



Mantee M. Murphy

November 10, 1964 - August 12, 2009

Mantee M. Murphy of Ontario, Canada and formerly of Syracuse, New York passed this life on August 12, 2009 in Canada.

Mantee was a loved son, uncle and friend. Singing, acting, dancing, he lived to perform and that he did. Armed with a B.A. from LeMoyne College and a Masters from Syracuses Newhouse School of Public Communication Mantee set out to make a name for himself. A member of the Canadian Theatre Union and the Canadian Film & Television Union he obtained roles on the TV films, Oh Kanada and Smooth Criminal, played a principal part in the TV film Life and had acting roles in the films Talk to Me, and Get Rich or Die Tryin. Hes also had TV roles on the Underground Railroad: Next Stop Freedom, Little Mosque On the Prairie Episode 407, History Bites, and Radio Free Roscoe Episode 250. Mantee took the stage in productions of Dreamgirls, The Full Monty, Five Guys Named Moe, Little Shop of Horrors, Aint Misbehavin, Anowa, Big River, A Funny Thing HappenedForum, Testimony Off Broadway, Dream Deferred: Tribute to Langston Hughes and Ma Rainey's Black Bottom. His most recent TV credit, Little Mosque On The Prairie, will be airing this fall on local Canadian television.

Mantee also had a wonderful voice and sang with a local group called The Mantees and later formed his own band called Mantee and the Shy Guys performing at various venues throughout Canada.

Before hitting the stage and settling in down in Canada, Mantee left his mark at a few of the local colleges working at SUNY Oswego, Morrisville, Fredonia

and Canton in the Admissions or Minority Affairs Office. He will be remembered most for his 100-watt smile and generous spirit.

He was predeceased by his father and stepmother Clarice and Mantee M. Murphy Sr.

Surviving are his mother, Carol Murphy-Harper; his sisters, Kimberly Murphy and Kathleen (Kenneth) White; his grandmother, Christine Dunlap-Harrington; his niece, LaQueshia Almond; nephews, Christopher Murphy, Marcus White and Kenneth White; his great-nephew Christopher R. Almond; his aunts, Christine, Paulette, Deborah and Dorrie; his uncles, Robert, John, Anthony and Richard; his devoted great-aunt, Gloria Broome Hudson who attend his performances no matter where they took place and a host of cousins and friends.

A Memorial Service will be held Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, 4612 S. Salina Street, Syracuse, New York.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Mantees name to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 11454, Alexandria VA 22312, toll free at 1-800-342-2383 Ext 8130 or on line at www.diabeties.org click on support the cause, memorial donation.

A special thank you to Cheryl and Cassandra Smith who were his college buddies.

Tribute Wall



“ *My special Mantee! i am socked to hear that you lost your life...i cant forget your voice your colgate smile and your personality! i never met you in real life but i am so happy to know you!!!From yesterday i cant take you out of my mind, i am very sad, i had to hear from you a lot of time and when i read the bad news at the net i was so sad!Hope you can see me and your lovely family and all your persons you loved from the heaven...Miss you very much!!! YOU WAS A GREAT PERSON, REST IN PEASE DEAR FRIEND, i will always love you, Your Vassilios*

January 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *I know you'll never see this but I think about you every day and I will never forget your smile. You were a very special person and I am better for having know you. All my love!*

October 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Im so shocked to hear of the passing of such a great man. I have nothing but fun honest memories of him and always will. He is missed. Oh and what a voice.*

September 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Bo(Mantee)was one of my favorite cousins to spend time with and be around. He was the big brother I never had. He always know how to make me laugh and smile. He will be missed very much. I Love You BO... Love always Fawn*

September 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Mantee had such a beautiful way of lighting up the room- his smile and laughter were absolutely contagious. A talented actor with a gorgeous voice, and most importantly a wonderful person. Gone far too soon. My thoughts are with his family and friends.

September 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I'll always remember that contagious smile. He was always such a happy person. My thoughts and prays are with all(family and friends).Love, Carolyn

September 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Privileged to work with Mantee at Morrisville, and to continue to see him when he went on from there. Also had pleasure of his performance at a wedding, where he almost single-handedly entertained the large crowd with is energy, musicality, personality, etc. I cannot believe that he is gone at such a young age. God rest him.

September 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Sad to hear of you loss.Mantee was a very nice gentleman and everyone that met him in Oswego,N.Y.would agree.My memories will always be there. Especially when my father told everyone he was a cousin of ours on St.Patricks Day at McCarthys in Oswego. Our prayers are with you and yours. May God bless.

September 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM