



## Mr. Kenny Randolph Newkirk

August 3, 1961 - September 23, 2025

UTICA – Mr. Kenny Randolph Newkirk went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at the age of 64. He was surrounded by family at the time of his passing.

Born in Manhattan, NY, on August 3, 1961, Kenny was the son of the late Herman Newkirk and Eva Blackwell. He was raised and educated in Manhattan. In his earlier years, Kenny worked as a D.J. in the city. Seeking a change in his life, he relocated to the Utica area in the late 1980s, where he made his home ever since. At one time he held a position in the kitchen at Denny's. Kenny also became a familiar face to many as a bouncer at various local bars and clubs. He never failed to greet patrons with a smile, leaving a lasting impression on those he met.

Shortly after establishing himself in Utica, Kenny was united in marriage with Minerva Vazquez in 1991. The couple shared a loving and devoted union. Kenny deeply loved his "sons" and was unwavering in his dedication to caring for them and filling their lives with love, despite any challenges they faced. Kind and patient, he consistently put the needs of his family before his own.

A family man at heart, Kenny loved visiting with relatives and hosting family gatherings—those were his most cherished moments. He also enjoyed sports and was happiest whenever a game was on. He was especially passionate

when cheering for the New York Knicks.

Kenny is survived by his devoted wife, Minerva; and sons, Marcelino Vazquez, Jr., and Richard Vazquez. He treasured the memory of his son, Leonardo Vazquez, who passed away on October 26, 2024. He is further survived by his sisters and their loves, Linda and Carl Ringo, Tammy Benson, Renee Needle, and Patricia Blackwell and Lamont Richardson; brother, Kirk Williams; a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins; and many in-laws. He was additionally predeceased by his brother, Lee.

Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend Kenny's Memorial Service and Celebration of Life, which will commence on Monday, October 6, 2025, at 11:00 a.m., at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. For those unable to attend, you may be present virtually at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89087371242>.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

OCT 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.  
932 South Street  
corner of Hammond Ave.  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 724-6714  
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# Tribute Wall

RS

“ *My condolences to Kenny's family. May he rest in peace* ”



Roseann Simmons - October 06, 2025 at 09:03 AM

EM

“ *My condolences and prayers to the family Rest In Peace* ”



Ernest montanez - October 05, 2025 at 03:08 PM

RL

“ *Ruthie Mae Liggins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenny Randolph Newkirk* ”



Ruthie Mae Liggins - October 05, 2025 at 11:33 AM

CS

*My condolences to Kenny's wife, sons and family. I met Kenny's from the NEIGHBORHOOD on around Eagle street. He was so proud when they were blessed with their house. A Great loss.*

Cynthia Slade. - December 04, 2025 at 11:24 AM

PB

“ My brother was the best protector in the world. He always made sure I was safe and no one would mess with me. When I was little he carried me everywhere my feet never hit the ground. Anytime we look for him within 2 days he was at our door. I talk to him about everything every single day. What am I going to do without him. So heartbroken I'm lost for words. I will miss and love him forever.



Patricia Blackwell - October 03, 2025 at 06:42 AM

EH

“ Earlene House lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenny Randolph Newkirk



Earlene House - September 30, 2025 at 10:55 AM

EH

Rest in peace My Friend ❤️💕💕💕💕💕💕 fly high with the angels your work here is done

Earlene House - September 30, 2025 at 10:56 AM