



## Karen Marie Strickland-Ruffin

November 13, 1978 - January 25, 2013

Karen Marie Strickland-Ruffin, age 34, formerly of Utica and currently of Philadelphia, passed away on Friday, January 25, 2013 at Temple University Hospital in Philadelphia.

Born in Utica on November 13, 1978, Karen was the daughter of the late Percell, Jr. and Ellen (Strickland) Ruffin. Raised and educated locally, she attended T.R. Proctor High School.

Karen's chosen profession as a Certified Nursing Assistant brought her to occupations at many medical centers including her most recently held position at Temple University Hospital in Philadelphia. Blessed with boundless energy, Karen was strong-willed, humorous, and loving. She was a good-hearted, devoted mother to her children and she cherished the time spent with her siblings and their children. She was goal-oriented and meticulous in all she did and she would light up a room with her appearance. In the kitchen, her specialties included delicious cabbage creations, fancy fish dishes, and as everyone knew, she cooked a mean pot roast. Karen enjoyed her fishing trips to West Eden in Madison County.

Karen is survived by her daughters, Lassandra Strickland, Orean Strickland, Ziyara Strickland, and Preanda Prest; and her sons, Traquindus Strickland, and Racquon Strickland. She cherished in her heart the memory of her son, Christopher Rocco Prest, Jr., who preceded her in death. Also left to mourn her passing are her sisters, Tracy Ruffin of Philadelphia, and Jennifer Ruffin, Anita Ruffin, and Cynthia Ruffin, all of Utica; her grandmother, Louise

Strickland; and her many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins. A testament to Karen's life was the many dear and cherished friendships she held. She was predeceased by her sister, Gladys Ruffin.

Visitation will be held Tuesday from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Karen's funeral service and Home Going Celebration which will be held on Wednesday morning at 11:00 at the Faith Baptist Temple Church, 912 Mathews Ave. Interment will take place at Forest Hill Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Hill Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.  
932 South Street  
corner of Hammond Ave.  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 724-6714  
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<https://www.eannacefuneralhome.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Karen Marie Strickland-Ruffin



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - January 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ Anita Ruffin lit a candle in memory of Karen Marie Strickland-Ruffin



Anita ruffin - July 29, 2021 at 07:34 AM

AR

“ GM SIS I MISS U SO MUCH AS TIME GO BY MY HEART STILL ACHES FOR U 🥹

Anita ruffin - July 29, 2021 at 07:33 AM

DA

“ thinking of you I miss you Auntie Sleep in peace  
xoxo Dash & Dysean



Dashela - February 29, 2016 at 09:44 AM

AR

“ Sis I miss u so much I can't deal with life 💔💔💔 sometimes a piece of my soul left with u 😞 how do I life with out u? I love u I won't u back sis 😞😞💔💔💔

Anita ruffin - January 24, 2016 at 01:19 AM

AR

“ Share a memory of Karen Marie Strickland-Ruffin, or send a condolence to the family...

anita ruffin - March 06, 2014 at 08:56 AM

AR

Mann i miss u so much i.wish u didn't have to go..my.life is not.the same with out.u her i miss u im so heart.borken sis I LOVE U...😞💔

anita ruffin - April 28, 2015 at 01:42 AM



“ Missing you babe?



Craig Holley - May 10, 2013 at 05:20 PM

AR

“ Anita Ruffin lit a candle in memory of Karen Marie Strickland-Ruffin



anita ruffin - February 19, 2013 at 06:37 AM

TF

“ *May you Rest In Paradise.*



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**The Spratt Family** - February 06, 2013 at 06:17 PM

SF

*The Spratt Family*

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**Spratt Family** - February 06, 2013 at 06:18 PM

LM

“ *Thoughts and prayers to you all....*



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**Lori Morosco** - February 05, 2013 at 12:34 PM



“ *Ulysses Rodriguez-Lewis sent a virtual gift in memory of Karen Marie Strickland-Ruffin*



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**Ulysses Rodriguez-Lewis** - February 05, 2013 at 03:41 AM

UJ

“ Ulysses "Jamel"Rodriguez -Lewis Jr lit a candle in memory of Karen Marie Strickland-Ruffin



Ulysses "Jamel"Rodriguez -Lewis Jr - February 05, 2013 at 03:24 AM

TW

“ Thinking of you all and sending prayers.  
Your Focus Family

Traci Waters - February 04, 2013 at 03:23 PM

Marie Priest

“ I remember when she braided my hair took me shopping Karen you will be missed

Marie Priest - February 04, 2013 at 08:22 AM

Marie Priest

“ Marie Priest lit a candle in memory of Karen Marie Strickland-Ruffin



Marie Priest - February 04, 2013 at 08:21 AM

CP

“ Chris Prest sent a virtual gift in memory of Karen Marie Strickland-Ruffin



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**Chris Prest** - February 03, 2013 at 09:30 AM

CP

“ Chris Prest lit a candle in memory of Karen Marie Strickland-Ruffin



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**Chris Prest** - February 03, 2013 at 09:26 AM

MW

“ Monica Welpé lit a candle in memory of Karen Marie Strickland-Ruffin



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**Monica Welpé** - February 02, 2013 at 08:08 AM

GL

“ Georgetta Lasanta sent a virtual gift in memory of Karen Marie Strickland-Ruffin



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**georgetta lasanta** - February 01, 2013 at 10:15 PM

GL

“ *Georgetta Lasanta lit a candle in memory of Karen Marie Strickland-Ruffin*



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**georgetta lasanta** - February 01, 2013 at 10:14 PM

  
Cynthia  
Ruffin

“ *Cynthia Ruffin lit a candle in memory of Karen Marie Strickland-Ruffin*



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**Cynthia Ruffin** - February 01, 2013 at 10:04 PM