



Ms. Vivian May Duncan

April 12, 1932 - January 16, 2023

UTICA- Ms. Vivian May “Chaka” Duncan, age 90, went home to the Lord on Monday, January 16, 2023, after a long and fulfilling life, the last days of which were spent surrounded by her family.

Born in Little Falls, NY on April 12, 1932 to the late John and Cora (Hurd) Duncan, she came to the Utica area with her family as a young girl. At one time, she shared a relationship with Winston Maddox, and from that bond came the blessing of two children. Later an additional love, Rufus “Doc” Holliman came into her life, and again she was graced with two more children.

Vivian treated her family as absolutely paramount. As both a single mother and stay-at-home mom, she provided a loving home for her children, for which they were eternally grateful. As the years went by, they in turn cared for her with the same devotion, love, and respect in her later years. Through her life, she remained faithful to her core values and passed those on to her children. A real “old school” woman, she had everything she could want. She was an affectionate and supportive mother, but “she did not play.” Vivian often found herself as the center of attention - and for good reason! She was kind, outgoing, and most of all she was real. Many people would often drop in just to say hello, visit, and admire her. When grandchildren entered her life, they only widened her heart. She doted on her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and loved to spoil them. When their parents told them no, the

little ones would run next door to grandma's, and grandma would handle it.

True to the meaning of her name, Vivian was full of life and energy. She also had the most wonderful expressions - though sometimes they could strike some fear in you. One look and you knew exactly where you stood! And to top that off, she would also make a fist to show her dissatisfaction. Although, small in stature, she was not one to cross! Even into their adulthood, her children knew to respect her - even if they may have talked about the event behind closed doors.

Vivian had a soft spot for a good TV show, her favorites being Days of Our Lives, Sanford and Son, Perry Mason, Matlock, and Wheel of Fortune. She also was known for her prowess in the kitchen. She could truly make a meal out of anything, but she gained the most fame for her macaroni salad and spaghetti.

A spiritual woman, she would pray for others in their time of need and ask others to pray for her when she needed it. Her favorite quote was "God doesn't love ugly." Born into the Catholic Church, earlier in life she attended Historic Old St. John's Church, though more recently she had been shepherded by Bishop Kathy Hughes and the women of her church.

All in all, she lived a good and full life. She was beloved, she had the love of her family, and friends from a time when the world was a better place.

Vivian is survived by her children and their spouses, Candace Maddox and Lox Stewart, Eric Holliman, Tammy and Anthony Nevith, and Bryce Duncan. She was preceded two years to the day by her son, Gerard Maddox. She will also be missed by her grandchildren, Kevin Jefferson, Calvin Best (Lorna), and Deanna Preston; and her great-grandchildren, Nyishaun Jefferson, Kaishaun Jefferson, Samantha Best, Makayla Best, and Sierra Williams.

Chaka was a second mother to Robin Weathers, Jacki Morgan, and Darlene Mack-Brown. It took a village and beside her daughter Tammy, these women ensured that Chaka was loved and cared for. She was preceded by her siblings and their spouses, Sarah Duncan, Evelyn "Lady E." Stenson, and Geraldine R. and John Davis. She will additionally be greatly missed by her host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins; brother-in-law, Johnnie Stenson; and dear friends, Dorothy Gibbs, Dorene Moore, and Minnie Wormack. They knew each other well and kept the deep-rooted secrets of their lifetime.

The family extends special gratitude to Dr. Cynthia Jones of Mosaic Health Care and the MVHS at St. Elizabeth Medical Center fourth floor staff who tended to Vivian's needs; also to aide Kelley from Senior Network, Elizabeth Clarke, who was a wonderful aide, and her nephews Jerome, Lacy, Jim, and his wife Dawn Winston for caring for their aunt with motherly love.

Visitation will be held on Monday, January 23, 2023 from 10:00-11:00 a.m. at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Vivian's Home Going Service and Celebration of Life will follow at 11:00 a.m. Those unable to attend may be present virtually at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89849821180>. Interment will follow in New Forest Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

New Forest Cemetery

2001 Oneida Street
Utica, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 23. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
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eannacefh@roadrunner.com

Home Going Service

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Tribute Wall

JD

“ *Condolences to Family
Peace and Blessings
Jody Dorsey and Family*

Jody Dorsey - January 24, 2023 at 08:36 PM

MD

“ *Marion Davis lit a candle in memory of Ms.
Vivian May Duncan*



Marion Davis - January 24, 2023 at 09:14 AM

LH

“ *LaShan Harrell sent a virtual gift in memory of
Ms. Vivian May Duncan*



LaShan Harrell - January 24, 2023 at 12:05 AM

DA

“ *Love you and will miss you Aunt Vivian. ❤️*

Danielle - January 23, 2023 at 08:16 PM

CO

“ *Corrine lit a candle in memory of Ms. Vivian May Duncan*



Corrine - January 23, 2023 at 02:49 PM

MJ

“ *Love Always Aunt Viv* ❤️❤️❤️❤️👤



Maurice Jr - January 23, 2023 at 02:27 PM

RM

“ *My condolences to the entire family especially my dear brother and friend Bryce Duncan. May miss Vivian continue to live in each of you. May God bless you with his peace comfort strength and love. My deepest sympathy in the loss of miss Vivian. With love always*
Rosana Morales Reed 💖🙏🕊️❤️

