



## Ms. Abigail "Diva" Irby

April 4, 1962 - August 10, 2024

Ms. Abigail "Diva" Irby, 62, of Peoria, IL passed away at 10:24 am on Saturday, August 10, 2024 at her residence surrounded by her family.

Abigail was born on April 4, 1962 in Robinsonville, MS. She was the sixth child born to Joe and Carrie Mae (Jackson) Irby.

Abigail worked as a Fiscal Technician for the City Treasurer of Peoria. She formerly worked as an administrative assistant at Common Place, a loan officer at Southside Bank and an accounts receivables processor at Federal Reserve Bank.

Abigail was the Diva of the family with a smile that lit up the room when she entered. Abigail was loving and caring. She was nonconfrontational. She was very intelligent and believed knowledge was power. Abigail had great belief in God and was a faithful member of Sovereign Grace M.B., Church where she served as a mother of the church and on the trustee board. Abigail's favorite words were "I trust God" whatever the situation; she stood on her faith in God. Abigail loved her family and enjoyed spending time with them.

Abigail leaves to cherish her precious memory her mother, Carrie Mae Irby of Peoria, IL; one son, Joshua Irby of Peoria, IL; two daughters, Ja'Shawnda (Rev. Terrence, Sr.) Dunigan of Peoria, IL and Yanni Profit of Wheeling, IL; six

brothers, Kent (Alisha) Irby, Craig (Patricia) Irby, Mark Irby, Montgomery Irby and Anthony Gibson all of Peoria, IL and Michael (Patricia) Manson of Chicago Heights, IL; eight sisters, Joe Ann Jones, Catha Irby, Diana O'Conner, Gloria (Jerry) Dixon, Sharon (Tracy) Murdock, Joenickle Irby, and aunt/sister Barbara Bryant all of Peoria, IL, Melody (Porter) Hulett of Springfield, IL, and leisha (Antoine) Davis of Scottsdale, AZ; stepsister, Geraldine Martin of Peoria, IL; twelve grandchildren, Maquai Stewart, Kambria Irby, Kariah Woodard, Joshai Irby, Mikaele James, Da'Jhae James, Amoni Irby Jae'Mel Shipp, Maurianna Adkinson-Irby, Jae'Mez Still, Logan McLauren, Noah Tucker, and Taraji Dunigan; two great grandchildren, Zimora James and Javari Irby and a host of other relatives and friends who loved her. She is preceded in death by her father; maternal and paternal grandparents; one son, James Irby, Sr.; four grandchildren, James Anthony Irby Jr., Jmar Irby, Na'Kylah Davis, and Terrence Dunigan Jr., and one infant brother, Larry Irby.

Funeral services will be held at 10 am on Saturday, August 24, 2024 at Mt. Zion M.B. Church with a visitation one-hour prior beginning at 9:00 am. The Host Pastor is Rev. Dr. Matthew Mitchell. Pastor Alvin Riley, Sr. of Sovereign Grace M.B. Church, will officiate. Abigail will be laid to rest at Lutheran Cemetery.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [SimonsMortuary.com](http://SimonsMortuary.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Lutheran Cemetery

914 S Pleasant St  
Peoria, IL 61604-5954

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **24**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church  
305 S. MADISON PARK TERRACE  
Peoria, IL 61605  
(309) 674-4379

## Celebration of Life

AUG **24**. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church  
305 S. MADISON PARK TERRACE  
Peoria, IL 61605  
(309) 674-4379

# Tribute Wall



“ Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Abigail "Diva" Irby



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**Simons Mortuary** - August 26, 2024 at 11:56 AM



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**Simons Mortuary** - August 23, 2024 at 01:45 PM

MD

“ My deepest sympathy to the family of Abigail "Diva" Irby. I have known Abigail for a number of years, and found her to be a Beautiful Woman in the Lord, classy and well dressed, and she possessed the ability to communicate with everyone with that genuine personality and smile. Rest in Heaven Abigail as you touched so many lives in this community. Marjorie Kay Douglas

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**Marjorie Kay Douglas** - August 26, 2024 at 01:22 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Burial at Lutheran Cemetery*



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**Simons Mortuary** - August 26, 2024 at 11:55 AM

SC

“ *You will be Missed Cousin but not forgotten. Forever Loved! Cousin Sonia*

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**Sonya Coleman** - August 24, 2024 at 12:00 PM

SW

“ *My deepest condolences to the family of Abigail Diva Irby. I am an old classmate and friend outside of school. Those were the days I thank God for the great people like Abbey. Rip strong intelligent spiritual woman. SBWilson*

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**Stephanie Wilson** - August 23, 2024 at 04:37 PM

SW

“ *Stephanie W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Abigail "Diva" Irby.*

