



Rogereale M. "Reese" Howard

August 6, 1985 - July 4, 2025

UTICA – Rogereale M. “Reese” Howard, age 39, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, July 4, 2025.

Born in Utica on August 6, 1985, Rogereale was the son of Robert Evans, Sr. and Theresa Howard. He attended Utica City Schools, including T.R. Proctor High School.

From a young age, Reese was employed in the dietary department as a technician at the Oneida Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing (formerly the Loretto, then Focus Rehabilitation and Nursing Center) for over 17 years. He will be deeply missed by his co-workers and patients alike, especially for the positive impact he had by blessing them with his overall good spirit and encouragement.

Reese was humorous, charismatic, loyal, and dependable. He was unapologetically honest—always speaking his mind, whether others agreed or not—and that honesty was part of what made him truly unforgettable.

Reese enjoyed dancing to any genre of music—especially Reggae—or cooking one of his unforgettable dishes, like chicken dinners with mac and cheese, yams, and potato salad. He proudly announced on his Facebook when he would be making meals, often receiving pre-orders and selling out

quickly. He took great pride in his culinary talents, which were lovingly passed down from his mother and grandparents. Reese always took responsibility for making sure everyone had a great time. He was a devoted son and sibling, always showing love, concern, and affection. Additionally, people admired his talent for decorating and coordinating a room's fixtures—always clean, stylish, and meticulously arranged. The same attention to detail extended to his attire; he had a deep appreciation for fashion and always ensured his appearance was impeccable.

At his core, Reese held a promise close to his heart — to treasure and find joy in serving others. He held strong personal beliefs, and whenever he sought guidance from the Lord, he knew to turn inward—placing it in both his heart and his mind.

Reese coined the phrase “that part,” while affirming or disaffirming his feelings on a given situation- this would result in much laughter from those around him due to his candidness.

Reese is survived by his mother, Theresa Howard and Anthony Hill; father, Robert Evans, Sr.; his siblings and their loves, Janelle “Nelly” Williams, Robert “Darnell” Howard, Deana and her husband Rielik Hammett, Shamika Sanders, Reginald Sanders, Tanisha and her husband Walter Blackshear, Jr., Willie Smith, Robert Evans, Jr. and his wife Pooja, Dymonik Smith, Marcus Smith, J’Von Evans, Ny’Rhobia Evans, Kycoia Vereen, Valestine Christie, Diamonte Evans, Kiara Evans, India Evans, Quincy Evans, Jonathan Howard, and Cassandra Howard.; and stepsisters, Tykeisha Spratt, and Destiny Rudolph. Though Reese did not have any children, he considered his precious pit bulls, Polo and Couture, as his pet babies- they loved him and he joyfully reciprocated that love. He also leaves to cherish his memory a great number of beloved nieces, nephews, a great-niece, a bountiful number of cousins; his AUNTIE Canya; godmother, Felecia Grenne (James); and many aunts,

uncles, and loved ones. He was a devoted godfather to Rielik Hammet, Jr., Zarielle Hammett, Iyliek (Woot) Hammett, and Ny'lasha Ruffin, always making sure they were straight! Reese's best friend was Chante Hawkins, who was gifted and reliable, like him – she played an important role, enduring many years with him. He was also blessed with friends who he loved as if they were siblings, Chaqueen Blackshear, Toniece Howard, Jesse Brown, Sha'Nita Mayo, Tiffany Boykin, and Nicole Gaston. He was predeceased by his maternal grandparents, James and Mary Howard; paternal grandparents, Sam Evans, Sr. and Sandra (Green) Evans; and a host of aunts and uncles.

