



Mr. Jessie "Roof Doctor" Dennis, Sr.

August 7, 1953 - April 29, 2025

UTICA – Mr. Jessie “Roof Doctor” Dennis, Sr., age 71, went home to be with the Lord unexpectedly on Tuesday, April 29, 2025 with his loving family by his side.

Born in Newark, NJ, on August 7, 1953, Jessie was the son of the late Frankie Mae Davis. He was also blessed to be nurtured and raised by his grandmother, the late Charity B. Dennis. He was raised and educated in Pineview, GA and was a graduate of Excelsior High School in Rochelle, GA/Class of 1972. In 1975 he relocated to the Utica area where he has since resided.

On April 8, 1978, Jessie married the former Lueberta Cabbage with whom he shared 47 years in a loving and devoted union.

At one time, Jessie held a position with Abelow’s Linen Supply Co. He later ventured into roofing and contracting, working with various local companies, including Greg Young Roofing. He eventually became a member of the Roofers Local #195 and was a member of Pulver Roofing Co., from which he retired.

Jessie’s life revolved around his family, who were the center of his world. He took his role as patriarch seriously, considering it his highest responsibility.

Big-hearted, with a great sense of humor and a keen judge of character, he did whatever he could to help others. He was always there for you and made you believe anything could be accomplished.

An avid outdoorsman, affectionately known as the “Crappie Master,” he loved to hunt and fish and was a proud member of the Cornhill Fish and Game Club. He relished family gatherings and parties and was quite the cook, especially his chitlins and greens, and fried fish, rabbit, and venison.

As Jessie would say, “I don’t have a long conversation for you,” he loved his God and would always say, “God has been good to Ol Jessie.”

Jessie is survived by his beloved wife, Lueberta; daughters and son-in-law, Cynthia Dennis and Mark who Jessie loved as a son, and Cherishe and Eugene Henderson; son, Jessie Dennis, Jr. and Melanie Bonomo; grandchildren, Eugene, Gi’Zon; Ayiana, Jesse III, Justine, and Phaedra; sisters and brother-in-law, Jowan Dennis, Gloria Jean & W.C. Mitchell, and the late Mary Joyce Dennis; and brothers, Willie George Dennis, Stephen Warren, Jimmy Lee Haynes, the late Vernon Dennis, the late Bobby Dennis, brothers. He also leaves to cherish his memory many nieces and nephews, especially his niece, Nathlyn Smith-Savage, and nephew, Tara K. Dennis; great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins; mother-in-law, Roberta McRae; in-laws, Diane and Raymond Jackson, William Cabbage, Valerie Cabbage, Timothy Cabbage, Laverne and Thomas Hendericks, and Ineka Cabbage; and many friends, including Shawn Haggans, Allan Tarbox, Ron Humphrey, Tom Tarbox, Gwen Walton, Lori Workman, Juanita Hooks, Arthur McAdoo, Leo C. Jackson, Bernice Ross, and Andrew Lee Whipper. Jessie was additionally predeceased by his special niece, Nicole Dennis; and uncle, Nate Smith, with whom he shared a special bond and admiration.

Jessie’s family wishes to extend their sincerest gratitude to Dr. Samuel Gooldy

for his care and professionalism.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, May 10, 2025 from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Peter Spencer UAME Church, 841 Bleecker Street. Jessie's Home Going Service and Celebration of Life will commence at 1:00 p.m. at the church. Those unable to attend may be present virtually at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87612963875>. Interment will take place in Forest Hill Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave.

Cemetery Details

Forest Hill Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 10. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Peter Spencer UAME Church
841 Bleecker St.
Utica, NY 13501

Home Going Service

MAY 10. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

IC

“ Sending my deepest condolences and prayers too his family and friends 🙏 my mom Helen Cook introduced me to Mr Jessie he worked for mr Patterson fixed everything in my moms home and I am very appreciative for his work and honesty prayers 🙏



ida cook - May 15, 2025 at 04:37 PM

AO

“ my condolences to my extended family. may he rest in Heavenly Heaven with his sister



Amirah Outlaw - May 07, 2025 at 10:38 AM

NF

“ To the Family - We extend Heartfelt Sympathy at this difficult moment



Nathaniel Price & Family - May 06, 2025 at 01:22 PM

V(

“ Victoria Gray (Annie) lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jessie "Roof Doctor" Dennis, Sr.



