



## Mr. Laurie "Bubb" Brown

December 28, 1955 - October 24, 2025

UTICA – Mr. Laurie “Bubb” Brown, age 69, went home to the Lord and was reunited with family who went before him on Friday, October 24, 2025. At the time of his passing, he was encircled by his cherished family.

Born in Hollywood, FL, on December 28, 1955, Laurie was the son of the late Ernest Lee and Bertenia (Chandler) Brown. At the age of 12, he relocated to Utica along with his father and four siblings, joined by his paternal grandmother, who lovingly helped raise them and the generations that followed. She was an inspiring and captivating woman who created a tight-knit family for which all remain forever grateful. Laurie attended Utica public schools and was a proud graduate of Utica Free Academy, Class of 1973.

Bub was blessed with four children and was known as a responsible man full of wisdom, which he lovingly passed on to them. He was most proud to be the first African American man employed as an engineer at Mid-State Correctional Facility—a position he had aspired to from his very first day on the job. He proudly served the facility for 37 years. Timely, dependable, and grounded in integrity, Bub’s work ethic was impeccable, and his core principles always aligned with his professional responsibilities. An energized man who lived by the saying, “If you’re on time, you’re late,” Bub’s remarkable career, which often included working a second job in environmental services, was a true testament to the man he was.

A gracious leader and role model, Bub carried himself with dignity and humility, yet he always balanced these virtues with his unique sense of humor. Empowering and insightful, he never depended on vices and was always available to help others at a moment's notice. His presence radiated strength and kindness, and he was known for his willingness to help others while never allowing himself to be taken advantage of.

Bub was a thoughtful and deliberate man who often reminded those around him to “always have a plan, and a backup plan.” The foundation and pillar of his family, he was the one they looked to for guidance. Rarely shaken, his words were heard with great respect, and his sharp perception and calm demeanor always prevailed. His sound judgment was rooted in his deep faith in the Lord. Grounded and humble, he led a life of quiet strength and unwavering integrity.

A master outdoorsman, Laurie devoted much of his free time to hunting and fishing. He was an expert hunter of both big and small game—deer and pheasant alike—and a skilled bass fisherman. Known as a “Bassmaster” of his time, he could fillet a fish with unmatched precision.

In his younger years, Bub shined on the basketball court. Ambidextrous and agile, his unpredictable moves made him a standout player—you never knew where he was going to come from! His talent even drew the attention of professional basketball recruiters. He loved playing in city parks and representing UFA, and he also enjoyed roller skating, which he considered one of his personal accomplishments. Later in life, Bub became an accomplished and adventurous traveler, navigating with a paper map on the hood of his car, the “original GPS.”

He found great joy in witnessing his children's successes, seeing a part of

himself carried forward in each of them. His family was truly his greatest blessing. He loved his grandchildren deeply and found immense fulfillment in watching them grow. Bub was the organizer and definite overseer of family gatherings, always ensuring every event ran smoothly, whether through financial assistance or his thoughtful guidance. He shared a special bond with his late sister, Glynnis, with whom he coordinated these family celebrations. His playful spirit, love of laughter, and steady leadership made him the heart of every gathering.

Spiritually, Laurie was open to receiving the Word of the Lord and encouraged his children to know Him as well. His faith was instrumental in guiding him toward an ascetic lifestyle, renouncing and refraining from the vices of this world. Known for his thoughtful sayings, he was a true “quotationist aficionado,” his wisdom flowing effortlessly through conversation. Among his favorite expressions were “It pays the cost to be the boss” and “Follow the blueprint.”

Laurie is survived by his beloved children, Clifton D. Brown and Amanda Hock, Tennille R. Brown, Jennifer M. Brown, and Ricky Brown; cherished grandchildren, Shealyn Brown, Clifton D. Brown Jr.; Kareem Jones, L'oreal Hawkins, and Sharie Hawkins; Diamonique Brown, Myah Powell, and Anthony Powell, Jr.; Rahlin Brown, Arieann Brown, and Aliyh Brown; brothers and sisters-in-law, Pastors Gregory and Cornelia Brown, Sherman and Sonya Brown, Ernest Brown (and his late wife, Nell), David and Denise Brown, and Frederick and Linda Brown. Bub is now reunited with and being embraced by his sister, Glynnis Pebbles (Brown) Reed, who passed away on March 27, 2024. He also leaves behind Glynnis' husband and his brother-in-law, Michael Reed; and a host of beloved nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins. Laurie shared a close and rewarding friendship with the late Andrew “Bunky” Jackson; together, they bonded through their

shared love of the outdoors.

The family extends their heartfelt thanks to the staff of Wynn Hospital for the compassionate care and kindness shown to Bub and his loved ones.

Laurie was truly blessed to have lived a healthy and fruitful life!

