



Mother Alma Jean Prater

May 29, 1929 - July 15, 2020

Mrs. Alma Jean Prater, 91, of Peoria passed away on Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at Universal Rehab, Peoria, IL.

Mother Alma was born on May 29, 1929 in Marianna, AR to Samuel Jackson and Ophelia (Leggs) Brown. She married Alfonzo Prater.

Mother Alma was best known for her walk with God, cooking, fishing and motherly love. But you may know her for her greens and ability to make you laugh! That motherly love as a prayer warrior on the "Prayer Band" at New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Marianna, AR later extended that work to Peoria, IL where Mother Prater's long life of 91 years was combined with a full gospel movement to Peoria, IL in 2001 where she became a member of Gospel Experience Church under the leadership of Pastor Richard K. Hammonds. Mother Alma served on the Mothers Board and as member of the prayer ministry visiting the Assistant Living Homes Ministry.

Mother Alma leaves to cherish her most precious memory one son, Walter Doolittle of Peoria, IL; five daughters, Myrna (Melvin) Little, Marine Redmond both of Peoria, IL, Pamela Robinson of Calumet City, IL, Carol (Kevin) McClain of Streamwood, IL and Mildred Moton of Peoria, IL; 15 grandchildren; a host of great grandchildren; one unofficial faithful god-son, Steve Jefferson; god-children, The Jefferson Family and Mother Linda Williams; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Mother Prater was the last of six siblings. She is also preceded in death by her parents; two sons, Jessie Doolittle and Jamie Doolittle and one daughter, LaVerne Lawson.

A funeral service will be held at 11 am, Saturday, July 25, 2020 at Gospel Experience Church, with visitation one-hour prior at 10 am. Pastor Richard Hammonds will officiate. Mother Alma will be laid to rest at Lutheran Cemetery.

The funeral service will be live streamed on Simons Mortuary's Website or Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Simons-Mortuary-232095303487150> promptly at time of the service. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, social distancing and attendance limits will be observed.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at SimonsMortuary.com.

As the States begin re-opening in response to the Global Coronavirus Pandemic, some people are returning to their previous normal living standards. Unfortunately, we are now in our new normal as unreal and sometimes uncomfortable as the socially distancing and continuous use of protective masks may feel. *In an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, we ask that everyone in attendance: wear a face mask and refrain from hugging, kissing and shaking hands (as hard as it is to see someone you care about and not touch them). Thanks in advance for your cooperation! *It is our responsibility as a Funeral Directors, to do everything we can to advise families in order to honor our beloved Families and to keep everyone as safe as possible. The chapel can socially distance and seat a limit of 50 or less people. All others will be able to flow through and view prior to beginning the Celebration of Life Ceremony.

Cemetery Details

Lutheran Cemetery

914 S Pleasant St
Peoria, IL 61604-5954

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 25. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Gospel Experience
3101 NE Madison Avenue
Peoria, IL 61603
info@gospelexperience.org
<http://gospelexperience.org/>

Service

JUL 25. 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mother Alma Jean Prater*



Simons Mortuary - July 27, 2020 at 03:04 PM



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Simons Mortuary - July 24, 2020 at 05:43 PM



“ *Mother Alma Jean Prater*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mother Alma Jean Prater*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ 4 files added to the album Funeral Program



Simons Mortuary - July 23, 2020 at 06:07 PM



“ Sending prayers from Marianna, Arkansas!

Linda Fisher - July 23, 2020 at 12:13 PM



“ To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord and I honestly believe that is where Mother Prater is. She will be missed by all at Gospel Experience. I will never forget you and seeing you after church and the love you would show me as a little girl growing up in the church. I'll always love you ❤️ Continued prayers for your family and I know you are in the arms of the Lord 🙏🏾

Kashmere Atkins - July 21, 2020 at 10:40 PM



“ Myrna so sorry for your loss. She's now resting in Jesus arms



Evelyn Tate-Clayton - July 21, 2020 at 07:36 PM

SW

“ *Saundra Walker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Alma Jean Prater*



Saundra Walker - July 21, 2020 at 12:41 PM

KC

“ *Kathy Collins lit a candle in memory of Mother Alma Jean Prater*



Kathy Collins - July 21, 2020 at 12:06 PM

ZB

“ *Zerlyna Burse-Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mother Alma Jean Prater*



Zerlyna Burse-Taylor - July 20, 2020 at 04:43 PM

ZB

“ *Zerlyna Burse-Taylor sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Alma Jean Prater*



Zerlyna Burse-Taylor - July 20, 2020 at 04:43 PM

BW

“ So sorry to hear of your passing I will miss you dearly Mother Prater my condolences to the family praying God's comfort and peace.

Barbara Westerfield - July 18, 2020 at 10:26 AM

HE

Deepest Sympathy.

HenriOliver - July 19, 2020 at 12:13 AM

WD

“ Mother Alma Prayer was such a wonderful person, and I loved her so much. My heart is saddened to hear of her passing, but I honestly feel she is now with the Lord. I pray God strengthens the family during this time.

Willa Davis - July 17, 2020 at 03:24 PM

DS

“ I'm so lucky to have Have a chance in my life to meet Miss Alma. We had wonderful times together she was truly a kindred spirit. I'm proud that I got to take care of her as one of her CNA's Rest in our fathers heavenly arms, MissAlma. Debra Schrod

Debra Schrod - July 16, 2020 at 05:55 PM