



Mr. James M. "Boo Boo" Winston, Jr.

August 20, 1977 - September 23, 2020

UTICA/LAS VEGAS, NV - Mr. James M. Winston, Jr. (affectionately known as Boo Boo) went into the loving arms of the Lord on Wednesday, September 23, 2020 when he passed away unexpectedly in his home in Las Vegas, Nevada. Born in Utica on August 20, 1977, James was the son of James "Jim", Sr. and Dawn (Rucker) Winston. He was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School and continued his education at MVCC where he majored in Welding.

James had a passion for cars. He owned and operated Winston's Auto on Mortimer Street in Utica. He had a natural aptitude and a gifted mind in diagnosing and fixing any mechanical problem. He could listen to your car and tell you exactly what was wrong. He was always right! Boo Boo was a gentle giant, and he treated his customers with kindness. Caring about his community, he would often repair a vehicle at no cost if the owner didn't have the means. Recently, he traveled for work to various states, but his last years were spent working in Las Vegas with his mechanical skills.

James is survived by his parents, James Sr. and Dawn; his sons, James M. Winston III, and Christian James Winston; his sisters, Alicia Winston-Dix of Florida, Janelle Winston of New York City, Deanna Winston of Alabama, and Chavon Rucker of Buffalo; and his nephews, Mikel Dix and Jordyn Dix. James also had a special relationship with Braco Mujagic, who he felt was more of a brother than a friend. He is also survived by his godfather, Willie T. Barnes; his godson, Sammy Mujagic; little buddies, Adin, and Angel; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. James was predeceased by his maternal

grandmother, Elizabeth Rucker; paternal grandparents, Fred and Olga Winston; his godmother, Bessie Tanner; aunts, Sharon Chastine, Gwendolyn Harper, and Carrie Rucker; and uncles, Johnnie Winston, and Ashby Vess. Visitation will be held Monday morning from 11:00-12:00 noon at the Eannace Funeral Home, 932 South St, corner of Hammond Ave. Due to current restrictions, we will be operating at a reduced occupancy. We ask for your patience as we try to accommodate those coming to support the Winston family. Face masks must be worn and contact tracing will be implemented. The family will honor Boo Boo's life in a private Home Going Service and Celebration of Life. Interment will take place in Forest Hill Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Please take a moment to connect with James' family through the "Memories" section of his obituary. Our prayers go out to all as a sign of our continued support.

On James' graduation day, he rode up on Genesee Street bouncing in his custom 1964 Chevy Impala complete with hydraulics. He bounced the car so much that it split completely down the middle. He made a very late and memorable entrance!

A Special Thank You to the Andrews family of Las Vegas, Nevada. He loved you all!

The Winston family would like to thank everyone for their support, calls, texts, flowers and cards.

Cemetery Details

Forest Hill Cemetery

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

Tribute Wall

CE

“ You are forever missed this life we live will soon come to a end you are my proof along with others our travels are form Utica to Atlanta and you just kept going you are forever missed we will meet again the laughter will be forever in paradise until we meet again I will continue to turn a dollar and milk this earth like we planned I bought a Porsche in your memory but I will stick to the script like you said before it hit a certain mileage dump it so I'm working on that now 2022 the S550 AMG is smooth that's more me but I will buy another Porsche because I know how much you enjoyed the one you purchased alot of people will say sleep or rest in paradise that's a little lazy for us we use to working and enjoying what we do wherever you are live relax and watch over your love ones that's how we receive our crown I miss you my dude

Chaz Esco - April 24, 2022 at 01:50 AM

RJ

“ My deepest sympathy...