The family offers their sincere gratitude for the kindness, dedication, and unwavering support extended by others, which provided profound comfort during this time of sorrow.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at St. Matthew's Temple COGIC, 110 Washington St. Rogereale's Home Going Service and Celebration of Life will commence at 12:00 p.m. at the church. Interment will take place in Forest Hill Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Forest Hill Cemetery

2201 Oneida St
Utica, NY 13501-6006
(315) 735-2701

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 15. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Matthew's Temple Church of God in Christ
110 Washington Street
utica, NY 13502

Home Going Service

JUL 15. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LB

“ *LONNIE BROWN lit a candle in memory of Rogereale M. "Reese" Howard*



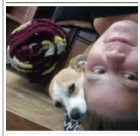
LONNIE BROWN - July 19, 2025 at 10:33 PM

AR

“ *Audrianna "Audrey" R lit a candle in memory of Rogereale M. "Reese" Howard*



Audrianna "Audrey" R - July 17, 2025 at 02:17 PM



“ *Gone too soon. I will always love you! Fly high*
-Candace



Candace DeMattio - July 15, 2025 at 12:01 PM

NE

“ Sending my deepest condolences to Howard Evan’s Brown family may u have strength and comfort and the happy memories that will forever be in your hearts 💕 Reese was one of the 😎 guys he always was on good vibes always showed ❤️ smiling and dancing 🧑🏾 he will truly be missed send ❤️ felder
-Frazier family

Neisha - July 15, 2025 at 10:19 AM

ND

My deepest condolences to the family especially his mother and father who I have known for many years I met Reese a few ago he always greeted me with a smile and uplifting words always complimented me on my hairstyles I loved his energy I’m sorry I never got a chance to sample his cooking because I heard he was a great cook I know he will truly be missed my sincere condolences to his siblings and friends may God comfort you all in your time of grief 🙏❤️

Natasha Davis - July 15, 2025 at 11:22 AM

TF

“ Our condolences to Theresa and the family!



The Titus Family - July 14, 2025 at 10:27 PM

UJ

“ Ulysses Jamel Rodriguez-Lewis Jr. lit a candle in memory of Rogereale M. "Reese" Howard



Ulysses Jamel Rodriguez-Lewis Jr. - July 14, 2025 at 02:40 PM

DR

“ *Denisha Ruffin lit a candle in memory of Rogereale M. "Reese" Howard*



Denisha Ruffin - July 14, 2025 at 04:02 AM

CC

“ *Carla Clark sent a virtual gift in memory of Rogereale M. "Reese" Howard*



Carla Clark - July 13, 2025 at 09:59 PM

CR

“ *Casandra Ruffin lit a candle in memory of Rogereale M. "Reese" Howard*

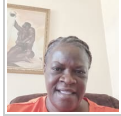


Casandra Ruffin - July 12, 2025 at 08:10 PM



“ *May this beautiful child of God (Reese) rest with God's angels. My condolences and deepest sympathy to Theresa and Anthony and the entire family. May God bless you all with his strength and love. Rosana Morales Reed and Donald duck Harris* † 🙏💙🙏

Rosa Morales - July 11, 2025 at 08:20 PM



We send our Condolence to your entire family. Let God guide your step in this time of such a great loss. Reese was always kind and respectful within our family. You will be missed. Not forgotten. Cynthia and Julia Slade along with my grandchildren. Safety and blessings to you Thersa. To the Evans and Howard families.

Cynthia Slade - July 14, 2025 at 10:21 PM



“ Rosa Morales lit a candle in memory of Rogereale M. "Reese" Howard



Rosa Morales - July 11, 2025 at 08:17 PM



“ From all of us Masonic coworkers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rogereale M. "Reese" Howard.

From all of us Masonic coworkers - July 11, 2025 at 06:20 PM



“ From all of us Masonic coworkers purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Rogereale M. "Reese" Howard.



