



Mr. Marcel Bembry

December 20, 1950 - March 27, 2024

UTICA – Mr. Marcel Bembry, age 73, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, March 27, 2024.

Born in Hawkinsville, GA on December 20, 1950, Marcel was the son of the late Johnnie and Mattie Bell (Worthy) Bembry. Marcel had a happy childhood enjoying playing with his 3 brothers, 6 sisters, and many cousins. Marcel's family relocated to the Utica area, where he was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1970. During his time in school, Marcel engaged in many sports, but he particularly excelled in wrestling.

On November 27, 1998, in Buffalo, NY, Marcel wed the former Jennifer Annette Ingram. The couple shared a happy 25-year marriage filled with love, joy, and so many wonderful memories. They often giggled together like children over the silly moments that life brings. They enjoyed spending time with family and friends, learning and studying the Bible together, marveling at the beauties of creation, and traveling.

At one time, for many years, he was the owner and operator of Bembry's Residential and Commercial Cleaning Service, located on Neilson Street. He later worked as a Senior Clerk at Mohawk Valley Community College, the position from which he retired.

Marcel also known by many in and around Utica, NY as “Uncle Marcel.” He had an enthusiastic, loving, determined, and friendly personality. His smile was contagious- seeing his smile made you smile. He truly loved people. He found a reason to smile every day and he shared his beautiful smile with every single person he came across. Even when Marcel experienced health issues, he still maintained a positive mental outlook. Marcel enjoyed studying God’s word, watching sports, observing the beauty of creation, taking photographs and videos of creation and family and friends. He also enjoyed walking outside and being with his walking buddies and their canine companions. Marcel kept doggie treats in his rollator and his canine friends would often eagerly drag their owners over to see him.

Marcel was baptized as one of Jehovah’s Witness on July 10, 1976. Marcel zealously served as an Elder and a full-time minister in the Central Congregation of Utica, NY. He never held back from telling others about the beautiful hope the Bible holds out. He happily studied the Bible with many and wanted as many as possible to benefit from what the Bible teaches. Marcel was a spiritual man and he truly believed with all his heart the beautiful promises he learned about from the Bible. He didn’t want anyone to miss out on what he held so dear. He enthusiastically spread the good news to all people from all cultures and all walks of life. His physical heart needed a pacemaker but his true heart, the heart that defined the man he truly was, was a heart full of courage that held so much love for all his family and friends, and a heart that always pursued peace. He inspired so many by his determination to keep going despite facing challenges.

Marcel will never be forgotten by those who loved and knew him. He will remain in the hearts of his beloved wife, Jennifer; brother, Daniel Bembry; and sisters, Judi Bembry, and Marie Bembry. He fondly remembered his siblings and brother-in-law who preceded him, Mary Woodson, Rose and Roosevelt Wynder, Sr., Juanita Watson, Johnny B. Bembry, Ozell Bembry, Johnnie Mae

Hunter, and Almedia Bembry. His loss is also felt by his brother-in-law, Joshua Woodson; sisters-in-law, Berthell Bembry, and Janice Bembry; treasured aunts and uncles, including Clara Mae Houser, Sarah Carswell, Drucilla Miller, Mattie and Dudley Sims, and David and Audrey Bembry; precious nieces and nephews, including special nieces, Theresa Wynder, Rosemarie Wynder, Carmelita Wynder Ruffin, Shamiya Phillips, and Chawntavia Ruffin; grandmother-in-law, Delores Dukes; mother-in-law, Leah Ingram; sister-in-law, Elizabeth Ingram; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, John and Latrina Ingram; many cherished cousins; beloved spiritual brothers and sisters, dear neighbors, and friends, all whom Marcel truly loved. He was further predeceased by his father-in-law, Johnnie Ingram; and nephew, Roosevelt "Troy" Wynder, Jr.

The Bembry family wishes to thank Marcel's family and friends at the Kingdom Hall for their care, and to the paramedics and the staff at Wynn Hospital for their valiant efforts.

The family will honor and commemorate his life at a private time. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Marcel's Memorial Talk, which will commence on Sunday, April 14, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 585 Trenton Rd. 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

Memorial Talk

APR 14. 1:00 PM (ET)

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses
585 Trenton Road
Utica, NY 13502

Tribute Wall



“ I was on the wrestling team with Marcel , the obit truly says it all .
He was a beautiful person and a credit to all man and woman kind .
Joe Cotrupe

Joseph R. Cotrupe Jr. - May 31, 2024 at 02:54 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for
the family of Mr. Marcel Bemby.



