



## Mr. Vernon L. Patterson

May 30, 1973 - November 17, 2021

UTICA – Mr. Vernon L. Patterson, age 48, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, November 17, 2021, with his family who were by his side. Vernon was also affectionately known as "Ace" or "VP."

Vernon was born on May 30, 1973, in Utica, NY, the son of Jesse and Vernita Patterson. He was a graduate of Thomas R. Proctor High School, where he played football and basketball. Vernon worked as a Deckhand at the Erie Canal. Vernon was very active in his community, a mentor for many young people. He was a football coach for Pop Warner and the Utica Bulldogs, also volunteering his time as part of the street team for Hoops and Dreams, providing security for large community events. Vernon was a great man who wore many hats, a skilled carpenter, restaurateur, and powerlifter. Vernon had many other wonderful qualities and was well known for his warm heart and blinging smile.

Vernon is survived by his parents, Jesse and Vernita Patterson; his children, Vernon Jr., Verron, Vershawn, Zamiree, Vaniah, Avianna, and Verdeisha; sisters, Jessica, twin Veronica (Jameen), Mary, Honesty, Rakiesha, and Aliya; brothers, Jesse, Gregory, and John; grandmothers, Marva Adams, and Magelene McRae; aunts, Laverne Porter, and Joyce Adams; favorite cousins, Sandy, and Vernetta; godmother, Elizabeth Patterson-Moyer; godbrother, Jamal Moyer; best friends, Robert Blackshear, Dennis Ford, Tone Washington, Eddie (Poppy), and Walter Peak; and a host of many family members and friends. Vernon was predeceased by his brother, Edward

Patterson; his great-grandmother, Dorothy Jones; aunt, Carolyn Gadsen; uncle, Ivory Adams; and cousins, Odie Shealey, Mary Linen, John Linen, Sr., Katrina Adams, and James Adams, Sr.

Visitation for Vernon's family and friends will be held on Saturday, November 27, 2021, from 11:00 – 1:00 at Peter Spencer UAME Church, 841 Bleecker St., Utica. Vernon's Home Going Service and Celebration of Life will commence at 1:00 at the church immediately upon conclusion of the visitation. All recommended CDC protocols will be implemented at the church. Interment will take place in Forest Hill Cemetery at the convenience of the family. A complete obituary will follow.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Hill Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 27. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Peter Spencer UAME Church  
841 Bleecker St.  
Utica, NY 13501

## Home Going Service

NOV 27. 1:00 PM (ET)

Peter Spencer UAME Church  
841 Bleecker St, Utica, NY 13501  
Utica, NY 13501

# Tribute Wall



“ Yo Uncle Vern This Tone Youngest I Be Up At The Soon Grave To See U To Let U That We Love U I Miss U Love Tone Son Jahniv

Jahniv Washington - March 23 at 01:12 AM



“ hey dad it has been about 3 and a half years since you've passed today would be your birthday I hope mom is up there right now helping you out please forgive me for everything that i have done please save a spot for me mom and za up there love you Sincere

Sincere - May 30, 2025 at 10:41 AM



“ hey dad it has been 2 and a half years since you passed and I'm really sorry for not treating you right when you were here I miss you

Sincere Patterson - June 11, 2024 at 07:21 AM



“ he was the graded dad every

sincere - January 31, 2022 at 09:11 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Vernon L. Patterson.



November 28, 2021 at 10:45 AM

DT

“ *May God keep his Comforting Arms around your Family. So sorry for your loss.*  
*Diane Tanner*



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**Diane Tanner** - November 27, 2021 at 06:10 PM

SA

“ *Sparkle Anthony lit a candle in memory of Mr. Vernon L. Patterson*



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**Sparkle Anthony** - November 27, 2021 at 02:58 PM

JE

“ *Sending prayers to the family.. Thankful to have met such a blessed young man. He truly was a blessing to us. He will be missed. Love and peace.*

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**Jennifer** - November 27, 2021 at 02:25 PM

PB

“ *Paulette Brown-Haithcox lit a candle in memory of Mr. Vernon L. Patterson*



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**Paulette Brown-Haithcox** - November 27, 2021 at 10:39 AM

RM

“ *Jesse/Vernita, my sincere condolences to you and your family. There is no greater pain than the loss of your child. Just know that God is in control and will take care of your every need during this difficult time. I have a fond memory of Vernon watching him grow up and remember him as the ring bearer in his Godmother Elizabeth and my wedding. I pray that you find comfort in the Lord. May Vernon rest in eternal peace.*



*Ray Moyer*

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**Ray Moyer** - November 27, 2021 at 10:31 AM

AP

“ *So sorry for your loss. He will be missed. Angela Roger patterson*



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**Angela Roger Patterson** - November 27, 2021 at 09:55 AM



“ *Nicole Richard-Dorsey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Vernon L. Patterson*



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**Nicole Richard-Dorsey** - November 26, 2021 at 06:15 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Vernon L. Patterson.*



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November 26, 2021 at 01:47 PM



“ *Condolences to the Patterson family. Sleep in Peace Vernon. Sending prayers of comfort 🙏❤️*



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**Dawn Winston** - November 24, 2021 at 08:14 PM



“ *My deepest condolences and prayers for family members Jesse & Vernetta I send strength!*



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**Eleanor (Lois Steele) McDonald** - November 24, 2021 at 06:16 PM



“ *My condolences and prayers to the Patterson family and friends. God bless..*

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**Yolanda Berrios** - November 24, 2021 at 01:06 PM

