



## Mr. Perise Louis "Woogie" Watkins, III

April 21, 1978 - September 15, 2023

UTICA – Mr. Perise Louis “Woogie” Watkins, III, age 45, had an unforeseen passing and went home to the Lord on Friday, September 15, 2023.

Born in Utica on April 21, 1978 to the late Perise Louis “Louie” Watkins, Jr. and Courtney Michelle (Brown) Watkins, shortly after his birth mom passed away, he was raised by his grandmother, aka “Mama” Dorothy. He attended Miller St. school and later T. R. Proctor High School. For most of his career, he worked in the restaurant industry, notably at Babe’s and lastly at 99 Restaurant. He also graduated National Tractor School and received his CDL.

Woogie got his name from his grandma for his fidgety nature as a baby and young boy and the name just stuck. He was remembered as a good kid. Throughout his school years, he considered football his game and his passion carried over to make him a San Francisco 49ers fan. He watched them faithfully and the guys would often yell and carry on when the games got exciting.

He learned to fish as a young boy, and loved perfecting his technique of casting a line. He always got very excited when he caught a substantially sized fish for the eating. He learned the art of casting from the banks from his grandparents and knew all the best spots, but most importantly he enjoyed the way the sport allowed him to spend time with his family. He valued teaching

anyone who was interested, and became a mentor to many.

Every relationship he cultivated, he poured his heart and soul into. He took care to enjoy each day, hang with cousins and friends, and make the most of their time together. Chicken Riggies were his favorite and his best meal to prepare – but he excelled at many dishes and was a great cook. Woogie competed with his two sisters in the kitchen, especially in preparing sweet potato pies. He was renowned as a master of the grill. He made dinner gatherings with family very special. He brought energy and gifted times to all.

As a young boy, he was a member of the House of God Church, which was where he learned to know the Lord and he kept Him in his heart.

Woogie is survived by his maternal grandmother and mama, Dorothy; his children Quanasia Watkins, Makiya Watkins, and Perise Louis “Little Woogie” Watkins IV; his grandchild, Jezreel; his siblings and their loves, Anthony Brown, Janet and Eldon Clarke, Terry and Tamara Harris, Brian Watson, Cassandra and Derian Garland, Brianna Mae Watkins and Deavon, Trevon Watkins, Anthony Jackson, and Chris O’Brien. He treasured the memory of his brother who preceded him in 2018, Louis D. “L.L.” Watkins. He also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins. He is now reunited with his longtime treasured friend, David Davis aka. “Diddy,” they’re now back together! He was also blessed with many homies with whom he shared his life and his heart.

Visitation will be held on Friday, September 22, 2023 from 3:30-5:00 p.m. at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc, 932 South St., corner of Hammon Ave. Perise’s Home Going Service and Celebration of Life will commence at 5:00 p.m. celebrated by his aunts Rev. Rose Billingsley and Elder Bernice Brown. Those unable to attend may be present virtually at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81244998835?pwd=RUVJL2xyc3hodUdtS2xVdGt0>

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **22.** 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.  
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corner of Hammond Ave.  
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## Home Going Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mr. Perise Louis "Woogie" Watkins, III.



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September 22, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Praying For The Family and his sisters and brothers we Love you Jackson Workman & Prince Family*



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**Dolores Workman** - September 21, 2023 at 05:46 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Mr. Perise Louis "Woogie" Watkins, III.



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September 21, 2023 at 04:47 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mr. Perise Louis "Woogie" Watkins, III.



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September 21, 2023 at 09:49 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Perise Louis "Woogie" Watkins, III.

September 21, 2023 at 09:49 AM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Perise Louis "Woogie" Watkins, III.



September 20, 2023 at 09:52 PM



“ FROM / Aunt Betty and Uncle Stokes purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Perise Louis "Woogie" Watkins, III.



**FROM / Aunt Betty and Uncle Stokes** - September 20, 2023 at 01:48 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Perise Louis "Woogie" Watkins, III.



September 20, 2023 at 12:55 AM

DE

“ Deanna lit a candle in memory of Mr. Perise Louis "Woogie" Watkins, III



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Deanna - September 19, 2023 at 10:13 PM

FA

“ I'm so thankful to have known you. Rest easy Woog. Praying for your children and family. My love to you all.

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Faliscite - September 19, 2023 at 08:27 PM

PB

“ Sending prayers and my condolences to the entire family R.I.P. Woogie

Sincerely  
Paulette Brown-Haithcox



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Paulette Brown-Haithcox - September 19, 2023 at 08:15 PM

DH

“ I'll cherish all the times we had playing Dick Miller together at King school. Growing up together playing all the sports we played together. I'm gonna miss you cuz RIP

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Donny Hill - September 19, 2023 at 07:53 PM

TF

“ Love u woogie u will be missed 😭💔



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**Tajuana Ford** - September 19, 2023 at 06:28 PM

LT

*Sorry for your loss. Look to the hills which cometh your strength*

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**Leola Turner/JONES** - September 19, 2023 at 08:01 PM