Rosa Morales - January 23, 2023 at 09:34 AM

RM

“ *Rosa Morales lit a candle in memory of Ms. Vivian May Duncan*



Rosa Morales - January 23, 2023 at 09:29 AM

SH

“ Shelley Harrell lit a candle in memory of Ms. Vivian May Duncan



Shelley Harrell - January 22, 2023 at 08:26 PM

GR

“ Ms Vivian (my forever sister-in-law. I love you and will miss your beautiful smile, your laughter and the way you would say my name. You taught me so much about love, happiness and forgiveness. I will not say goodbye , I will say good night because you will live in my heart until we meet again. Geraldine Holliman

Geraldine Hollman Regan - January 22, 2023 at 06:37 PM

SS

“ Prayers to the family at this difficult time. May GOD be with the family!

Sheila Story - January 20, 2023 at 01:33 PM

DS

“ Miss Vivian (mommy) was a wonderful wonderful woman with a beautiful soul she was like family to us and we adored her , how blessed myself and my family are to have known her and have her in our lives. She is an angel now spending time with her family and our Lord in heaven and watching over all of us on earth with love . Rest in peaceful paradise beautiful Lady ❤️ Love Debbie , Theresa, Tabitha , Michael , Alexis , Donato .

Deborah Salisbury - January 20, 2023 at 01:28 PM

RO

“ My sincere condolences to Ms Vivian Family, she was a very kind an. loving person I am so Honor to have been her neighbor an got a lot of knowledge from. Rip. You lived a BEAUTIFUL long life.



Rose - January 20, 2023 at 01:03 PM

DG

“ Sending my condolences of Ms. Vivian; who will be missed greatly. Small in statue but big in words. Love, Diana C. Greene



Diana C Greene - January 20, 2023 at 10:01 AM

RS

“ Rose Pearson & Stanley Dunigan, family



Rose Simmons - January 20, 2023 at 09:40 AM

SR

“ My Condolences to the family



Salimah Rahman - January 20, 2023 at 08:09 AM

AP

“ IM GONG TO MISS HER.SHE WAS A
WONDERFUL SWEET AUNTIE.



ANGELA P - January 20, 2023 at 02:21 AM

JE

“ Joyce Enoch lit a candle in memory of Ms.
Vivian May Duncan



Joyce enoch - January 19, 2023 at 11:24 PM

CC

“ Carla Clark lit a candle in memory of Ms.
Vivian May Duncan



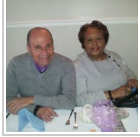
Carla Clark - January 19, 2023 at 06:44 PM

EH

“ My condolences and prayers of comfort for
the family 🙏



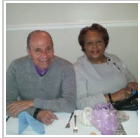
Edwina Clayton Harris - January 19, 2023 at 04:02 PM



“ Our deepest and sincere condolences to the family. Rest In Peace. Love you Aunt Vivian. Bobby and Mary. 🙏❤️🙏❤️🙏❤️



Mary Wells - January 19, 2023 at 03:00 PM



“ Our deepest and sincere condolences to the family. Rest In Peace. Love you Aunt Vivian 🙏❤️🙏❤️🙏❤️

Mary Wells - January 19, 2023 at 02:57 PM



“ Aunt Vivian I'm truly going to miss you. It was my pleasure to serve you the lovely Vivian. We had so much fun laughing and visiting you. Job well done. Fly high and say hello to all the family. Love you. Condolences to the families and prayers 🌹💔🌹



Dawn Winston - January 19, 2023 at 02:45 PM



“ Our condolences to you and the family. Our prayers are with the family 🙏🙏🙏



Chez Green - January 19, 2023 at 12:05 PM

CW

“ Sending our prayer for your family rest in peace Aunt Viv

David and Cindy Wells

cindy wells - January 19, 2023 at 10:48 AM

CP

“ Cynthia Patterson-Bivens lit a candle in
memory of Ms. Vivian May Duncan



Cynthia Patterson-Bivens - January 19, 2023 at 08:32 AM

PB

“ Sending our condolences and prayers to the entire family R.I.P Aunt
Vivian

Paulette Brown-Haithcox - January 19, 2023 at 07:48 AM

PB

“ Paulette Brown-Haithcox lit a candle in
memory of Ms. Vivian May Duncan



Paulette Brown-Haithcox - January 19, 2023 at 07:46 AM