April 13, 2024 at 05:52 PM



“ Thoughts and prayers be with Marcel Bemby
family at this difficult time. Marcel was a
gentleman and a gentle soul. May he rest in
peace 🙏



Dawn Winston - April 13, 2024 at 02:19 PM



“ Josh and Wendy Entwistle purchased the Full Of
Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. Marcel
Bemby.



Josh and Wendy Entwistle - April 11, 2024 at 06:55 AM

TM

“ *My condolences to Marcel's family and friends. Rest in Peace Marcel 🙏*

Tarita Mills - April 02, 2024 at 01:31 AM

CO

“ *I worked with Marcel at MVCC, I will always remember his kindness and gentle nature. Very sorry for your loss.*

Colleague - April 01, 2024 at 07:29 PM

KD

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I worked with Marcel for many years at MVCC. He was a kind and gentle man.*

Karen Dean - April 01, 2024 at 09:06 AM

LR

“ *RIHP my friend. Such beautiful memories growing up with you and your family.*



Lorraine (Pucchi) Rucker - March 31, 2024 at 04:11 PM

LR

Such beautiful memories of Marcel growing up together. RIHP my friend

Lorraine (Pucchi) Rucker - March 31, 2024 at 04:13 PM

CM

I worked with Marcel at MVCC, I remember well his kind and calm presence, and yes, that winning smile. Sending love and condolences to his family, may his love follow you through!

Christine Regina Miller - April 01, 2024 at 11:41 AM

KG

“ I was fortunate enough to work with Marcel at MVCC for several years before he retired. He welcomed me as a newcomer to both the college and the Utica area with a huge smile and big laugh. He was a wonderful story teller, a patient man, and a loving soul. His kindness was unmatched. He will be missed

Kayleigh Gapp - March 31, 2024 at 02:07 PM

A-

“ Sending prayers to the family. He was truly a kind and gentle person who always had a kind word for everyone. Rest well my friend 💕💕

Alicia Glinton -Boyd - March 31, 2024 at 12:01 PM

R&

“ My condolences to your family



Roseann Pearson-Simmons &family - March 30, 2024 at 10:37 PM

MM

“ I am going to miss seeing Marcel walking around Schuyler Commons and Deerfield Place. Sometimes we would meet up and walk together. We determined that he knew my son from MVCC and he would always ask about him. I was in awe that he seemed to know everyone and their dogs. He always had a smile and a wonderful positive attitude, and dog treats. And his faith!
Sincere sympathy,
Marilyn Morrison

Marilyn Morrison - March 30, 2024 at 06:39 PM

JZ

I had the opportunity to work with Marcel for almost 10 years in the same department at MVCC before he retired..such a funny and caring man he always made me laugh, his laugh was contagious, he'll be missed by many..rest easy my friend...your home.

jerad zarnoch - March 30, 2024 at 07:41 PM

AR

A consummate gentleman, and a gentle man ...as long as you didn't meet up with him on the wrestling mat.... as he was one of the finest wrestlers this area has ever produced. Tough ...with a big heart ...a great man

Alfred Karl Rocci - April 02, 2024 at 07:02 AM

JC

Great memories of wrestling with Marcel and Ozell at Proctor High School. I remember Marcel as an outstanding wrestler and great teammate. A really good guy. Joe Carzo 71'

Joe Carzo - April 02, 2024 at 07:43 AM

LR

I worked with Marcel at MVCC for many years. He was a very cheerful and kind man. He will be missed.

Lori Rycraft - April 02, 2024 at 12:32 PM

WW

*I will always remember Marcel's big smile, laughter and good conversations, especially about the Bible.
Condolences Jennifer, family and friends.*

Wanda Wooden - April 02, 2024 at 11:11 PM

EA

Condolences from Eli and Sylvia Alford

Eli and Sylvia Alford - April 08, 2024 at 01:51 PM

CH

*Wishing you comfort, peace, memories With many thoughts and deepest sympathy.
Love & Prayers
Clara Houser and Family*

Clara Houser - April 08, 2024 at 10:34 PM