



Mr. Walter Lee Hervey, Jr.

March 5, 1960 - July 31, 2022

UTICA – Mr. Walter Lee Hervey, Jr., age 62, transitioned to the Lord on Sunday, July 31, 2022, with his devoted loved ones by his side.

Born in Utica on March 5, 1960, Walter was cherished by his parents, Walter Hervey and the late Pat Walton. He was also blessed to know the love of his late stepmother, Deloris (Hunter) Hervey. Growing up in Utica, he attended T. R. Proctor High School, and at one time served his country with the United States Army.

Walter at one time was married to Gertrude Hinkle, and to that union came the blessing of four children. After a 14-year relationship with the former Lula Ruffin, on July 24, 2011, they wed. He and Lula dated when they were younger, but life took them in different directions. After they were reunited, they always saw the best in each other and loved each other dearly especially in times of need. Both families knew each other and remained close and respectful of one another.

Walter spent his career as a construction worker at numerous companies in Buffalo. Walter will be remembered professionally as a dedicated employee with an outstanding work ethic. Since he was so dedicated to his work, he was a steadfast provider, and made sure his household was always in order. The first thing people noticed about Walter was his bubbly personality. He could rarely be seen without a smile on his face that reflected his inner feelings. As a dad and protector, he was the first to solve any problems that arose. He would carefully evaluate the concerns of all involved and gave

smart, straight-forward advice.

At one time, he attended culinary school, where he learned how to create some delicious meals. But his best recipes he learned from his Aunt Zelma. There really wasn't any dish he couldn't make well! His most famous dinner would have to be his lasagna, which he frequently made in large amounts. He was always ready to entertain – it was his way of saying he loved you.

A long-time fisherman, he appreciated going out on a boat and casting out his line. He even would cook his catch! Lula would clean the fish and he pan fried it to perfection. He also trustily tended to Lula's floral garden, he was known as the "water man."

In the last phases of his life, he found himself praying alongside his wife, which brought him much comfort during his illness.

Walter is survived by his wife, Lula "Bea"; and his father, Walter "Walt" Hervey. He also leaves behind his children and their loves, Garyce and Michelle Hervey, Marcus and Corean Hervey, Jasmin Hervey, Brian Hervey, and Myles Hervey; and his step-children, Antonio Finch, Taiwan Finch, and Marquavis Ruffin. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Nalani Boone, Kayla Hervey, Naima Hervey, Kameron Hervey, Mason Degree, and Kayson Hervey; and his step-grandchildren including Tywana Finch, Tyland Finch, Taiwan Finch Jr., Marquavis Ruffin Jr., Nevaeh Rodriguez, Ivy Finch, Taj Romero, and Elisa Betterton. He is also survived by his siblings and their spouses, Eric Hervey, Denise Lewis, Sharon and Richard Enos, Cynthia and Ray Santiago, and Lorraine and Louis Washington. He was predeceased by his siblings, Ronnie Hervey, and Barbara Jean Leon. His memory will live on with a host of wonderful nieces, nephews, and cousins; and his aunts, Zelma, and Bessie Gooch. He was also preceded by his uncle, Clemmie Hervey, of whom he was so very fond. In addition, he leaves his in-laws, Loretta Ruffin, and Anthony and Carmen Ruffin. He also enjoyed the company of his brother-in-law, Richard and his cousin, Freddy, who always found precious time together. He was predeceased by his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Annie Louise (Hines) Ruffin Strickland and Percell Ruffin; and Annie's second husband Bobbie

Strickland; and his in-laws, Percell Ruffin, Jr., and Barbara Ann Finch.

Walter's family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to his physicians and the staff at the ICU of MVHS at St. Luke's. A warm thank you is also given to Pastor Bannister – and the church family - from Lighthouse Baptist Church for prayer, visits, and all his great council.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, August 11, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Walter's Home Going Service and Celebration of Life will commence at 12:00 p.m. at the funeral home immediately upon the conclusion of visitation. Interment will follow in Forest Hill Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Forest Hill Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 11. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
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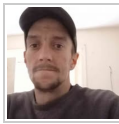
Tribute Wall

VR

“ My deepest condolences to the Hervey family...I have known Lee from a young man growing up...always the same everytime I saw him. R.I.P. Lee ❤️🙏



Vanessa Rucker - August 10, 2022 at 07:12 PM



Lee bro this is BottleMan.. Haha its funny how u managed to get so many people calling me that... And people i don't even know refer to me is that.. U always waz a real dude. Id make u soooo madd there a few specific time's i thought u were going to seriously put me in a body cast.. Or worse!!! But u always ended up being the true man that everyone knew u as and forgave me. Even when i didn't even deserve your forgiveness. This is me saying rest in peace bro. Ill always remember my buddy lee. Rip

Floyd Eckler - August 18, 2022 at 11:01 PM

DW

“ Sending Prayers For The Family & our condolences



Dolores Workman - August 10, 2022 at 08:23 AM

EM

“ Rest In Peace Lee My condolences and 🙏 to the family



Ernesto montanez - August 07, 2022 at 07:25 PM

FG

“ My condolences to Lee's family. He was a good person to me every time we saw each other. Going to miss seeing him at the corner store. RIP my friend 🥹💔🙏



Felicia M Greene - August 07, 2022 at 06:09 PM

RS

“ Rose Simmons lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Lee Hervey, Jr.



Rose Simmons - August 07, 2022 at 02:47 PM

JA

“ My deepest condolences.

Joseph J Arcuri - August 07, 2022 at 01:29 PM

DM

“ I been friends with Lee since grade school. He also was the best neighbors (him and bea) we could of have ever asked for. He also gave me info on back relief. He always had a smile and something to say. Rest in peace my friend

Deborah McCovery - August 06, 2022 at 03:05 PM

NB

“ Am going to miss my brother in law he was so funny and jolly every time he sees me on the street driving he makes sure he gets my attention so we can pull over and talk Lee was search a sweetheart and neutral I just can't believe he's gone so soon my favorite brother in law am definitely going to miss him dearly specially when am driving waiting for him to pop up somewhere to say hey sis what's going on



natacha bertrand - August 06, 2022 at 02:43 PM

SF

“ Always loved his smile and personality when he came over my grandmother house! Praying for the family!

Shanora Floyd - August 05, 2022 at 08:42 PM

GP

“ Lee and I met the first day of Junior High School at Christopher Columbus School in September 1972. His big smile and fascinating Afro intrigued this white boy! He jokingly described "The Pick" he carried in his hip pocket! I learned much about the rich Black 'experience' of the early 1970s from our interaction. Lee and I grew to be good friends and, along with a best friend Roger Williams (God rest his soul), we three created rhyming words similar to the 1980s era Rap Music relating to our Converse canvas sneakers. Each of us wore different colors along with high-top or low-cut. Lee missed his musical gifts calling. We also played baseball/basketball at Columbus. I shall continue vividly recalling those fond, fun memories, as well as many more great moments during those long ago youthful, simpler times. Eternal rest grant unto Lee. And may Perpetual Light shine upon him.

Girard A. Plante - August 05, 2022 at 05:02 PM

RO

Lee,

Very smart, kind, respectful, gentelman...

I never know of his family only his beautiful wife Bea,

Wow Lee you was one of kind . Your friendship with my Partner Vinny,

made our friendship.. Rip Lee you will truly be missed love Vinny an

Rose.

Rose - August 06, 2022 at 08:45 AM