



Mr. Leroy Billins, Sr.

October 16, 1942 - June 7, 2026

UTICA – Mr. LeRoy Billins, Sr., age 83, went home to the Lord when he passed away in the comfort and dignity of his home on Sunday, June 7, 2026.

Born in Unadilla, GA on October 16, 1942, LeRoy was the son of the late Lonnie Sr. and Hazel Billins, “Number Five” of 15 children. The family soon relocated to the Utica area where he graduated from Utica Free Academy and then went to serve in the United States Army. He then found employment and remained for 30 years with Mohawk Valley Psychiatric Center as a secure treatment therapy aide.

On October 27, 1999, he married his shining star, the former Evelyn Roberts. LeRoy deeply loved his entire family and never failed to tell them so any time he saw them. He was always concerned for the wellbeing of others and made a lasting impact on everyone he met. He truly loved people and they loved him in return.

LeRoy was a happy soul with a contagious smile. He loved music and singing, and also enjoyed puzzles, reading, basketball, and watching Western films.

LeRoy is survived by his beloved wife, Evelyn; children and their spouses, William and Jeanne Minor, LeRoy Billins II, Grant and Shoshoni Phillips, Gineh Billins and Shean Vann, David and Tammy Rothstein, Lisa and Randall

Hogans, and Kevin Rothstein; 12 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; nine siblings; and a slew of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and dear friends. He was preceded in death by his first wife, JoyAnne Minor; his partner, Nadine Phillips; his grandchildren, Joshua Rothstein and LeRoy Billins, III; and his siblings, Richard, Lonnie, Jackie, Clara, and Sonny.

The Billins family extends their gratitude to the staff of Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc. for their support during this difficult time.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, June 18, 2026, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. A Final Blessing will commence at 6:00 p.m. at the funeral home. For those unable to attend, you may be present virtually at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81845860461>. Memorial contributions in LeRoy's honor may be made to Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc. online at www.hospicecareinc.org/donate or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital online at www.stjude.org/donate; envelopes will also be available at the funeral home.

Upcoming Events

Visitation

JUN 18. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
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Home Going Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sending prayers and condolences to the family.
Benita Rucker and Adrian Clark.* ”



Benita Rucker - 1 hour ago

SB

“ *Susan Bynum lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leroy Billins, Sr.* ”



Susan Bynum - 3 hours ago



“ *My uncle Leroy was one of the funniest people you could ever meet, so loving and was a jokester, he loved all of his family with a deep passion, he will be missed by us all Rip. Uncle Leroy* ”



Clareitha Titus - 3 hours ago

AN

“ *Rip So Sorry For Your Loss.He was Great Person I would Never Forget Him* ”

Angela - 4 hours ago

TB

“ *My uncle Leroy had a great sense of humor and a contagious smile. He will be forever in my heart!! SIP UNC*

Timothy Brooks - 5 hours ago

RB

My uncle Leroy was loved by everyone who knew him always made me smile and feel loved i will always love and miss him.

Russel Brooks - 5 hours ago