



## Percell Ruffin, Jr.

August 24, 1957 - April 26, 2009

Mr. Percell Ruffin, Jr., age 51, of Utica, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, April 26, 2009 at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Born in Wilson, North Carolina on August 24, 1957, Percell is the son of Louise Strickland and the late Percell Ruffin, Sr. He was raised and educated in North Carolina where he was trained as a machinist and also attended bartending school. He relocated to Utica at age 17. It was in November 1978 that he married the former Ellen Strickland with whom he started his family. He later entered a 20 year union with his companion, Virginia Shelton, a relationship based on family and love for each other.

Percell's mechanical expertise was utilized at his main job with Utica Radiator. He also participated in farm work where he cultivated many memories in working the bean fields. As a son and father, he was dependable and hard-working. A jokester by nature, he could liven up a room with his sense of humor and his memorable smile. He was a concerned man who was always ready to lend a hand to family or friends, or work on their automobiles if they needed repair. Percell enjoyed fishing and attending family gatherings, especially reunions and barbecues. He loved music, and his favorites were the oldies. He was of the Pentacostal faith.

Percell is survived by his mother, Louise Strickland; and his daughters and their families, Tracy Ruffin and Frank Dixson, Jennifer Ruffin and Robert Bradley, Karen Strickland and Hock Cole, Anita Ruffin and Stefan Byrd, Cynthia Ruffin and Robert Deyose, all of Utica. Always close to his heart was

the memory of his daughter, Gladys Ruffin, who preceded him in death. He also leaves a host of grandchildren: Sheena, Isaiah, Tamika, Enoshja, Fatijah, Tyshawn; Keshonna, Terry, Terrick, Little Robert, Romone, Keshona, Lassandra, Haguindus, Racquon, Oreon, Ziyara, Preonda; Dashed, Sherrelle, Handeise, Kimerre, Stephan, Jr.; Robreaisa, Robert, Eugene, Shuniya, and Roasear; and his 2 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his grandson, Christopher Prest, Jr. Survivors also include his sisters and brother-in-law, Lula and Fredrick Thomas of NC, and Loretta Ruffin of Utica; his brother, Anthony Ruffin and Jeanette Howard of Utica; nieces, Denisha Ruffin, Veronica Strickland, Cassandra "Tumbleweed" Ruffin; nephew, Anthony Strickland; a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, of Philadelphia, PA; and in-laws, Helen and Neil Saxe, and Jerry Strickland. He was predeceased by his wife, Ellen Strickland-Ruffin; his sister, Barbara Ann Finch; his grandmother, Hattie Norwood; his great-grandmother Maggie Lucas; his aunt, Maddy Lucas; and his in-laws, Bobby and James Lee Strickland, Grace Diggins, and Patricia Strickland.

The family would like to thank Bishop H. Thomas of Christ Temple Church, for his kindness and compassion.

Visitation will be held Tuesday 5-7 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. 932 South Street, corner of Hammond Ave. Percell's Home Going Celebration will commence on Wednesday morning at 11:00 at Christ Temple Church with Rev. Clark officiating. Interment will take place at Forest Hill Cemetery.

# Previous Events

## Service

MAY 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

Christ Temple Church  
Utica, NY

# Tribute Wall



“ *i luv and misss u wuz the best person i ever know i miss u so much daddy words cant explain i luv you i wish u wuz still here daddy luv ure daughter karen*

**Kay Cakes** - November 21, 2010 at 01:19 PM

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*This makes me cry cause u are both gone sip daddy and.my fav sister i miss youl so much im hurt.borken 😭💔💔💔*

**anita ruffin** - April 28, 2015 at 01:39 AM



“ *I will always miss the joy and fun he brought to the family i will miss him always and f0rever i doesnt even feel that he's gone it just feels like he's s0mewhere fishing or some thing i love you granddaddy rest in peace.....##imported-begin##DASHEL ##imported-end##*

June 08, 2009 at 04:19 PM



“ *I would like to say that my daddy loved life.he loved his family and friends he was a good man i will miss our father very much we went fishing and to the bean field just having good times i love u daddy and always walk by my side until the day we meet again love u forever##imported-begin##anita ruffin##imported-end##*

May 16, 2009 at 05:00 PM



“ i love u grand daddy ur oldest grand child sheena nd ur second oldest great grand love u too my u be at peace forevever....i still dont belive ur gone it feel like u at home nd im juz waitin to see u the next day love u alwayz nd forever sheena###imported-begin###sheena ruffin###imported-end##

May 16, 2009 at 04:55 PM



“ june and i have a lil girl to getther her name is cheyanne rose bormann she did not know him couse i did not let her know i wish i did let her see her dad he was not all that bad like i made him out to be i wish i had one more day to see him and i wolud tell june that i love him but it's to late....wish i could get the balls and let his other kids know how much i loved there dad .....i love you Percell Ruffin, Jr.(JUNE)###imported-begin###kim###imported-end##

May 12, 2009 at 10:17 AM



“ i'm sorry for your lost in your time of sadness remember there's a god...i will will i miss you..... kimberly###imported-begin###kimberly###imported-end##

May 07, 2009 at 07:18 AM

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Daddy I miss u 😭😭 i love u 🥰

Anita ruffin - January 24, 2016 at 01:15 AM



“ We, re going to miss you June. you always knew how to bring on a laugh.  
May god bless you and your family.##imported-begin##THE CROSBY fAMILY##imported-end##

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May 05, 2009 at 01:40 AM



“ To anita and family my heart and tears go out to you all..iam sorry for the lose of your father take care and god bless you all##imported-begin##melissa adams(kimball)##imported-end##

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May 04, 2009 at 02:17 PM



“ you'll be missed by everone....  
kim##imported-begin##kimberly##imported-end##

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May 04, 2009 at 12:46 PM



“ i'm sorry for your lost in your time of sadness remember there's a god that sit's high and watche's low.he has not forgotten about you during this difficult time.love marcus a.k.a.stuffy and wife and family.##imported-begin##marcus reed##imported-end##

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May 02, 2009 at 11:57 PM



“ To the Ruffin family, and especially "Louise" you all are in my thoughts, prayers and especially my 20 or more years of memories as your neighbor. To the daughters I watch each of you from childhood to womanhood. To the surviving brother and sisters, stay strong.

God Bless##imported-begin##Mrs. Nattler King-Washington##imported-end##

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May 02, 2009 at 06:39 PM



“ I will always remember the times "June", brought laughter to brighten my day.##imported-begin##Michael L. Taylor##imported-end##

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May 02, 2009 at 06:34 PM



“ To the family, may you find comfort in knowing that God is "near to those that are broken at heart; and those who are crushed in spirit he saves." (Psalm 34;18) Takes care,##imported-begin##kelsey lee##imported-end##

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April 29, 2009 at 10:33 PM