



Mr. Moses Alfonso "Mo Jack" Ballard

June 10, 1962 - December 2, 2023

UTICA – Mr. Moses Alfonso “Mo Jack” Ballard, age 61, transitioned to heaven on Saturday, December 2, 2023.

Born on June 10, 1962 in Summerton, South Carolina to the late James Guilford and Jeannie B. (Ballard) Guilford, Moses came to Utica at a young age and was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School. He very much enjoyed his time as Captain of the Utica Police Cadets, and Oneida County Deputy Sheriff of Corrections, before becoming a security guard for various local businesses, including St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Burger King, and Utica Free Academy. Most recently he worked as a part-time security officer at his alma mater T. R. Proctor High School.

Moses was always a generous person, even when he did not have a lot. People enjoyed his company and his friendly nature. He led a clean life, never touching alcohol or drugs. In his early years, he could often be found roller skating at Mid-State Rink. In the 1980s he secured a gig as a DJ on WPNR at Utica College, and all are pretty sure it was at this job that he got his nickname “Mo Jack.” While he was there, he spun only the finest of records.

A man of many hobbies and talents, Moses had a healthy addiction to electronics, enjoying communication with his ham and CB radios. He most recently found pleasure in fine tuning his firearms skills at the firing range

where he became a very good shot. Moses was gifted in setting up aquariums, and people sought out his expertise and assistance in setting up and maintaining their own. He also knew his way around cars and could fix the brakes right in the driveway.

Moses loved fishing with his sons, Aaron, and Cody. The three of them traveled all over the Central New York area looking for the best lakes to drop their lines, and making many wonderful memories.

Having a deep faith in God, Moses attended Lifepoint Church.

Moses is survived by his children, Tanya Maxwell McFarland, Julene Goebe and Travis Marshall, Angela Vilayvanh, Je'Nay Ballard, Moses Ballard, Jr., Julius C. Brown, III, Cody Owens, and Keymi Ballard; a host of grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He further leaves his memory to his siblings, Lorenzo Ballard, Melissa Williams, and Clifford Williams; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins. Moses was kind and parental to many, which brought him an extended family filled with many people who referred to him as Dad and Grandpa. He also shared a special bond with his significant other, Theresa Matherson, and is also survived by his lifelong best friend, Pat Humiston.

Moses held close in his heart the memory of his son who preceded him, Aaron Michael Christian Ballard; and treasured his grandchildren, Makiya Chanel Ballard, and Aaron Ballard, II, who became angels as infants. He was additionally predeceased by his brother, Michael A. Williams; and his nephew, Vance Ballard, who passed away in March of 2023.

Visitation for family and friends will be held on Saturday, December 9, 2023 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Moses' Home Going Service and Celebration of Life will

commence at 3:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Those unable to attend may be present virtually at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84972786281>

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 9. 2:00 PM - 3:00 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

DEC 9. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

AN

“ *Anilah lit a candle in memory of Mr. Moses Alfonso "Mo Jack" Ballard*



anilah - September 07, 2024 at 03:01 PM

DB

“ *Darlene Branch lit a candle in memory of Mr. Moses Alfonso "Mo Jack" Ballard*



Darlene Branch - December 20, 2023 at 08:51 PM

MC

“ *Moses was a very kind and friendly person, a class act, may he rest in peace and God Bless his soul and family.*

mr. peter f cerminaro - December 18, 2023 at 12:01 PM

RM

“ *Dear Moses I will miss you. Going to the boys and girls club back in the day. Always so protective to make sure I got home ok. You were my friend but proud to call you my brother. I will miss our talks and that beautiful smile. Rest Ezy dear one. One luv always Rosana Morales Reed. My condolences to Moses entire family* 🤝🙏🕊️❤️



Rosanna Morales - December 10, 2023 at 10:46 AM

RM

“ *Rosanna Morales lit a candle in memory of Mr. Moses Alfonso "Mo Jack" Ballard*