Victoria Gray (Annie) - May 06, 2025 at 09:59 AM

LJ

“ L Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jessie "Roof Doctor" Dennis, Sr.



L Jenkins - May 05, 2025 at 03:34 PM

LJ

Luberta and family my deepest and sincerest condolences goes out to you and your family may God comfort y'all during this time keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers 🙏🙏🙏

L Jenkins - May 05, 2025 at 03:35 PM

SS

“ Sheila D. Smith-Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jessie "Roof Doctor" Dennis, Sr.



Sheila D. Smith-Henderson - May 05, 2025 at 07:28 AM

SS

Jessie & Luberta are special 2 me. Y'all remind me of me& my hubby Scott always 2gether on the 100 porch when I visit my Dad (Nate Smith Sr.) If I couldn't find him, I just look 4 Jessie..He definately noe..RIH FAM & say 🙌 to my Daddy. 🙏🕊️💜😊

Sheila D. Smith-Henderson - May 05, 2025 at 07:36 AM

DB

“Denise Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Jessie "Roof Doctor" Dennis, Sr.



Denise Brown - May 05, 2025 at 04:13 AM

NJ

Jessie I miss you may your soul rest in peace 🙏
Naomi Jones

Naomi Jones - May 06, 2025 at 09:11 AM

GD

“My deepest sympathy to the family,Lubereta it was so nice to see you a few months ago,my heart is heavy sending you and the family much Love, Grace



Grace Decastro - May 04, 2025 at 09:45 PM



“ *Rosa Morales lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jessie "Roof Doctor" Dennis, Sr.*



Rosa Morales - May 04, 2025 at 08:13 PM

RM

“ *Our sincere condolences on the loss of Jessie. He was a good man and a good friend. Sympathy to his entire family. Rest in paradise "roof Dr." Love Donald duck Harris and Rosana Morales* 🤍🙏

Rosa Morales - May 04, 2025 at 08:12 PM

IC

“ *From Franklin Virginia to Utica New York I would like to send my deepest condolences to My sister Lueberta Dennis and my nieces and nephews and the rest of our family during this time...yall got this...He will truly be missed Much love from Sam Wanda Mildred Clarence and Mook*

Ineka Cubbage - May 04, 2025 at 07:04 PM

MP

“ *Melanie Pierce lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jessie "Roof Doctor" Dennis, Sr.*



Melanie Pierce - May 04, 2025 at 05:58 PM

RW

“ *Our condolences to Jessie family. May he rest in peace.*



Rose Pearson-Simmons &Hershel Walker - May 04, 2025 at 05:28 PM

NF

“ *Nathaniel Price & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jessie "Roof Doctor" Dennis, Sr.*



Nathaniel Price & Family - May 04, 2025 at 04:52 PM

PE

“ *PeggyLilley17@Gmail.com lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jessie "Roof Doctor" Dennis, Sr.*



PeggyLilley17@Gmail.com - May 04, 2025 at 04:28 PM

CC

“ *Carla Clark lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jessie "Roof Doctor" Dennis, Sr.*



Carla Clark - May 04, 2025 at 03:33 PM

KM

“ Jesse was a great man and mentor. He will be deeply missed. Our deepest condolences to the family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Keith and Angela Webb, Southaven Ms - May 04, 2025 at 03:28 PM

AJ

“ Alvin Hymes Jr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jessie "Roof Doctor" Dennis, Sr.



Alvin Hymes Jr - May 04, 2025 at 03:16 PM

AJ

* BLESSINGS MY FRIEND, IT'S BEEN A MINUTE BUT NEVER FORGOT YOUR KINDNESS & RESPECT FOR OTHERS. A GENTLEMAN, BLESSED FATHER, & FRIEND. RIP MY BROTHER UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN. GOD LOVES ❤️ YOU & SO DO I. MY DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY. 🙏🙏 *

Alvin Hymes Jr - May 04, 2025 at 03:22 PM

GL

“ You will truly be missed. Rest in peace.

Gary Liggins - May 04, 2025 at 02:43 PM