



## Ms. Barbara Lee Pearl

July 22, 1945 - January 5, 2025

Ms. Barbara Lee Pearl, 79, of Peoria, IL, passed away at 1:03 am on Sunday, January 5, 2025 at Carle Health Proctor Hospital.

Barbara was born on July 22, 1945 in Louisiana, MO to William, Sr. and Marjorie (Rudd) Pearl.

Barbara was a graduate of Manual High School and Mid-State College. She worked as a Senior Claims Adjuster for Prudential Life Insurance, retiring in 2000 after 30 years of service. Barbara later joined her daughter, April, at District 150 schools where she worked as a teacher's aide. Although brief, she was especially proud of working at the Peoria Police Department as a receptionist. She stopped working to care for her granddaughter, England.

Barbara kept very busy during her retirement years. Her free time on weekends was spent judging youth boxing matches with Mr. Francis Sargent. Barbara was also known for her great speaking abilities. She did welcome speeches for events around the community that included Simons Mortuary's Annual Holiday Gala at the Civic Center, Mr. Phillip Jones Gospel Choir and many gospel shows. She thoroughly enjoyed being a frequent guest on Percy Baker's Saturday morning radio show.

Barbara loved the Lord. She was a Sunday school teacher at Zion Baptist

Church for many years. She attended St. Paul Baptist Church and later became a member of Victory Baptist Church on Starr Street.

Barbara leaves to cherish her most precious memory, one son, Marcus Pearl, Sr.; one daughter, April Ellis both of Peoria, IL; one sister, Willene McPike of Tuson, AZ; five grandchildren, English Ellis, England Ellis, Marcus Pearl, Jr., Malai Pearl, Kyan Pearl and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents; one brother, William "Billy" Pearl, Jr., and a nephew, Jewell McPike.

A memorial service will be held at 11 am on Saturday, January 25, 2025 at Simons Mortuary Chapel with a visitation one half-hour prior beginning at 10:30 am. Rev. Ken Linder of Victory Baptist Church will officiate.

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

# Previous Events

## Gathering

JAN 25. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Simons Mortuary Chapel  
912 W. John H. Gwynn, Jr. Ave.  
Peoria, IL 61605  
(309) 674-2638  
info@simonsmortuary.com  
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## Memorial Service

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

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# Tribute Wall

KC

“ *Kathy Collins lit a candle in memory of Barbara Pearl*



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**Kathy Collins** - February 07, 2025 at 04:41 AM

RG

“ *Regina Graham lit a candle in memory of Barbara Pearl*



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**Regina Graham** - January 25, 2025 at 11:25 AM

RN

“ *Dear April, Marcus, and Family,*

*Our prayers and sympathy are with each of you. May Jesus and God our Father comfort you each. We weep and mourn with you that your beloved mother and our precious cousin is not here with us. but we will see her one day in heaven. I, Rosemary had wonderful discussions about the Lord and His Goodness. I rejoice that she confessed Him as Savior. May God comfort you hearts and sooth the your pain.*

*With love in Christ, Bob and Rosemary  
Family*

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**Rosemary Nailon** - January 23, 2025 at 02:04 PM

B(

“ *Brenda D Cayson (Rudd) lit a candle in memory of Barbara Pearl*



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**Brenda D Cayson (Rudd)** - January 21, 2025 at 07:55 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ms. Barbara Lee Pearl.

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January 21, 2025 at 02:49 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Ms. Barbara Lee Pearl.*



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January 21, 2025 at 02:49 PM

BC

“ *Brenda D Cayson lit a candle in memory of Barbara Pearl*



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**Brenda D Cayson** - January 17, 2025 at 09:08 AM

LM

“ April and Marcus and your families, I am so sorry to learn of Barb’s passing. You are all in my prayers and thoughts. I worked with Barb at Prudential and she was an awesome friend and co-worker. She loved the LORD and His Word as well as her family and friends and was willing to make many sacrifices for the welfare of others. She was truly a servant of God. Rest In Peace, Barb. We will chat again soon and I will remember to “head to the basement” whenever a storm approaches! ❤️🙏❤️ Lin McCoy

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**Lin McCoy** - January 16, 2025 at 02:46 PM

 John H Lee

“ John H Lee lit a candle in memory of Barbara Pearl



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**John H Lee** - January 15, 2025 at 06:28 AM

JM

“ Jackie McKinley lit a candle in memory of Barbara Pearl



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**Jackie McKinley** - January 15, 2025 at 01:22 AM

EB

“ *EmelEmel Buckner lit a candle in memory of Barbara Pearl*



EmelEmel Buckner - January 14, 2025 at 07:29 PM

DB

“ *Dorothea Banks-Burse lit a candle in memory of Barbara Pearl*



Dorothea Banks-Burse - January 14, 2025 at 01:51 PM

RG

“ *Regina Graham lit a candle in memory of Barbara Pearl*



Regina Graham - January 13, 2025 at 07:19 PM

CG

“ *Barb and I were friends for many years. My deepest sympathy April.*



Cheryl S. Grant - January 13, 2025 at 04:01 PM

CG

“ Cheryl S. Grant lit a candle in memory of Barbara Pearl



Cheryl S. Grant - January 13, 2025 at 03:57 PM

CS

“ Charlie and Loretta Simpson lit a candle in memory of Barbara Pearl



Charlie and Loretta Simpson - January 12, 2025 at 04:03 PM

VW

“ She will be missed. I have known her and her family the majority of my life. Praying for her family 💜

Vanessa Parker Woods - January 11, 2025 at 10:28 AM

DG

“ Denise Burns Green lit a candle in memory of Barbara Pearl



Denise Burns Green - January 11, 2025 at 01:26 AM

MH

“ Sending my condolences to the Pearl family...Barbara and I grew up together involved in church...a very nice person



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**Marcia Hinton** - January 10, 2025 at 07:05 PM

KD

*Prayers and love to April and the family  
Rev Arthur and Kathryn Dyes*

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**Kathryn Dyes** - January 14, 2025 at 01:47 AM

VK

*To the Pearl Family - so sorry to learn of your loved one's passing. I became acquainted with her through one of her musical programs many years ago. May God bless and comfort you.*

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**Vickie King** - January 25, 2025 at 11:40 PM