



Mr. Peter Doles

August 21, 1955 - March 26, 2026

UTICA – Mr. Peter Doles, age 70, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, March 26, 2026, in the comfort and dignity of his home, with his loving family at his side.

Born in Utica on August 21, 1955, Peter was the son of the late Braxter Sr. and Mae Ruth (Williams) Doles. He attended Kernan School and was a proud graduate of Utica Free Academy. He furthered his studies at Syracuse University, where he majored in music and received a degree in human services. He also earned an electrical degree, simply for knowledge and his desire to always keep learning.

He was once married to his high school sweetheart, the late Mary Frances “Cookie” Coney, and from that union came the blessing of two beautiful daughters, Rashida Jamila Doles and Sabrina Nicole Doles. He also had a loving relationship with Joanne Reed and, more recently, with the late Mary Allen.

At one time, he held a position as a technician with General Electric on Bleecker Street. He later worked at St. Elizabeth Hospital as a surgical technician and as a nurse’s aide at various local nursing homes. He went on to serve as a residential counselor with Catholic Charities and, lastly, retired from UCP in the same role.

Peter was a musician throughout his life. He loved playing the guitar, along with many other instruments, and took great pride in teaching loved ones how to play. Music was his greatest passion, and he especially enjoyed playing his guitar in his band, “The Boys Club.”

Peter possessed a wicked sense of humor. His sharp wit and impeccable timing brought laughter to all who knew him. He enjoyed his weekly Sunday breakfasts, where he gathered loved ones and cooked for them. He was well known for his apple crisp French toast, deviled eggs, and shish kabobs. Above all, he loved his family—he didn’t always like them, but he loved them. Peter practiced the Muslim faith.

He is survived by his daughters, Rashida Jamila Doles and Sabrina Nicole Doles; his loving grandchildren, Kweli Howard and his fiancée, Mya Gonzalez; Taniya Howard, a.k.a. his GeeGee; Zaafera A. Peak; Ajanae Doles; and Ariel Johnson. He is also survived by his sisters, Ruth Henderson and Patricia Ann Doles, with whom he shared a special closeness and whom he affectionately referred to as his special “Road Dog.” He also leaves his brother, Braxter Doles, Jr.; niece, Sharia L. Doles (favorite niece); nephew, Damien Crawford; Stephanie King (Stuff), whom he thought of like a little sister; and his lovely work daughter, Shana.

Also surviving are his loving sisters, Carrie Hasting, Martha and Dennis Reddick, Louis Winfrey, Ellen and Major Crawford, and Dot Doles; and brothers, Marion Braxter Doles and Benjamin Franklin Doles. Peter also leaves many in-laws, special friends, and his fellow bandmates, especially acknowledging Stan Enoch, Richard Titus, Gene Walker, Jim Winston, and Alex.

Special thanks to his landlord, Rob, who over the years became his good

friend.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, April 11, 2026, from 1:00-2:00 p.m. at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Flowers are graciously accepted.

Pete's Home Going Service and Celebration of Life will commence at 2:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

This obituary was lovingly written by Peter's family.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 11. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
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Home Going Service

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Tribute Wall

LB

“ *Lonnie Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Peter Doles*



Lonnie Brown - May 03 at 07:08 PM

DG

“ *I am so sorry to his family. I met Uncle Pete while being a CNA . We had the most fun helping others and working the Rehab Hallways .
Fly High my friend, Until we meet again.*



deanna guidera - April 13 at 10:11 AM

DB

“ *I want to extend my Heartfelt Condolences to Peter's loved ones. Pete and I met at Kemble School, where we graduated from 8th grade in 1969. From there we attended UFA together. We'd see one another now and then throughout the years. I loved to see his beautiful smile. I always considered him a dear friend. May he Rest in Peace in the Loving and Healing Arms of Jesus. Fly high, Peter. I'll never forget you ! Debbie Brown (Stubbs)*

Deborah Brown - April 08 at 11:06 AM

MT

“ *Mr And Mrs Richard Titus lit a candle in memory of Mr. Peter Doles*



Mr and Mrs Richard Titus - April 07 at 12:55 PM



“ *Praying For Y'all We Grew Up As Family
From Columbia St Gonna Miss Our Back &
Forth Nick Names We Called Each other Love
U Forever Always In My Heart Never Forget
You. Peter & Family*



Dolores Workman - April 07 at 08:40 AM

SB

“ *Stanley B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Peter Doles.*

Stanley B. - April 07 at 12:02 AM

LB

“ *Larry Beavers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Peter Doles*



Larry Beavers - April 06 at 05:59 PM

RL

“ *Ruthie Mae Liggins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Peter Doles*



Ruthie Mae Liggins - April 06 at 10:13 AM

IJ

“ *Isaiah Jones-Abor'yhna lit a candle in memory of Mr. Peter Doles*



Isaiah Jones-Abor'yhna - April 05 at 07:13 PM

DB

“ *Darlene Branch lit a candle in memory of Mr. Peter Doles*



Darlene Branch - April 05 at 07:07 PM

GD

“ *My longtime friend, Rest in the Master's Wings
Forever in My Heart*



Grace Decastro - April 05 at 06:16 PM

JE

“Joyce Enoch lit a candle in memory of Mr. Peter Doles



Joyce enoch - April 05 at 05:51 PM

SG

“Susan Greene-Bynum lit a candle in memory of Mr. Peter Doles



Susan Greene-Bynum - April 05 at 03:10 PM

SG

My friend

Susan Greene-Bynum - April 05 at 03:10 PM

SG

My heart aches for you as you navigate through the pain of losing Peter. Peter's memory will forever be cherished, and his spirit will live on in the hearts of those who loved him. My deepest condolences to the family. With love, Sheeketa Garrett

sheeketa garrett - April 10 at 09:41 AM