CL

“ You will be missed



Christina lester - November 24, 2021 at 12:45 PM

JM

“ My condolences and prayers to the Patterson family and friends. RIP Vernon



Juana Molina - November 24, 2021 at 08:04 AM

CC

“ Charity Dennard Crawford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Vernon L. Patterson



Charity Dennard Crawford - November 24, 2021 at 07:53 AM

LW

“ Lee Watkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Vernon L. Patterson



Lee watkins - November 24, 2021 at 07:23 AM

LE

“ Fly high VP my condolences to the Patterson family and many many friends 🙏

Lee - November 24, 2021 at 07:22 AM

BH

“ My condolences and prayers to The Patterson family. Last memory of Vernon was his Vibrant smile. He gave me a hug and asked ( in street Term) am I good. Lol❤️ You will truly be missed my dear friend/ West street neighbor. SIP 🙏❤️

Barbara Harvey - November 24, 2021 at 06:34 AM

KM

“ My deepest sympathies to the Patterson family....RIP Vernon



Kesha Murrell - November 24, 2021 at 05:53 AM

RB

“ Robert Blackshear lit a candle in memory of Mr. Vernon L. Patterson



Robert Blackshear - November 24, 2021 at 03:16 AM

KA

“ Condolences to the family from Kendel Archie

kendel archie - November 24, 2021 at 01:46 AM

LM

“ *To the Patterson Family,  
We are thinking about you ALWAYS  
Love Lois, Corrine and Robert Murphy.*



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**Lois Murphy** - November 23, 2021 at 11:43 PM

LT

“ *Jessie any Vernita I sent my prayers and condolences to you and your family during this difficult time. Look to the hills which cometh your strength, your strength comes from the Lord*

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**Leola Turner/Jones** - November 23, 2021 at 11:23 PM

MP

“ *My condolences to all of Vernon's family 🙏. I've known him since 7th grade. He was a good guy and had a great smile. Our son's played jv football for Proctor the year before I moved away. And we went to all the games together, home and away. He was a good listener and we talked about life and the loss of my husband. He will be truly missed*

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**Michelle Patterson** - November 23, 2021 at 10:22 PM

KT

*Our deepest deepest condolences 🌸 to the entire Patterson family and friends. You are in our thoughts and prayers*

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**Keith and Angela Webb, Memphis Tn** - November 23, 2021 at 11:07 PM

AB

“ We go way back to Miller school days. You always had the brightest smile. I was so impressed by your vision and love for your community. Rest easy VP!



Alberta Bell - November 23, 2021 at 10:07 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mr. Vernon L. Patterson.



November 23, 2021 at 10:04 PM

JR

“ With a heavy heart we send our condolences. May God keep during this tryin time. Jim and Gerri Regan



James T and Geraldine Regan - November 22, 2021 at 08:45 PM

RM

“ My Deepest condolences to the Family..Rest In Peace Vernon.



Rochelle Moore-Nichols - November 22, 2021 at 04:22 PM

SH

“ *Sheila Holliman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Vernon L. Patterson*



Sheila Holliman - November 22, 2021 at 12:31 PM

BS

“ *Vernon was such a nice guy would do anything for anyone..I had the pleasure of meeting him through my daughter Karen an Vernon's cousin Robert Blackshear..took to him right away.My condolences to the family an all his cousins an family..RIP Vernon..to young to soon*



Barbara Swisloski - November 22, 2021 at 08:27 AM

BF

“ *Brenda Fudge lit a candle in memory of Mr. Vernon L. Patterson*



Brenda Fudge - November 22, 2021 at 07:18 AM

CR

“ *Vernon was someone very special, genuine and true. The last time we spoke, we had a deep conversation and he always had some jewels to share. Man, it's hard to imagine that you won't be there the next time I come back to the town. I'm sending my deepest condolences to the entire Patterson family. May you find strength during this difficult time.*

Courtney Richburg - November 21, 2021 at 09:44 PM

JD

“ *Condolences to the entire Patterson Family.  
I was recalling the numerous conversations Vernon and I engaged in over the many years, and the common theme in all of them is that he was always seeking knowledge to better himself.  
I will sadly miss those conversations my Friend, sleep well.  
Jody Dorsey and Family*

Jody Dorsey - November 21, 2021 at 03:31 PM

JM

“ *Vernon was the world to me. I looked up to him since I was young. Not only was he my cousin, but my god brother, mentor, teacher, best friend, and protector. My life will never be the same without you but ik you up there watching over me. I love you bro #LongLiveAce*

Jamel A. Moyer - November 21, 2021 at 02:50 PM

CP

“ *Cynthia Patterson-Bivens lit a candle in memory of Mr. Vernon L. Patterson*



Cynthia Patterson-Bivens - November 21, 2021 at 07:52 AM



“ *Rosa Morales lit a candle in memory of Mr. Vernon L. Patterson*



Rosa Morales - November 21, 2021 at 01:21 AM



“ *Condolences to the Patterson family. So Sorry for your loss of Vernon. May he rest in paradise 🤝🙏. Our deepest sympathy Jessie(Ghost) wife and entire family members. May God bless you with his strength peace and love. With love and blessings Donald (duck) Harris and ROSANA Morales 🙏🙏💕💕*

Rosa Morales - November 21, 2021 at 01:20 AM

RP

“ *Rose Pearson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Vernon L. Patterson*



Rose Pearson - November 20, 2021 at 09:09 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Vernon L. Patterson.*



November 20, 2021 at 07:14 PM

IA

“ *My deepest condolence to family and friends*

lesha Alpheaus - November 20, 2021 at 04:38 PM