57 PM



“ *I don't even know where to start there are so many memories . Leon and I were friends since I was 15 or so from our Proctor days to adulthood . We haven't spoke in a few years but during those years you were one of my very best friends or as you'd say you were like a big brother to me . From our counseling sessions lol to our fun memories at Proctor and all of our good times even when we saw each other a few years ago it was like no time had passed. I know you're with your dad and Puda and all of our friends that were taken to soon . Sending prayers to your wife, your babies , your mom and all of your family . Your smart humor and smile will always be remembered no one could forget it !! Love you my friend RIP. I'll always hold our memories in my heart bestie ..*

*Lauren* ❤️

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**Lauren LeViness** - October 10, 2019 at 10:48 PM



“ *Our deepest condolences and prayers to the families. Leon will be dearly missed.  
The Jeters and Dzwonkowskis*



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**Jennifer Jeter** - October 10, 2019 at 09:57 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of James L. "Leon" Moore Jr..*



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October 10, 2019 at 09:36 PM



“ *Amber lit a candle in memory of James L. "Leon" Moore Jr.*



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**Amber** - October 10, 2019 at 07:04 PM



*RIP Leon.. May you rest in peace.*

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**Amber** - October 10, 2019 at 07:05 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of James L. "Leon" Moore Jr..*



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October 10, 2019 at 06:31 PM



“ *RIP "Fado" .. My condolences*



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**Tekeysha Hendricks** - October 10, 2019 at 04:45 PM



“ *To The Moore & Boyd Family, all condolences to you and your family for the loss of your brother Leon. Leon will be missed by all.*

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**Janet Billins** - October 10, 2019 at 04:42 PM



“ *Karen Bell lit a candle in memory of James L. "Leon" Moore Jr.*



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**Karen Bell** - October 10, 2019 at 03:51 PM

AB

“ *Sending my deepest condolences to the friends and family of this young man. My heart aches with you. I pray for strength and peace during this time.*

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**Alberta Bell** - October 10, 2019 at 03:27 PM

BF

“ *Brendq Fudge lit a candle in memory of James L. "Leon" Moore Jr.*



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**brendq fudge** - October 10, 2019 at 02:53 PM

FO

“ *I coached Leon at proctor, he was one of the nicest and most respectful young men that I had the privilege to have coached. He was as great an athlete as a person . He will be deeply missed #22 Proctor Raider forever*  
*Coach Fred Orsino*

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**fred orsino** - October 10, 2019 at 02:21 PM

PW

“ *Francene and family, we cannot imagine the pain you are experiencing at this time. We are at a loss for words. Leon was such a kind, thoughtful and caring young man; the sadness of his passing will be felt for an unforeseeable time. We are praying for your family's comfort and strength for now and in the days to come.*



*With Heartfelt Sympathies,*

*Wilson Family*

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**Pam Wilson** - October 10, 2019 at 01:45 AM

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“ *I am so very sorry for your loss Niesha and the rest of the family. I am thinking of you all every day and keeping you in my prayers.*

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**Tammy Hyde-Tanoury** - October 09, 2019 at 06:44 PM

 John Kane

“ *I was Leon's coach at Donovan and Proctor. Leon was one of the most kind hearted and friendly kids I have ever met. he was an outstanding athlete and made coaching so much fun. I was shocked and saddened to hear that he had passed. I am sending all my best wishes and prayers to his whole family in this difficult time.*

*Coach Kane*

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**John Kane** - October 09, 2019 at 11:55 AM