Always In His Grace,
Rev. Cornelia Jackson-Brown



Rev. Cornelia Jackson-Brown - October 24, 2020 at 12:43 AM

MM

“ Jimmy and Dawn I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your son 😞
On behalf of myself and all of my family please accept our sincere condolences. God Bless you all

michelle franco mancuso - October 17, 2020 at 09:30 AM

CH

“ I met James when I was 17 years old in the summer of 2000, I met him on South St in Utica at his auto repair shop. I told him that I was looking for a car & I asked him if he could keep a eye out for a car for me and he said yes. I was with James from 2001-2010 we have our son Christian James together. Throughout our years together, I learned so much from James. James taught me how to ride a motorcycle, he taught me how to ride a snowmobile, but most important of all, James taught me patience. James has always been the kind & patient one. He would give you the shirt from off of his back, even when he didn't have a shirt to give. One of my favorite lines from James is “let me see what I can do”. James was always helping someone, and always assisting someone in need. Thats James nature, to help when you are able to. For the last 5 years while James has been in Nevada, James always made time for my sons. They would go to car shows, go kart racing & to arcades. A few weeks ago James took them to the Grand Canyon. James loved to work, James loved cars, & James loved his sons. James I will forever be proud of you.
I will forever miss my best friend of 19 years.
James rest in power King.....
Love, Christina, Christian & Angel



Christina - October 13, 2020 at 07:09 AM

ML

“ Avant and I will miss you beyond words. You will forever be Papi chulo to me... when God made you he never made another. Love always Mimi.



Mimi Lewis - October 13, 2020 at 01:05 AM

ML

Blessings of Strength and love to the Winstons from my Family to yours.

Mimi Lewis - October 13, 2020 at 01:08 AM

PF

“ *Paula Frank-Workman lit a candle in memory of Mr. James M. "Boo Boo" Winston, Jr.*



Paula Frank-Workman - October 12, 2020 at 04:04 PM

WB

“ *R.I.P.my godson my thoughts and prays to the family. MR.&MRS.Willie T. Barnes..*

will barnes - October 12, 2020 at 03:36 PM

SZ

Dawn it's been a long time since Jim and I have seen you....when trying to look you up we came across your son's obituary. We are so very sorry for your loss...praying for you!

Sharon Zaugg - April 22, 2021 at 08:39 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. James M. "Boo Boo" Winston, Jr..*



October 12, 2020 at 10:06 AM

FP

“ R.I.P! Thoughts and prayers for the family 🙏🙏

Freddy P - October 11, 2020 at 11:52 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. James M. "Boo Boo" Winston, Jr..



October 11, 2020 at 09:10 PM

DL

“ Donna Lacatena lit a candle in memory of Mr. James M. "Boo Boo" Winston, Jr.



Donna Lacatena - October 11, 2020 at 05:24 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. James M. "Boo Boo" Winston, Jr..



October 11, 2020 at 03:28 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mr. James M. "Boo Boo" Winston, Jr..*



October 11, 2020 at 08:23 AM



“ *AngelaA Carter lit a candle in memory of Mr. James M. "Boo Boo" Winston, Jr.*



AngelaA Carter - October 10, 2020 at 09:12 PM



“ *Steven L Mcknight purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mr. James M. "Boo Boo" Winston, Jr..*



Steven L Mcknight - October 10, 2020 at 09:00 PM

AB

“ My heart breaks for the Winston family. I am so sorry to learn of the passing of BooBoo. My memories take me all the way back to our childhood on Howard Ave. I can remember being about 7/8 yrs old and I would be walking to girl scouts in my uniform and BooBoo would make fun of me in front of the other neighborhood kids (it was all in love). As we got older BooBoo would remind me of those times and apologize letting me know he really didn't mean to hurt my feelings. We were also in a few classes together in high school. He was so much bigger than everyone, but in reality he was just a gentle giant. He had a heart of gold and would do anything for his fellow classmates. His mom and dad did an amazing job of raising such a kind, loving, easy going, caring young man. BooBoo was always the comedian...You were guaranteed to laugh when he was around. I moved away from Utica in my early 20's, but when Facebook was introduced we reconnected and he was still the same funny BooBoo...Sending jokes, making jokes, and keeping me uplifted from many miles away. To be writing this is unbelievable. To the family, I am so sorry for your loss. I'm sure the community has so many amazing memories and funny stories to share about BooBoo and he will be deeply missed. S.I.P. dear friend... Your work here is done but your memories will last forever; well done my friend, well done!!! 🙏

Amanda Bennett - October 10, 2020 at 01:54 PM

BW

Jim and Dawn so sorry for your loss...

