



Mr. James "Dink" Spratt, Jr.

June 9, 1975 - June 7, 2025

UTICA – Mr. James Spratt, Jr., affectionately known as "Dink," passed away peacefully just two days shy of his 50th birthday on Saturday, June 7, 2025, surrounded by the love and comfort of those dearest to him. Dink's presence left an unforgettable mark on everyone privileged to know him.

Born in Utica on June 9, 1975, James was the proud son of James Spratt, Sr. and the late Ann Elizabeth Harvey-Sheppard. He was raised and educated in the Utica City School District. During his school years, he excelled in track, displaying the determination and drive that would come to define his character. His infectious spirit and competitive edge carried into many aspects of his life, including his great love for dancing, rapping, and playing bingo, where he found joy, camaraderie, and excitement.

Above all, Dink's greatest pride was his family. He will be remembered for his unshakable loyalty, his sense of humor, and his ability to light up a room with his presence. He had a heart that welcomed many and a resilience that inspired all who knew him.

Dink is survived by his father, James Spratt, Sr.; and his beloved children, Christopher Bradley (Rochester), Tykeisha Spratt, Tra'Quan Spratt, Jerrion Turnbull, Mahkaylah Mezza, James Spratt, III, and Kadyn Spratt, all of Utica. His role as a father was central to his identity, and his children will carry

forward his memory with love and strength. He is also survived by his siblings, Roshan Harrison (Houston, TX), Stephanie Gray, and Steven Gray (both of Utica); and by his devoted partner, Patricia Brown of Utica, whose love and support remained steadfast throughout. He also leaves to cherish his memory, Crystal Wright, the devoted friend whose unwavering support was a meaningful presence in his life; and a host of family and friends.

Dink was preceded in death by his loving mother, Ann Elizabeth Harvey-Sheppard; his siblings, Lakeisha Spratt, and Stanford Lee Gray III; his precious daughter, Ann Marie Bradley; and sons, Rah'man McCants, and Malakai Spratt. He was also reunited in eternal rest with his maternal grandparents, Doris Herron, Dan DeLoach, Sr., and Nazaree Fails; and his paternal grandparents, Lindell "Frying Pan" Reed, Sr. and Millie L. Spratt.

A special thank you is due to Jenna-Rai Calabrese, Ashley Miller, and Jenna Jackson in the Intensive Care Unit at The Wynn Hospital for all their hard work and dedication at this difficult time.

Visitation will be held on Monday, June 16, 2025, from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. James' Home Going Service and celebration of life will commence at 12:00 p.m. Those unable to attend may be present virtually at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89389032868>. Interment will follow in Forest Hill Cemetery.

This tribute to James' life was lovingly written by his family.

Cemetery Details

Forest Hill Cemetery

2201 Oneida St
Utica, NY 13501-6006
(315) 735-2701

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 16. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
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Utica, NY 13501
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Funeral Service

JUN 16. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Rosa Morales lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Dink" Spratt, Jr.*



Rosa Morales - June 12, 2025 at 06:12 AM

RM

“ *My condolences to James Sr. And the entire spratt family. Dink rest ezy. With sympathy Rosanna Morales and family* ❤️🙏



Rosa Flores Morales - June 12, 2025 at 06:11 AM

LW

“ *I'm saddened to hear this!! Rest in peace cuz!! My condolences to the family and I'm sending love and prayers to all of you!* 🙏🌸🗳️🌹

Legacie Wright - June 11, 2025 at 05:48 PM

MR

“ *My heart goes out to the families. Sending my condolences and prayers. May he RIP sending hugs to Tricia. Xoxxo*

Mary Rabideau - June 11, 2025 at 01:16 PM

DR

“ *My sincere condolences to the Family of James, and to his father James SR. May you keep him in your heart, and your memories.*

David Ryan (Kernan School) .



David Ryan - June 11, 2025 at 10:51 AM

GM

“ *Our heartfelt condolences on the loss of your father; gratitude for the beautiful family he left behind. Much love to you all.*

George & Jena Massoud - June 11, 2025 at 09:34 AM