



## Mr. Tommy L. Irvin

April 30, 1966 - September 12, 2023

UTICA - Tommy L. Irvin, age 57, transitioned peacefully to the Lord on Tuesday, September 12, 2023. He passed after injuries sustained in a pedestrian/vehicular accident.

Born in Bay Shore, NY on April 30, 1966, Tommy was the son of Lizzie (Irvin) Moore. He also knew the nurturing love of his bonus father, Carl Moore. Tommy was raised in Central Islip and graduated from Wyandanch Memorial High School. At the age of 18, he moved to Atlanta to be with his brother, Ricky "because they were the best of buds." While residing there, he was employed at Steak and Ale, a restaurant where he shined and was inspired by every position they offered him.

When Tommy was 27, he suffered a stroke, which changed many facets of his everyday life. He grew to become more independent, but the injury left him a changed man. His cousin, Leroy Delaney, assisted with his move to Utica. His parents were right by his side and encouraged him to make good decisions for himself.

Tommy had a big heart and brought light to his neighbors. He was a friend who would do anything to be of assistance if he liked you! On the other side, he was challenging and spirited.

Tommy loved dogs and adored his pit bull, Princess, who, in turn was protective of him and his family. She could also be described as “a ball of mush and a real sweetheart.”

Television allowed Tommy to pass time, especially science-based shows, but he was known to disconnect when General Hospital or the fantasy drama Game of Thrones was on. Additionally, Tommy had an affinity for music, booming it out with his brother, Russ on many occasions, allowing them to connect not only as enthusiasts, but brothers. He also was an avid reader, especially any scientific content or a James Patterson novel. He believed his mom, who often said, “you can go anywhere with a book and an imagination.”

Tommy kept a positive attitude and lived his life to his fullest capacity, and he made his mom and pop proud of him. He was especially thankful for his family and enjoyed any time they were able to get together, acting as the greeter, welcoming everyone to the occasion. Family functions brought with them Tommy’s favorite foods, such as collard greens, mac and cheese, and baked goods. Tommy would fix himself a big plate and retreat to the house. If you needed to speak with him, he'd welcome you upstairs.

Tommy was wonderful with children and would always watch over any kids that were around. As a teenager, he was often asked to babysit the neighborhood children since he had such a good repertoire with them. Tommy shared a great closeness and fatherly love for his nephew, Syncere.

Tommy is survived by his parents, Lizzie and Carl; his brother, Ricky L. “Rick” Irvin, and his sister, Carla Robinson. He treasured in his heart the memories of his siblings who preceded him, Virna Lynette Rumph (1990), and Russell L. Rumph (March 13, 2023). It will be a joyous reunion! He will also be remembered by his nieces and nephews, Syncere, Danitra, Demarquis, Rickell; Carlacia, Sharnae, Cari, Carissa, Carylia, Diamontri, and Deonta;

several great-nieces and great-nephews and cousins. His memory will be eternal to his aunts and uncles and their families, Alberta Jones and Harry Fulton, Christine Barrow, Katherine Geames, William Geames, and Leroy Geames; and a host of extended family and treasured friends. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Ella Vera and Lugene Geames.

Tommy's family wishes to extend their gratitude to the physicians, and the nurses and staffs of the ER, trauma, and ICU of MVHS at St. Elizabeth Campus. Their graciousness, tender honesty and kindness were very comforting. The staff of palliative care provided heartfelt blessings to Tommy's final days. The members of the UPD were very comforting when communicating with the family, truly professional and went above and beyond to keep the family well informed.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, September 23, 2023 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Tommy's Home Going Service and Celebration of life will commence at 3:00 p.m. immediately upon the conclusion of visitation at the funeral home. For those unable to attend, you may be present virtually at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84216820098>.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **23.** 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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

SEP **23.** 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Just thinking of you* ”



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**capri** - February 05 at 09:11 PM

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“ *Love always Capri* ”



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**Capri** - May 31, 2025 at 09:54 PM

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“ *Sitting here listening to music hope your at peace* ”

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**capri** - December 09, 2023 at 05:43 PM

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“ *A month has passed you are missed* ”

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**capri** - October 16, 2023 at 08:46 PM

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“ *Deepest Sympathy to your family in this difficult time.*



Family Friend - September 23, 2023 at 10:06 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Tommy L. Irvin.*



September 19, 2023 at 02:01 PM

CA

“ *Thinking of you always love Capri*



Capri - September 16, 2023 at 07:15 PM

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*Sending prayers of strength and healing ~Annette*

Annette - September 18, 2023 at 01:14 PM