Rosanna Morales - December 10, 2023 at 10:42 AM

RA

“ *What a great guy I.Was always a pleasure.. Till we meet again..*

Rob Apel - December 09, 2023 at 03:33 PM

LR

“ *Lisa Rimmer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Moses Alfonso "Mo Jack" Ballard*



Lisa Rimmer - December 09, 2023 at 01:54 PM

FG

“ *Faye Gilmore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Moses Alfonso "Mo Jack" Ballard*



Faye Gilmore - December 09, 2023 at 11:48 AM

AV

“ *RIP grandpa Moses I loved to be around you and tell uncle Aaron I said hi and I hope u have the best time* 🟫❤️🕊️

avianahernekeating - December 09, 2023 at 10:50 AM

DC

“ Rest in peace Moses. From the time I met Moses he was always a good Brotha & Man. My sincere condolences to all Family & Friends of Moses Ballard. 🌟💖🌸

Donald Curry - December 08, 2023 at 11:43 PM

EP

“ Elizabeth Patterson-Moyer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Moses Alfonso "Mo Jack" Ballard



Elizabeth Patterson-Moyer - December 08, 2023 at 10:33 PM

CR

“ Crystal lit a candle in memory of Mr. Moses Alfonso "Mo Jack" Ballard



Crystal - December 08, 2023 at 04:47 PM

CR

Life was a true ride with you my friend and I'll always cherish your good advice hospitality and smile !!! Heaven has truly gained an angel ! Truly missed and as I called you MO BETTER.... 🙏❤️❤️🙏

Crystal - December 08, 2023 at 04:51 PM

JR

“ may you rest now and fly higher then you ever wanted,
Moses was a good person help anyone he could and was a very well done to earth person and a good family and friends man he was now its his time to shines and be pain free and have his time to rested
the lord has a beautiful soul may he fly higher then he ever could
from: Mitchell family
from :Becraft family
from :Roberts family



Jennifer Mitchell Roberts - December 08, 2023 at 12:16 AM

SA

“ My Condolences to they Family SIP



Salimah - December 07, 2023 at 11:12 AM

RQ

“ Sail along on your next great adventure my brother.
Your presence on this Earth will surely be missed.
May God keep your family and friends warm with your light.

Ralph C Quinn - December 07, 2023 at 03:41 AM

MH

“ *Mark Harf lit a candle in memory of Mr. Moses Alfonso "Mo Jack" Ballard*



Mark Harf - December 06, 2023 at 11:46 PM

JB

“ *Moses was my granddad and i hope he knows till this day i still love him i wish i could of helped him through his sickness but i was 28hrs away but i live u grandpa* ❤️💔

julienne or bubba - December 06, 2023 at 10:54 PM

KM

“ *Our deepest condolences 🌸 to the family. I always remember brother Ballard as being a great guy with a kind spirit.*

keith webb, Southaven Ms - December 06, 2023 at 10:29 PM

TA

“ *Moses was a good friend in we met in high school great memories RIP my friend miss you*

tom arcuri - December 06, 2023 at 09:23 PM

MV

“ *so saddened to hear this. I remember him from Columbus school. one of the few to remember me to this day any where in the City. always smiling always positive. we worked the over night shift together doing security at chicago pneumatic years ago. entertained me with his huge boombox and sweet potato pie during long nights. My deepest condolences to the Family, I am so very sorry*

Michael Vallese - December 06, 2023 at 07:47 PM

JM

“ *Moses was a good man, Always smiling - always upbeat. We will miss seeing that happy face all over town.*

Joseph Mezzanini - December 06, 2023 at 06:18 PM

LT

“ *I remember Moses as a child. I sent my condolence and prayers to the family*

Leola Turne/Jones - December 06, 2023 at 08:52 AM

MH

“ *Moses was so kind to me when we first met ..he became in my eyes my best friend . Always thinking of others .it was a joy to give back to him the kindness he gave out ..we used to go to breakfast and lunch sometimes.made him let me pay on my turn.lol he never wanted to but I would sneak up and pay ..always made us laugh.. I'll miss you my friend.. prayers to your lady and your family ❤️❤️*



Melody Howard - December 06, 2023 at 08:06 AM

JG

Thank you so much we appreciate it.