Betty A Whitehurst - October 10, 2020 at 04:24 PM

TM

My heartfelt condolences go out to the Winston Family at this time.

Tarita Mills - October 11, 2020 at 01:45 PM

GN

Jim and family, although I never had the pleasure of meeting your son, he sounds like an awesome man. My deepest condolences to you and your family. Trudy Nitti

GERTRUDE NITTI - October 12, 2020 at 07:59 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. James M. "Boo Boo" Winston, Jr..*



October 10, 2020 at 10:45 AM



“ *Written in the Stars was purchased for the family of Mr. James M. "Boo Boo" Winston, Jr..*



October 10, 2020 at 03:58 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. James M. "Boo Boo" Winston, Jr..*



October 09, 2020 at 11:53 PM



“ Our deepest condolences to family and friends of Jim and Dawn Winston. From right next door I watched you grow from just barely a teen to a responsible hard working man. Rest In Peace dear Booboo. You will be missed. Lynn, Evan, Corinna and Celine Laracuente



Lynn Laracuente - October 09, 2020 at 09:22 PM

DL

To the Winston family, who were fortunate enough to be neighbors with. We watched our children grow up together. Jim, Jr. "Boo Boo", was always a respectable young man and was always ready to help. Rest in peace Boo Boo. We love you and will be missed. Donna & Butch Lacatena. 💕💕💕🙏🙏

Donna Lacatena - October 09, 2020 at 09:45 PM

AC

Our deepest condolences! Sending Prayer and Strength your way. Chief Apostle W.J. Steele. Pastor Angela Carter and the congregation at Believer's Miracle Deliverance Ministries.

AngelaA Carter - October 10, 2020 at 09:09 PM



“ We just spoke on the phone , you will be deeply missed too many memories to share , untill we meet again enjoy paradise .

Chaz Esco - October 09, 2020 at 07:15 PM

LS

“ Linda Spratt sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James M. "Boo Boo" Winston, Jr.



Linda Spratt - October 09, 2020 at 07:00 PM

CG

“ Our condolences to the family. Our prayers are with you. Sorry we couldn't be there to support you as you was for us but do know that Carol and I are praying for the family



Chez and Carol Green - October 09, 2020 at 05:50 PM

EH

“ My deepest condolences for the family at this time of tremendous loss. May God continue to strengthen and comfort you 🙏



Edwina (Clayton) Harris - October 09, 2020 at 05:36 PM

NM

“ Your parent did a heck of a job raising a Boy into a perfect Man. Blessings and Love always



NJ Minor-Moultriez - October 09, 2020 at 02:57 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. James M. "Boo Boo" Winston, Jr..



October 09, 2020 at 01:33 PM

JD

“ Sincere condolences to the Winston Family.
Deepest sympathies.
Jody Dorsey and the Dorsey Family

Jody Dorsey - October 09, 2020 at 10:52 AM

EM

“ My deepest condolences and prayers for
family members. Eleanor (Lois Steele)
Mcdonald



Eleanor McDonald - October 09, 2020 at 09:29 AM



“ Peace Eternal Wreath was purchased for the
family of Mr. James M. "Boo Boo" Winston, Jr..



October 09, 2020 at 08:54 AM

BF

“ Brenda Dallas Fudge lit a candle in memory
of Mr. James M. "Boo Boo" Winston, Jr.



Brenda Dallas Fudge - October 09, 2020 at 07:33 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. James M. "Boo Boo" Winston, Jr..



October 09, 2020 at 07:26 AM



“ Knowing you and the family all of your life. My God Brother and my children playmate on Howard Ave. My heart is saddened as I write this. All of you had Nickname and you was “BooBoo” that what we all called you. Rest in Heaven because I know you are one of the Angels. Will keep your Family in Prayer and asking God for there Comfort and Strength. Take your rest “BooBoo” Rest. Love God Sister Diane Tanner

Diane Tanner - October 09, 2020 at 06:45 AM



So sorry for your lost my praying for the family he was such a great guy It was such a great pleasure to have known him you well be missed .ms segarra he loved my kids hector ,sundown, Nelson Rip 🙏 froend

Wanda segarra - October 09, 2020 at 08:17 AM



Sending prayers of comfort to you all in this very difficult time ! Love keith and Frances and family

frances frazier - October 09, 2020 at 08:49 AM



My sincere condolences for the family praying for healing in this sad time

sabrina garrett - October 09, 2020 at 09:17 AM

MH

Jim, Quinten and I send you, Dawn and the entire family our sincere condolences.

Monique Heyward - October 09, 2020 at 11:07 AM

IA

“ *My sincere condolences to the Winston family. May The MOST HIGH shelter you in times like these with strengthening of family bonds love and support.* ”

lesha Alpheaus - October 09, 2020 at 02:16 AM

FG

“ *Sorry for your loss. Praying for the Family.* ”



Felicia Greene - October 09, 2020 at 12:48 AM

TE

“ I remember the first time I met boo. It was funny we were all supposed to go out to eat and Raymond stood us up so me and boo went and did our own thing. Lol we shared the same birthday August 20th we got a party bus for our birthday and turned up! It was lit we tore Vegas down lol. We went picking rocks finding fossils and quartz rocks. Boo took us out to the gold mine. We tried to find gold but weren't so lucky that day. He handed me his new hand gun I think it was a 9 and let me hold it in case any mountain lions came out we were prepared lol. It's too many memories to type but I'm glad I have them. He was truly a big brother when I needed advice I would call or text him and he would give me some sound advice. I appreciate that and appreciated him being there when I needed him he will truly be missed. He was a great humble sweet kind selfless beautiful spirit. Tell my grandma I said hi please. She'll definitely look out for you up there! See you when we get there. Love you forever! T

Teresa - October 09, 2020 at 12:30 AM

LA

My heart is so full

Linda Andrews - October 12, 2020 at 06:15 PM

PF

“ Praying For The Family Never Be Forgotten Was A Great Student On My School Bus Would Always Be Respectful And Helpful. Love Prince Workman & Jackson Family 🍷🙏🍷

Prince Workman & Jackson Family - October 08, 2020 at 11:56 PM

WT

“ I called "Boo Boo" as ya'll called him Little Jim,he eas a cousin that I could never forget bcuz when he saw me his light would light up which meany yhst he was vrack a joke on mr n remember things that I forgot. Im never gonna forget him bcuz hr brought joy to me everytime I saw him. Im sitting here now with tears in my eyes in the hospital. The family is my family and I send my deepest condition and prayers to all of you. Utica n our family n community wont be the same without Little Jim.

I love my family and my prayers and the go out to you.

Terry Johnson

William (Terry)Johnson - October 08, 2020 at 11:43 PM

WT

My spelling is not good with these phones, please excuse my spelling!!!

William (Terry)Johnson - October 08, 2020 at 11:46 PM

FJ

“ Frachon Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. James M. "Boo Boo" Winston, Jr.



Frachon Johnson - October 08, 2020 at 11:10 PM

KW

“ Our deepest deepest condolences to the family. Sending thoughts, prayers and love from Memphis Tn

keith & angela webb - October 08, 2020 at 10:37 PM

AW

“ *My prayers and condolence to the family. May God continue to bless and keep you*



Alice Washington - October 08, 2020 at 10:18 PM

CD

“ *I send my prayers and condolences to the family Of Mr. James and Dawn Winston. May God bless and keep you and your family at this time of deep sorrow and pain at the loss of your dear son James. Hold on to each other and know that the Lord has you all wrapped in his loving embrace and he will never leave you.*

Candace Duncan - October 08, 2020 at 09:51 PM

JS

To the Winston Family, the Cummings Family offer our sincere condolences. Our children grew up together and Boo Boo was as much a Son to me as my own. He participated in most of my programs and later became my Mechanic.