From all of us Masonic coworkers - July 11, 2025 at 06:20 PM

DB

“ *Denise Brown lit a candle in memory of Rogereale M. "Reese" Howard*



Denise Brown - July 11, 2025 at 02:54 PM

JU

“ *JuneDavis lit a candle in memory of Rogereale M. "Reese" Howard*



juneDavis - July 11, 2025 at 01:12 PM

LB

“ *LONNIE BROWN lit a candle in memory of Rogereale M. "Reese" Howard*



LONNIE BROWN - July 11, 2025 at 11:49 AM

RF

“ *My condolences to Reese family*



RosePearson-Simmons & family - July 11, 2025 at 07:36 AM

CB

“ *Classie Boyd lit a candle in memory of Rogereale M. "Reese" Howard*



classie Boyd - July 11, 2025 at 07:25 AM

DW

“ *Deborah Mann Washington lit a candle in memory of Rogereale M. "Reese" Howard*



Deborah Mann Washington - July 10, 2025 at 07:30 PM

DW

One of a kind love you always 🌹

Deborah Mann Washington - July 10, 2025 at 07:31 PM

LH

“ *Lamika Harvey lit a candle in memory of Rogereale M. "Reese" Howard*



Lamika Harvey - July 10, 2025 at 06:59 PM

KW

“ *Katrina Washington lit a candle in memory of Rogereale M. "Reese" Howard*



Katrina Washington - July 10, 2025 at 05:50 PM

SB

“ *Susan Bynum lit a candle in memory of Rogereale M. "Reese" Howard*



Susan Bynum - July 10, 2025 at 05:09 PM

DB

“ *Danyelle Boyd lit a candle in memory of Rogereale M. "Reese" Howard*



Danyelle Boyd - July 10, 2025 at 04:48 PM

EW

“ *My deepest condolences and sympathy to Theresa and Eggert And family. I will truly miss him. Full of life and you. God bless you all. I'll keep you in my prayers. R I P Reese*



Evey Weathers - July 10, 2025 at 03:49 PM



“ *Shelly Brown lit a candle in memory of Rogereale M. "Reese" Howard*



Shelly Brown - July 10, 2025 at 03:41 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to the family he was a great person I remember one time I came back from Puerto Rico and I brought him a tequila he was so happy R.I.P. Reese's pieces I always usta call him that Prayer to the family*

Ana Pagan - July 10, 2025 at 03:13 PM



“ *Condolences to the family. Reese you were one of a kind. A genuine soul. You will definitely be missed. 💖😭*



Ebony DeRavariere - July 10, 2025 at 01:57 PM



“ *Rogereale was a fun happy person . He used to go to the Mall and buy his favorite cologne - Curve . I will miss talking with him*

renee vohra - July 10, 2025 at 01:24 PM

AP

“ Alicia Purpura lit a candle in memory of Rogereale M. "Reese" Howard



alicia purpura - July 10, 2025 at 01:22 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Rogereale M. "Reese" Howard.



July 10, 2025 at 01:13 PM

BR

“ Benita Rucker lit a candle in memory of Rogereale M. "Reese" Howard



Benita Rucker - July 10, 2025 at 01:12 PM

RP

“ Rose Patterson lit a candle in memory of Rogereale M. "Reese" Howard



Rose Patterson - July 10, 2025 at 01:12 PM

RP

*Ms Teddy
I will miss him letting me know he was doing them gooooooooood
dinners. Thank you Ms Teddy for your support. 🖤❤️🖤❤️🖤❤️🙏
Reese rest Baby rest.*

Rose Patterson - July 10, 2025 at 01:13 PM

EH

“ *Earlene House lit a candle in memory of
Rogereale M. "Reese" Howard*



Earlene House - July 10, 2025 at 12:51 PM

EH

*My sincere condolences to the Howard and Evans family. I'm so sorry
this happened to this young man. I pray for a blessing to come.*

Earlene House - July 10, 2025 at 12:52 PM

PB

“ *Paulette Brown-Haithcox lit a candle in
memory of Rogereale M. "Reese" Howard*



Paulette Brown-Haithcox - July 10, 2025 at 12:51 PM