Julene gocebe - December 06, 2023 at 11:24 PM

MB

“ *Always setting an example for the young his presence Will be missed, the good mornings, and ,have a good day was a voice of reason RIP !!!!*

Michael Brigano - December 06, 2023 at 06:14 AM

PM

“ *In loving memory of Moses! Prayers for his family. Moses used to go stay with my aunt and uncle up on hinckley lake-lots of good memories with him. SIP*



Paulette Major - December 06, 2023 at 05:23 AM

EM

“ *My condolences and prayers to the family Rest In heavenly peace*



Ernesto montanez - December 05, 2023 at 09:00 PM

VR

“ *Vanessa Rucker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Moses Alfonso "Mo Jack" Ballard*



Vanessa Rucker - December 05, 2023 at 08:30 PM

VR

Our deepest condolences to the Ballard family ❤️🙏

Vanessa Rucker - December 05, 2023 at 08:31 PM

DP

“ *Moses was a dear friend. Moses loved his guns and we enjoyed many happy times together at the gun range and visiting gun clubs.*

D. Victor Pellegrino - December 05, 2023 at 08:23 PM

RS

“ Sorry for the loss of your love one. Rose & Stanley family



Rose Simmons - December 05, 2023 at 06:48 PM

DE

“ Delis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Moses Alfonso "Mo Jack" Ballard



Delis - December 05, 2023 at 06:00 PM

MM

“ Melissa Melendez lit a candle in memory of Mr. Moses Alfonso "Mo Jack" Ballard



Melissa Melendez - December 05, 2023 at 05:58 PM

KB

“ Keith And Dawn Ballard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Moses Alfonso "Mo Jack" Ballard



Keith and Dawn Ballard - December 05, 2023 at 05:11 PM

FG

“ *Felicia Greene lit a candle in memory of Mr. Moses Alfonso "Mo Jack" Ballard*



Felicia Greene - December 05, 2023 at 04:59 PM

YR

“ *Yvonne Richards lit a candle in memory of Mr. Moses Alfonso "Mo Jack" Ballard*



Yvonne Richards - December 05, 2023 at 03:59 PM

RB

“ *Moses was a great man he would always give me and my brother a ride wherever we needed to go. He had a big heart and was always helping people. Rest in peace Moses you will be missed*

Rebecca Blanchard - December 05, 2023 at 03:21 PM

RF

Absolutely Moses was a good hearted man he helped me and my family when we had no one he made us laugh he sat around helping us hook up our brand new TV's brang us shopping doctor appointments basically Mr Moses had a amazing soul he loved helping everyone he will be greatly missed saddens our hearts that he was taken so soon.he is in paradise now and god bless him for all that he has done for our communitys and people you rest easy now Moses and remember you will never be forgotten.we all love you .

Renner florance - December 05, 2023 at 03:52 PM

DE

“ *Donna Elmohammed lit a candle in memory of Mr. Moses Alfonso "Mo Jack" Ballard*



Donna elmohammed - December 05, 2023 at 02:05 PM

DE

Rip moses your surly going to be missed

Donna elmohammed - December 05, 2023 at 02:06 PM

SP

Saf news to hear. Moses had a smile that brightened up every room. Never changed since high school. My prayers for his family. Rest in peace my friend.

Salvatore Piazza - December 05, 2023 at 02:32 PM

MT

My deepest sympathy, Lorenzo and family great guys from Columbus school days. Michael Taylor

Michael Taylor - December 07, 2023 at 05:30 PM

EP

My condolences to the family and loved ones of Moses. He was a kind and honorable man who always brought life and joy wherever he was.

His gentle spirit, beautiful smile and easy conversation will be missed.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Patterson-Moyer

Elizabeth Patterson-Moyer - December 08, 2023 at 10:31 PM