James Cummings Sr. - October 08, 2020 at 11:18 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. James M. "Boo Boo" Winston, Jr..*



October 08, 2020 at 09:45 PM

SH

“ *Sheila Holliman lit a candle in memory of Mr. James M. "Boo Boo" Winston, Jr.*



Sheila Holliman - October 08, 2020 at 09:39 PM

NE

“ *Nesha lit a candle in memory of Mr. James M. "Boo Boo" Winston, Jr.*



Nesha - October 08, 2020 at 09:36 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. James M. "Boo Boo" Winston, Jr..*



October 08, 2020 at 09:34 PM

MW

“ *Our sincere condolences to the family. Rest In Peace. Mary and Bobby Wells*

Mary and Robert Wells - October 08, 2020 at 09:32 PM

LI

“ *Jim and Dawn My Deepest and Sincerest Condolences Goes Out
The Family I'm So Sorry May Comfort Y'all During This Difficult
Time Much Love To Yall*

Lisa Jenkins

LisaJenkins - October 08, 2020 at 09:29 PM

RA

“ My name is Raymond Andrews Jr.

I knew Boo for 5 years here in Las Vegas. The Bible says “There is a friend that stays closer than a brother”, and I believe that was Boo. We met at a pet store I was managing. Every night Boo would leave Meineke Auto, and come help close the store. Out of the kindness of his heart he would help dress the cages, sweep, mop, anything. I would tell Boo “nah yo I got it” and he would just keep on going! Boo came every night, we began to become really close. We talked about life, goals, God, Boo would always talk about his family, he really had some big goals and it made me want more from life too. Boo was a good man, solid, A1, a true brother. Boo became family, he would even be at family parties without me! Boo was funny, he loved cars, dirt bikes, anything with a engine. He could shoot, he could cook, (man I’ll miss those seafood potatoes). He helped me through a lot, even when I was having issues in life Boo was like my big brother. He always had good advice, he was a mentor, a great father. I watched his eyes light up when he would talk about his sons, he loved his boys so much. My kids loved him too, they would climb all over him. He was a giant, a legend. Long live my brother! James Winston Jr. We will meet again!



Raymond Andrews - October 08, 2020 at 08:42 PM



“ I first met Boo through my son Raymond who love reptiles and so did boo, he met my son at a reptile store. So my son invited boo to my granddaughters birthday and at the party I talked to boo who said he didn't have any family here in Las Vegas and I said yes you do we will be your family. He has been a great part of our life and he came to everything birthdays, holidays and just because. Raymond and I love to go shooting with boo and we would shoot and talk about what upgrades we were going to do to our weapons. He was a on time guy, if you needed him he was there and always respectful. My family and I will greatly miss boo, we called him our second son. Much love Boo and I'll have a scotch for you. I know he came from a living family and I thank you all that we were able to be in his life. May God strengthen the family in this time.



Ray Andrews - October 08, 2020 at 06:35 PM

DH

“ My dear Dawn, Jim, Alicia, Janelle & Deanna. Please know that I love you, I understand what you are going through and I will be there for you long after October 12! Praying for your strength. Dottie

Doris Hill-Wyley - October 08, 2020 at 06:31 PM

CH

“ I never in a million years thought I'd be on here writing something for you....this breaks my entire heart...you will be missed....I thank you for our amazing son and promise to over look and continue to protect him...my prayers and condolences to your family....I'mma miss you fly high love

chastity - October 08, 2020 at 05:35 PM

SB

“ Susan Bynum lit a candle in memory of Mr. James M. "Boo Boo" Winston, Jr.



Susan Bynum - October 08, 2020 at 05:29 PM

SB

going Miss you nephew

Susan Bynum - October 08, 2020 at 05:31 PM

PB

“ Paulette Brown-Haithcox lit a candle in memory of Mr. James M. "Boo Boo" Winston, Jr.



Paulette Brown-Haithcox - October 08, 2020 at 05:12 PM

LT

Jim and Dawn I will keep you in my prayer. May your personal memories each one of you hold of your love one bring a smile after every year. Look to the hills which cometh your strength

Leola Turner - October 08, 2020 at 09:57 PM

AB

Mom, Dad, Alicia, Janelle and Deanna. We are sending all of our love, hugs and prayers. We miss Boo Boo too!!! Praying for your strength and peace.

Adrienne Benton - October 08, 2020 at 10:12 PM

PS

My sincere condolences to the entire Winston family. May he find comfort in the Lords hands.

paul stern - October 10, 2020 at 04:45 PM