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**Stephanie W.** - August 23, 2024 at 04:27 PM

PW

“ *Pastor Dion and Lisa Crites Sr. And WSWC purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ms. Abigail "Diva" Irby.*



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**Pastor Dion and Lisa Crites Sr. And WSWC** - August 23, 2024  
at 05:48 AM



“ *REST IN HEAVEN BEAUTIUL WITH YO BABIES WHO'VE BEEN WAITING PATIENLTY. #IRBYBLOODLINE*



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**c** - August 19, 2024 at 06:25 PM

MR

“ *Mattie Risby sent a virtual gift in memory of Abigail Irby*



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**Mattie Risby** - August 19, 2024 at 09:49 AM

RH

“ *Rena Webster Horton lit a candle in memory of Abigail Irby*



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**Rena Webster Horton** - August 17, 2024 at 08:23 PM

RS

“ *Rev. John H.. Lee Sr. lit a candle in memory of Abigail Irby*



Rev. John H.. Lee Sr. - August 16, 2024 at 05:14 PM

WI

“ *Always n Forever gonna miss you My sweet and loving Aunt Abigail!!*



Whitney Irby - August 16, 2024 at 12:11 AM

EE

“ *Essie Ellis lit a candle in memory of Abigail Irby*



Essie Ellis - August 15, 2024 at 09:33 PM



“ *Adoration Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Ms. Abigail "Diva" Irby.*



August 15, 2024 at 07:07 PM

DC

“ Dr. Nakita Nicci Cloud planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Abigail "Diva" Irby.

Dr. Nakita Nicci Cloud - August 15, 2024 at 07:07 PM

ZB

“ Zerlyna Burse-Taylor lit a candle in memory of Abigail Irby



Zerlyna Burse-Taylor - August 15, 2024 at 06:14 PM

AS

“ Anita Scott lit a candle in memory of Ms. Abigail "Diva" Irby



Anita Scott - August 15, 2024 at 11:47 AM

LD

“ To the family of Abby, you have my condolences. Praying for strength and comfort during this time. Abby was a great friend and she will be missed.

Ladonna Dortch - August 15, 2024 at 10:30 AM

PH

“ My condolences to the Family... Praying for you all.

Phillip E. Hickman - August 15, 2024 at 08:41 AM

OS

“ To my cousins and the family my deepest condolences for your loss. Abby was a sweet person, and I have such fond memories of her. I will miss her.



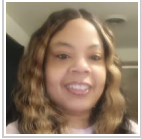
Olivia "Libby" Simmons - August 14, 2024 at 10:00 PM

VW

“ Valerie Wilson lit a candle in memory of Abigail Irby



Valerie Wilson - August 14, 2024 at 05:34 PM



“ Sonya Wade lit a candle in memory of Abigail Irby



Sonya Wade - August 14, 2024 at 04:50 PM

LN

“ Love your neices and nephews purchased the Str ength & Solace Spray for the family of Ms. Abigail "Diva" Irby.



Love your neices and nephews - August 14, 2024 at 11:09 AM

MC

“ To the family our condolences on your loss. Abby was a great person and friend and will be missed.



Mechell Coleman - August 14, 2024 at 07:59 AM

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“ Where can I start. My best memories are from high school to adult hood. Thank you for showing up at Liz's house when I would come home to visit. Tell Liz hey because you guys are chilling together now. RIP

Stephanie Wilson (Brent) - August 14, 2024 at 03:35 AM

CI

“ Always and Forever MY dear, sweet Aunt Abby 💕



Candus Irby - August 14, 2024 at 01:11 AM

EL

“ Ella Lee lit a candle in memory of Abigail Irby



Ella Lee - August 13, 2024 at 06:34 PM

RU

“ To my neice, nephew, and family condolences goes out to each of you I don't know what to say right now except that my heart hurts. I will forever miss Abby.love you all



RuthBush - August 13, 2024 at 09:51 AM

DB

“ Dorothea Banks-Burse lit a candle in memory of Abigail Irby



Dorothea Banks-Burse - August 13, 2024 at 08:14 AM

 John H Lee

“ John H Lee lit a candle in memory of Abigail Irby



John H Lee - August 12, 2024 at 07:43 PM

RF

“ Rena Webster Horton & Family lit a candle in memory of Abigail Irby



Rena Webster Horton & Family - August 12, 2024 at 07:32 PM

EB

“ *Emel Buckner lit a candle in memory of Abigail Irby*



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**Emel Buckner** - August 12, 2024 at 05:23 PM

KC

“ *Kathy Collins lit a candle in memory of Abigail Irby*



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**Kathy Collins** - August 12, 2024 at 05:02 PM