Visitation will be held on Monday, November 3, 2025, from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Laurie's Home Going Service and Celebration of Life will commence at 12:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 3. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.  
932 South Street  
corner of Hammond Ave.  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 724-6714  
eannacefh@roadrunner.com

## Home Going Service

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# Tribute Wall

AA

“ Aaron lit a candle in memory of Mr. Laurie  
"Bubb" Brown

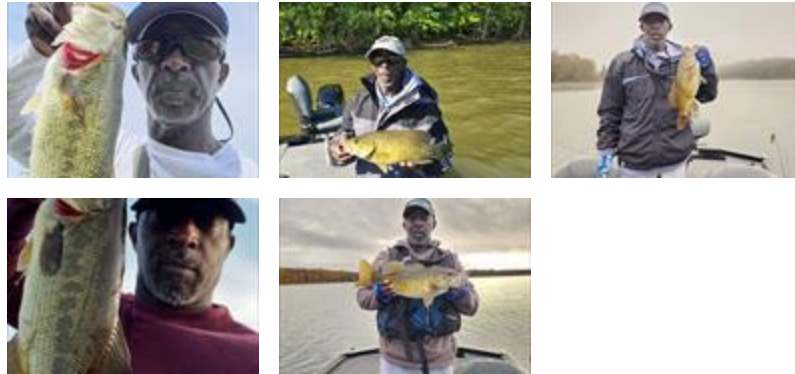


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Aaron - January 15 at 01:54 AM

AA

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



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Aaron - January 15 at 01:53 AM

DA

“ Dave lit a candle in memory of Mr. Laurie  
"Bubb" Brown



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Dave - January 14 at 10:13 AM

JB

“ Uncle Bubb,  
Thank you for being there for some of the most important  
achievements in my life!  
From Naval bootcamp graduation in Great Lakes , Chicago, IL to  
Corpsman school graduation in San Antonio, TX!  
What a ride!!  
Going to miss that laugh of yours, for sure!  
Love always,  
Jasmine Burke

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**Jasmine Burke** - November 03, 2025 at 11:05 AM



“ Bubb was always there if you needed him he was a caring and  
loving person and we will truly miss him love always FRED and  
LINDA BROWN

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**Stella Brown** - November 02, 2025 at 07:43 PM

LB

“ Linda B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Laurie "Bubb"  
Brown.

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**Linda B.** - November 02, 2025 at 07:33 PM

LB

“ Linda B. purchased the Country Basket Blooms  
for the family of Mr. Laurie "Bubb" Brown.



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**Linda B.** - November 02, 2025 at 07:33 PM

PB

“ Sending prayers to all 🙏🙏🙏



Paulette BrownHaithcox - November 01, 2025 at 11:00 AM

MR

“ Myesha Reed purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Laurie "Bubb" Brown.



Myesha Reed - October 31, 2025 at 01:52 PM

CF

“ Curtis, Mizell, Myesha Reed and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Laurie "Bubb" Brown.

Curtis, Mizell, Myesha Reed and Family - October 31, 2025 at 01:38 PM

CF

“ Curtis, Mizell, Myesha Reed and Family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Mr. Laurie "Bubb" Brown.



Curtis, Mizell, Myesha Reed and Family - October 31, 2025 at 01:38 PM

LF

“ LoSardo Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mr. Laurie "Bubb" Brown.



LoSardo Family - October 29, 2025 at 07:08 PM

EH

“ Earlene House lit a candle in memory of Mr. Laurie "Bubb" Brown



Earlene House - October 29, 2025 at 01:02 PM

RM

“ Our condolences to the entire family during this time of sorrow in the loss of your loved one. Rest ezy BUBBA. With deepest sympathy Donald "duck" Harris and Rosana Morales Reed 🙏❤️



Rosa Morales - October 29, 2025 at 01:11 AM

CF

“ C. Mondavi & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Laurie "Bubba" Brown.

C. Mondavi & Family - October 28, 2025 at 06:32 PM

CF

“ C. Mondavi & Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. Laurie "Bubb" Brown.



C. Mondavi & Family - October 28, 2025 at 06:32 PM

MB

“ Cousin Bubba will be missed. He was one of a kind - Loving, honest, friendly and quiet. He will be remembered always. Love to you and my family...Marguerite, Tommie Brooks and family

Marguerite Brooks - October 28, 2025 at 05:41 PM

DW

“ To my nieces and nephews and Bubba family. My deepest condolence to all. I often told Laurie bubba Brown you will always be my brother in law regardless .Bubba was a nice man.. Fly high my friend.



Dawn Winston - October 28, 2025 at 05:01 PM

RH

“ I'm so heartbroken to hear about Uncle's passing. He was such a strong and loving presence in our family. I'll always cherish the memories we shared. Sending love and comfort to everyone as we grieve and celebrate his life together. 🤍💛🤍



Regina Higgs - October 28, 2025 at 04:15 PM

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**Regina Higgs** - October 28, 2025 at 04:17 PM

LJ

*Sending condolence and prayers 🙏 to the family. He was always a gentleman with a soft smile. Look to the hills which cometh your strength*

**Leola Jones** - October 28, 2025 at 09:17 PM

GI

*Rest in peace 🙏❤️*

**Gio** - October 30, 2025 at 09:41 AM

SB

“ *Susan Bynum lit a candle in memory of Mr. Laurie "Bubb" Brown*



**Susan Bynum** - October 28, 2025 at 02:32 PM

BR

“ *Bubba rest in peace. Continue to watch over your children.*



**Benita Rucker** - October 28, 2025 at 02:00 PM