



Mr. Avery Powell Jr.

April 21, 1926 - May 25, 2018

Mr. Avery Powell, Jr., 92, of Peoria, IL transitioned to his heavenly home at 5:50 am on Friday, May 25, 2018 at Proctor Hospital with his loving and devoted wife, Bernice, at his side.

Avery was born on April 21, 1926 in Clarksdale, Mississippi to Avery, Sr., and Willie (Floyd) Powell. Avery was a US Navy WWII veteran honorably serving his country as a Seaman second class from 1943 to 1946. He married the love of his life; Bernice L. (Holmes) Jones on Christmas Eve, December 24, 1964 in Peoria. Avery was the first African American Chief of Police for the Peoria Park District. He retired May 27, 1988 after over 25 years of service. Avery was an avid cubs fan, attending as many games as possible. He was a gifted gardener often sharing his harvest with the community.

Avery leaves to cherish his most precious memories his beloved wife of 54 years, Bernice L. Powell; eight children; Linda Jones, Brenda Hood, Rickey Jones, Pamela Jones, Judith Jones, Karen Jones and Tony Powell all of Peoria and Earl (Linda) Powell of Chesapeake, VA; three sisters, Hattie (Charlie) Henry of Dunkin, MS, Lucy Butler of Rena Lara, MS and Marthena Mackieffee of Dunkin, MS; 14 grandchildren; 31 great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents; one son, Craig Powell and four siblings, Willie Mae Powell, J.D. Powell, Clair Powell and Freeman Powell.

Funeral services will be held at 10 am on Saturday, June 2, 2018 at Rising Sun Christian Church with a visitation at 9 am. Pastor John L. Gibson will

officiate. Avery will be laid to rest at Parkview Cemetery with Naval Military Honors. Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at SimonsMortuary.com.

Cemetery Details

Parkview Cemetery

2001 N University St
Peoria, IL 61604
(309) 688-0733

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 2. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Rising Sun Christian Church
4310 W. Charter Oak Rd.
Peoria, IL 61615
<http://www.risingsunchristianchurch.org/>

Funeral Service

JUN 2. 10:00 AM - 11:35 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Avery Powell Jr.*



Simons Mortuary - June 01, 2018 at 02:45 PM



“ *Mr. Avery Powell Jr.*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mr. Avery Powell Jr.*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *Joanie Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Avery Powell Jr.*



Joanie Brown - May 31, 2018 at 08:57 PM

RW

“ *Richard And Theresa Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Avery Powell Jr.*



Richard and Theresa Walker - May 31, 2018 at 07:09 PM

FF

“ *From The Burns, Green, and Caruth Families purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Mr. Avery Powell Jr..*



From The Burns, Green, and Caruth Families - May 31, 2018 at 02:19 PM

BS

“ *So sorry for your loss of a great man and devoted christian! May the Lord be with you and help you through this. He no longer has to suffer here on earth and has gone home to be with his Savior. I bet he has a big smile on his face now!* 🙏😊🌹



Belinda Spencer-Little - May 30, 2018 at 07:17 PM



“ *Condolences to the family*



Evelyn Tate-Clayton - May 30, 2018 at 06:34 PM

VM

“ God's loving support is with you to lean on.

Vicki Matheny - May 30, 2018 at 02:58 PM

HC

“ From the Heaven's View family. We send our love and caring thoughts in this time of sorrow. We will miss Mr Avery and his smile. Know that prayers are being offered for your family. Until we all meet again - may God bless you all and give you his comfort.

Heaven's View Church - May 30, 2018 at 02:56 PM

PM

“ Percy And Onnie Macon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Avery Powell Jr.



Percy and Onnie Macon - May 29, 2018 at 06:59 PM