



## Mr. John Henry Liggins, Sr.

September 15, 1939 - February 14, 2023

UTICA – Mr. John Henry Liggins, Sr., age 83, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, February 14, 2023. At the time of his passing, he was surrounded by his loving family.

John was born on September 15, 1939, in Schlater, Mississippi to the late Robert and Rebecca (Pegues) Liggins. He spent his childhood in Mississippi.

At one time, he was wed to the late Mattie Moore, and from that union came the blessing of four children. Upon his marriage to Mattie, the couple relocated to Fremont, Ohio in the early 1960s. John then relocated to the Utica area, where he has since resided. He later wed the former Clara L. (Billins) Brooks and shared a beautiful and fulfilling life together until her death on June 8, 2021.

An outdoorsman, John could often be found fishing, and also became known as a master griller. Many a person spoke highly of his delicious BBQs. Above all, John was a wonderful father and a loving patriarch to his family. They always knew his love. He always was his happiest when he spent time with his loved ones. He adored spending time with his children and shared a special bond with his stepson Eric. His family will always remember his warm and safe hugs and his laughter, that was nothing short of the sound of pure joy.

John is survived by his children, Rosi Liggins-Jones and her husband Willie Jones, Pamela Liggins, and John H. Liggins, Jr. Through his life he held close the memory of his daughter, Katherine Scott, who preceded him in 2002. He is also survived by his stepchildren and their loves, Valerie and David Bennett, Margaret Lilley, Joyce and Ervin Enoch, Clareitha and Richard Titus, Russel Brooks, Timothy Brooks, Donna and Anthony Brooks, Jackie Brooks, Mark Brooks, James and Alsarina Brooks, and Eric Brooks. He leaves behind 10 grandchildren including the memory of his grandson, Devin Liggins, 36 great-grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren. John will be missed by his siblings, Adlean Harris and the late Joe Harris, Lillie Mae and the late Richard Savage, Rose Pearl and Frank Cole, Dorothy and David Mathis, Marger Ree and the late Paul Bower; his numerous in-laws including Clover Liggins; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. John was preceded by his siblings, Willie Mae and Robert James Jones, Mary E. and Charles Williams, Robert Liggins, Tommie Liggins, James R. and Evelyn Liggins, and Arthur and Mary Liggins.

The family wishes to extend their thanks to the staff and nurses at the MVHS at St. Elizabeth Medical Center ICU, Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc., and the Abraham House for their excellent care and compassion.

Visitation will be held Saturday, February 25, 2023, from 10:45-11:45 a.m. at St. Paul's Baptist Church, 219 Leah St., Utica. John's Home Going Service and Celebration of Life will immediately follow at 12 p.m. Interment will take place in Forest Hill Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Hill Cemetery

2201 Oneida Street  
Utica, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **25**. 10:45 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

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

## Home Going Service

FEB **25**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

DW

“ *Dawn Winston lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Henry Liggins, Sr.*



Dawn Winston - February 27, 2023 at 07:59 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Mr. John Henry Liggins, Sr..*



February 24, 2023 at 11:56 AM

DB

“ *I have plenty of beautiful memories of my Dad/John. He helped raise me and he also spoiled me he used to let me sneak out and after awhile he said that's enough .I loved watching him dance off of Disco Lady all around he loved us very much I will miss him so much give Mom a big hug and kiss for me gone but never ever forgotten I love you RIP*



Donnie Brooks - February 24, 2023 at 08:53 AM

ML

*John Liggins my step father was such a wonderful man to my mother and to her children I will miss him so much and yelling at him to hear me talking to him LoL but most of all the love he showed to us all Rip love you 🥹*

**Margaret Lilley** - February 26, 2023 at 07:09 PM

RC

*Hey Pop RIP love TKO Girls*

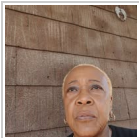
**Robin Carter** - March 04, 2023 at 08:13 AM

VH

“ *Vera Hall lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Henry Liggins, Sr.*



**Vera Hall** - February 23, 2023 at 04:52 PM



“ *RIP John you will be truly missed. One of my favorite cousins. I know our family is having a heavenly reunion up there...love ya john*

**Ruthie Liggins** - February 22, 2023 at 02:16 PM

EJ

“ *Very sorry to hear of the physical departure of Mr. John Henry Liggins, Sr.. I've known John Henry since my childhood days, as we shared paternal family connections. He was always someone I was happy to encounter, because I knew we would spend most of our time laughing and enjoying the moment together. Upbeat, personable, sensitive, thoughtful, kind and family oriented, he was, simply put, a high quality human being! My sincere and heart-felt condolences to those who will miss his presence. May peace be his eternal companion.*



*Ernest Jones;  
Syracuse*

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**Ernest Jones** - February 22, 2023 at 10:22 AM

LK

*To the Liggins family my deeply sympathy to the family John was a great man and a friend you all are in my prayers*

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**Linda kidd** - February 23, 2023 at 07:33 PM

EP

“ *Elizabeth Patterson-Moyer lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Henry Liggins, Sr.*



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**Elizabeth Patterson-Moyer** - February 21, 2023 at 08:41 PM

RS

“*Rose Simmons lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Henry Liggins, Sr.*



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**Rose Simmons** - February 19, 2023 at 08:55 AM

SB

“*Susan Greene Bynum lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Henry Liggins, Sr.*



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**Susan Greene Bynum** - February 18, 2023 at 08:47 PM