



Mr. William "Uncle Will" Brooks, Jr.

July 21, 1954 - May 16, 2021

UTICA - Mr. William Brooks, Jr., affectionately known as Uncle Will or Willie, age 66, unexpectedly went home to the Lord when he passed away on Sunday, May 16, 2021 in the comfort and dignity of his home.

Born in New York City on July 21, 1954, William was the son of the late William, Sr. and Barbara (Wilson) Brooks. Raised and educated in New York City, he was a high school graduate. As a young man, he came to Utica and has favorited Utica as his home ever since. At one time, he shared in a relationship with Sherry Wright, and from that union came their daughter, Tamika. He later met and married Patricia Perry, and from that relationship came Lynnette, and William III. He shared in another loving relationship with Denise Welch and the blessing of their son, Shaquan. He also fathered Trevor, and Kamar Cummings, and their mother is Delores Cummings. William held a position as a Receptionist assisting people who were in the process of purchasing a home. He also worked in the Dietary Department of Crouse University Hospital. Uncle Will was funny, lighthearted, and always had a smile on his face. Laughter was part of his world, and because of his warm personality, he was always welcome at any party or gatherings. He was a sports spectator of college and professional basketball games, and an arm chair coach as well! He enjoyed various genres of music, from oldies to gospel, and there are memorable moments of Uncle Will's attempts to dance. He also loved to cook, especially soul food and sea food, and as a youngster, he made the best pancakes. He was "Uncle Will" to his family and friends, and

when loved ones gathered together, everything was put aside, and a good time was had by all. Will tried to be the best dad he could but knowing and loving his grandchildren was the most incredible feeling for him. William had a spiritual heart and a personal relationship with the Lord.

William is survived by his children and their loves, Tamika (Andell) Alexander, Lynnette Brooks and Michael Caldwell, William Brooks III, Shaquan Brooks, Trevor Cummings, and Kamar Cummings; his grandchildren including, Brooklynn, Alanna, Andell Jr., Aryian, Deniro, Jace, Harlem, Harmony, and the anticipation of his grandson who will be born in September. He will remain in the hearts of his siblings, Sandy Brooks, Joy Marone Campbell and her husband Larry, and Corey Brooks; a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins including Mary Adu who was very special to him, and a multitude of friends he formed throughout the years, from NY City to Syracuse; and his mother-figure whom he adored, Miss Mary Bell.

Visitation will be held Sunday afternoon, May 30, 2021 from 2:00-4:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. COVID protocols will be required at the funeral home. William's Home Going Service and Celebration of Life will commence on Sunday afternoon at 4:00 immediately upon conclusion of visitation.

During this time of social distancing that we are all experiencing, please take a moment to connect with William's family through the "Memories" section of his obituary.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 30. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. William "Uncle Will" Brooks, Jr..*



May 30, 2021 at 04:19 AM



“ *Linda Spratt lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Uncle Will" Brooks, Jr.*



Linda Spratt - May 26, 2021 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mary Adu purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. William "Uncle Will" Brooks, Jr..*



Mary Adu - May 26, 2021 at 04:09 AM

IA

“ Hey Will Thank you for your laughter. Thank you for your smiles. Thank you for your friendship hugs whenever we passed by. Some will see this as strange yet I know energy never dies you have ascended and are now on the other side.

To the family I send love comfort and encouragement it is better to have had Will than not to have had him at all. Feel proud of the message Will left behind and the lives he touched. Will knew how to treat people like people. He will be missed. In his ascension my Will become a Greater Energy to protect and guide all his love ones. Will we gonna miss you man, you were among the real ones on this earth. Yes indeed A Real One.

Ilesha Alpheaus - May 23, 2021 at 12:10 PM

KT

Wow Unc! You were on my mind heavy prior to your passing! My children and I are forever grateful to you for opening your home to us when we came to Utica in 2008. Thank you so much for making me laugh, getting on my last nerve and understanding my love for my grandchildren!

You are forever in my heart! Rest Easy Unc!! With love and never ending prayers of strength to your family with love, Kim

Kim Taylor - May 26, 2021 at 02:02 AM

CC

“ Carla Clark lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Uncle Will" Brooks, Jr.



Carla Clark - May 23, 2021 at 09:58 AM

NC

“ I will miss you dear cousin. Many memories shared at the house with my parents (your aunt and uncle) being the life of the party , and taking the time to spread your love and joy in your own special way. I'll always remember that. I'll always remember you. Many blessings of comfort and hope to my entire family.
Love always, Najah Clemmons and family.

Najah Clemmons - May 21, 2021 at 03:42 PM

MB

My sincere condolences to the family of my name sake Will Brooks ,I will continue honor and hold you up my dear good friend!!!rest easy ,I know your good now foshu he's got you in his care personally close. Lots of love to my name sake will the 3rd.

Mark brooks - May 21, 2021 at 05:19 PM

MA

Willie I will miss you cuz,you and me with Grandma back in the day. My deepest sympathy to the Brooks family.

Mary G. Adu - May 26, 2021 at 03:43 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. William "Uncle Will" Brooks, Jr..



May 21, 2021 at 02:56 PM

RD

“ RIP Will. We all loved you but God loved you best. You will truly be missed. My condolences to your family.

Rachael Davis - May 21, 2021 at 01:46 PM