



Mr. Aldridge Hightower

April 25, 1927 - June 4, 2016

Mr. Aldridge Hightower, 89, of Peoria, IL passed away peacefully, with his wife by his side, at 11:30 pm, Saturday, June 4, 2016 at Heartland Health Care Center.

Aldridge was born April 25, 1927 in Tucker, AR to Frank and Gertrude (Giles) Hightower. He was baptized at Clear Lake Baptist Church in England, Arkansas under the leadership of Pastor L. P. Patrick. Aldridge's older brother, Frank, moved to Peoria, Illinois, so in 1943 Aldridge and the rest of the Hightower family followed. He married James Anna Petty on June 26, 1949 in Peoria and to that union three children were born, Genevieve, Carolyn and Aldridge, Jr.

Aldridge had a strong work ethic. He retired from Keystone Steel & Wire in 1988 after 31 years of service. While working at Keystone, he worked part time at Szolds for over 33 years. Aldridge was a phenomenal athlete and pool player. He played softball around local communities and had played pool with Minnesota Fats. He loved to hunt, fish and travel with his family. He was a faithful member of Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church since 1963.

Aldridge leaves to cherish his precious memory his loving wife of 66 years, James Anna Hightower; two daughters, Genevieve (James) Howard and Carolyn (James "JB") Little and one son, Aldridge, Jr. (Charlotte Sykes) Hightower of Chevy Chase, MD; three grandchildren, Tonya (Jeremy) Simpson, Kevin McGee and Jamold Little; seven great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He is preceded in death

by his parents; three sisters, Alice Robinson, Verdie Hanson and Genora Hendricks and five brothers, George Hightower, James Hightower, Frank Hightower, The Rev. Calvin Hightower and Willie Hightower.

Funeral services will be held at 11 am, Friday, June 10, 2016 at New Morning Star M. B. Church with a visitation beginning at 10 am. Pastor Cleveland Thomas, Sr., will officiate. Aldridge will be laid to rest at Historic Springdale Cemetery. Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at simonsmortuary.com.

Cemetery Details

Historic Springdale Cemetery

3014 N. Prospect Road
Peoria, IL 61603

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 10. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

New Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church
413 W. John H. Gwynn Jr. Avenue
Peoria, IL 61605

Funeral Service

JUN 10. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

New Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church
413 W. John H. Gwynn Jr. Avenue
Peoria, IL 61605

Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Aldridge Hightower*



Simons Mortuary - June 09, 2016 at 04:23 PM

CH

We are going to miss you Uncle Al.

Calvin and Pamela Hightower - June 10, 2016 at 12:14 AM

WF

Excellent...Well done!

Ward Faulkner - June 12, 2016 at 08:07 AM



“ *Mr. Aldridge Hightower*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mr. Aldridge Hightower*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *Divine Light was purchased for the family of Mr. Aldridge Hightower.*



June 09, 2016 at 07:33 AM



“ *Calvin And Pamela Hightower lit a candle in memory of Mr. Aldridge Hightower*



Calvin and Pamela Hightower - June 08, 2016 at 01:15 PM



Aunt James Anna and the rest of the family our heartfelt condolences, Uncle Al will truly be missed, we enjoyed being in his presence whenever we were in Peoria. God bless and keep you in HIS comfort during this most difficult time. We love you.

Calvin and Pamela Hightower - June 08, 2016 at 01:17 PM



“ *Our heartfelt condolences to the entire Hightower Family. Mr. Hightower will truly be missed in the Peoria community. Him and my father were best of friends for years . Now days you don't see two families vacationing together with little children. But back then best buddies done it. Well Mr. Hightower you and C. W. Smith is on your wonderful vacation..
...Richard and Theresa Walker*



Theresa Smith Walker - June 07, 2016 at 04:58 PM

JH

“Joyce Kennedy Howard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Aldridge Hightower



Joyce Kennedy Howard - June 07, 2016 at 04:13 PM



“Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Aldridge Hightower.



June 07, 2016 at 12:21 PM

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“Evelyn L Clayton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Aldridge Hightower



Evelyn L Clayton - June 07, 2016 at 12:06 PM

WF

Condolences to Family. Al was such a special person and will be missed. Prayers go out to James Anna and all the Family...Ward & Willy

Ward & Willy Faulkner - June 07, 2016 at 02:43 PM

MA

Our condolences to the entire family. We weren't fortunate enough to know Aldridge personally, but we dearly love his son and daughter-in-law.

Margot & Gene Krauss

margot - June 08, 2016 at 11:33 AM