



## Mr. Willie J. "Ducky" Giles

August 12, 2020

UTICA - Mr. Willie J. "Ducky" Giles, age 69, went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 with the love and comfort of his family by his side.

Willie was born in 1951, in Utica where he was raised and educated, a graduate of Utica Free Academy. Willie worked for the Department of Public Works for 18 years and Barrett Paving Company for 10 years. He was known and loved by many people. Willie also was a Baptist and came to know Jesus at a young age.

He was a master of all trades including cooking, cleaning, sewing, braiding hair, and cutting hair. He was a great basketball player. He was blessed with a strong singing voice and "One In a Million" was one of the songs he enjoyed crooning. He was an excellent fisherman, an awesome card player, and he would outbeat you in pool and chess. Willie was an all-American dad and he was also a father-figure to the community. He enjoyed boxing matches and karate shows. Willie was the most kind-hearted man you could ever know. Any time someone needed a hand, whether it was giving a ride or helping with car repairs, Willie would assist. He was Mr. Handyman Ducky, and he was genuinely loved by many.

Willie is survived by his adopted sister, Leanna; his children, Marwin Austin Giles, Ramoo Duce Giles, Vondine (Marcus) Reed, Moriah (William) Morris, Precious Giles, Willie Jayson Giles, the mother of his five children, Carolyn Griffin; his companion, Albertha "Berta" Story; his grandkids, Shontasia,

Denea, Marsean, Maniya, Desmonique, Narissa, Marqueze, Ramoo Jr., Isiah, Heaven, Xavier, Marcus Jr., Jeremiah, Najaquan, Shyvon, Nehemiah, Zechariah, Tahjmaleek, Michael, Isiah, Elijah, Nassir, Syncere, Ryan Jr., Precious, and Ezariah; great-grandchildren, Tahjmaleek "Jun" Jr., Arian, and Zahir; his special cousin, Jamie Freeman; his best friends, Alex Jefferson and Lester Henderson, and a host of family and friends. Willie was predeceased by his parents, MaryLee Kave and Samuel Giles; his grandmother, Mary Jane Freeman; and his grandson, Jeremiah Giles.

The family would like to give special thanks to the two nurses from the ICU Unit at MVHS at St. Elizabeth Medical Center , Jackie and Kevin, for the compassionate medical care they rendered to Willie.

Visitation will be held Friday morning from 10:00-12:00 noon at the Eannace Funeral Home, 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Due to the current restrictions, we will be operating at a limited occupancy. We ask for your patience as we try to accommodate those coming to support the Giles family. We will only allow ten people into the building as ten people exit. Face masks must be worn and contact tracing will be implemented. Willie's funeral service and Home Going celebration will be held on Friday at 12:00 noon immediately upon conclusion of visitation with Bishop Daren Page officiating the ceremony. Interment will follow graveside at Forest Hill Cemetery.

Please take a moment to connect with Willie's family through the "Memories" section of his obituary.

Our prayers go out to all as a sign of our continued support.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Hill Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 21.** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.  
932 South Street  
corner of Hammond Ave.  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 724-6714  
eannacefh@roadrunner.com  
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## Service

**AUG 21.** 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

RJ

“ *Rev. Cornelia Jackson-Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie J. "Ducky" Giles*



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**Rev. Cornelia Jackson-Brown** - September 06, 2020 at 10:55 AM

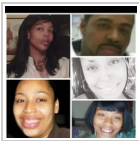
RJ

“ *Rev. Cornelia Jackson-Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie J. "Ducky" Giles*



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**Rev. Cornelia Jackson-Brown** - September 06, 2020 at 10:53 AM



“ *Condolences to Willie's families and prayers of comfort*



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**Dawn Winston** - August 23, 2020 at 11:17 PM

MS

“ I WOULD ALWAYS ASK DUCK IF YOU HAVE TIME COULD YOU PLEASE PUT LINE ON MY FISHING POLE. AND HE WOULD WITH NO PROBLEM. NO MATTER WHAT ME OR MY FAMILY ASKED OF HIM HE WOULD DO IT AND NOT THINK TWICE ABOUT DOING IT. GOD KNOWS YOU WILL TRULY BE MISSED DUCK. "MR. WILLIE GILES"

Mrs. Cynthia Story-Rice - August 21, 2020 at 11:03 AM

JP

“ Jim Powers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie J. "Ducky" Giles



Jim powers - August 20, 2020 at 06:05 PM



*from his oldest daughter vondine giles thank you so much*

Odebeautiful Giles - August 21, 2020 at 12:41 AM



*and siblings*

Odebeautiful Giles - August 21, 2020 at 12:42 AM

AS

“ Alison Doctor And Sons lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie J. "Ducky" Giles



Alison Doctor and sons - August 20, 2020 at 03:00 AM



*thank you so much from his oldest daughter vondine giles*

**Odebeautiful Giles** - August 21, 2020 at 12:41 AM



*and siblings*

**Odebeautiful Giles** - August 21, 2020 at 12:42 AM

TH

“*Sorry for your loss. Praying for the family.*”



**Tonya Hamell** - August 19, 2020 at 11:17 PM



*thank you so much from his oldest daughter vondine giles and siblings*

**Odebeautiful Giles** - August 21, 2020 at 12:43 AM

BC

*"James" always had a loving spirit expressed through his warm smile that greeted all he encountered. I hold precious childhood memories of him. My heart was sadden to learn of his passing. May God comfort and strengthen all of his family and love ones.*

**Bessie Clayton** - August 21, 2020 at 02:04 PM

EH

“*My condolences and prayers of comfort for the family, love ones and friends. Willie was a kind hearted childhood friend.*”

**Edwina Clayton Harris** - August 18, 2020 at 10:01 PM

PF

“ Praying For The Family.



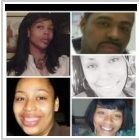
Prince Jackson & Workman Families - August 18, 2020 at 08:01 PM

SK

“ Sympathy to Carolyn & the Kids- purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Mr. Willie J. "Ducky" Giles.



Sympathy to Carolyn & the Kids- - August 18, 2020 at 09:53 AM



“ Sorry for your loss



Dawn Winston - August 17, 2020 at 09:11 PM



thank you so much from his oldest daughter vondine giles

Odebeautiful Giles - August 21, 2020 at 12:40 AM

FG

“ *Sorry for your loss.*”



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**Felicia Greene** - August 17, 2020 at 01:30 PM