



## Mr. Bennie "Maina" Frank Ratlieff Jr.

November 14, 1969 - September 15, 2021

Mr. Bennie "Maina" Frank Ratlieff, Jr., 51, passed away at 2:42 pm on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center, Peoria, IL.

Bennie was born on November 14, 1969 in Ruleville, MS to Bennie, Sr. and Nettie (Williams) Ratlieff. He married the love of his life, Cynthia Isaac in Peoria, IL.

Bennie was a dedicated employee at Winpak in Pekin Illinois for 16 years. He formerly worked at Kroger at both the Lake Street and Wisconsin Street stores. He was a hard worker and the back bone to his family. He was the comedian to the family and never did he leave a conversation without smiling.

He was "ALL" about his family and loved his children and grand-children.

Bennie leaves to cherish his precious memory his loving wife Cynthia Isaac-Ratlieff of Peoria, IL; one son, Derelle Ratlieff of Peoria, IL; six daughters, Euknecka Washington of Athens, GA, La'ketra Washington of Atlanta, GA, Bentonia Ratlieff of Peoria, IL, Alexia Ratlieff of Peoria, IL, Ariella Ratlieff of Peoria, IL, Adrianna Ratlieff of Peoria, IL; seventeen brothers and sisters, Perry Ratlieff, Denise Ratlieff and William (Sara) Ratlieff of Peoria, IL, Elaine (JC) McCain of Ruleville, MS, Bennie (Dorothy) Gary of Memphis, TN, Sharon (Donald) Lynch of Houston, TX, Malcom (Gwen) Gary of Memphis, TN, Dollie Gary, Angelo Gary, Arlicia (Kevin) Billups of Houston, TX, Alvin (Shawnee) Gary of Memphis, TN, Avis Gary of Houston, TX, Michael (Marquita) Boone, Jennifer Boone of Memphis, TN, Tony (Deja) Boone, Taurus Boone, 8 loving

grand-children, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents, two brothers Bennie Robinson and Frankie Ratlieff and two sisters Rosie Stidum and Tonya Boone.

Graveside services will be held at 11 am on Saturday, September 25, 2021 at Swan Lake Memory Gardens with a visitation at 10 am at Swan Lake Mausoleum. Rev. Dave Williams will officiate.

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

The service will be live streamed on Simons Mortuary's Website or Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Simons-Mortuary-232095303487150> promptly AT THE TIME OF THE SERVICE.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, social distancing and attendance limits will be observed.

In accordance with the Illinois Department of Public Health, To be consistent with recommendations from the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA), funeral home directors have been instructed and should follow CDC guidelines on gatherings, including those directly related to funerals, visitations, or graveside services.

\*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).

\*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

Thanks in advance for your cooperation!

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **25**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Swan Lake Mausoleum  
4601 W War Memorial Dr  
Peoria, IL 61614

## Graveside Service

SEP **25**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Swan Lake Mausoleum  
4601 W War Memorial Dr  
Peoria, IL 61614

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Bennie "Maina" Frank Ratlieff Jr.*



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**Simons Mortuary** - September 24, 2021 at 05:16 PM

VT

*My condolences to the family. Bennie was a friend, a classmate and family. He was a great person and just by following him on Facebook I can tell he was a devoted family man. Continued prayers for the family.*

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**Vanessa Townsend** - September 25, 2021 at 04:26 PM



“ *Mr. Bennie "Maina" Frank Ratlieff Jr.*

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January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mr. Bennie "Maina" Frank Ratlieff Jr.*

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January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM

FA

“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



Family - September 25, 2021 at 03:10 PM

DS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Dwight Sykes - September 25, 2021 at 09:41 AM

TL

Y'all clean to boy❤️

Tracie Landrith - September 25, 2021 at 03:55 PM

VC

“ Seeing you in 2014 talking about childhood memories and taking this photo with your oldest son, my Godson! Rest In Peace, Bennie. Love you and your family and pray their comfort and peace! ~ Valerie aka V



Valerie Mockabee Clark - September 23, 2021 at 04:57 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Mr. Bennie "Maina" Frank Ratlieff Jr..



September 22, 2021 at 09:11 PM

PF

“ Pam Nevills-Kent and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Bennie "Maina" Frank Ratlieff Jr..



Pam Nevills-Kent and Family - September 22, 2021 at 09:01 PM

TL

“ I’m going to miss this smile  
I’m going to miss your funny personality  
I’m going miss hearing you talking about the family you loved the most.  
But I will never miss the memories we shared because they are with me forever  
But your are where you always said you’ll be in the presence of the Lord

I love you Bennie, my brother  
Your little sister forever.. Tracie



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**Tracie Landrith** - September 22, 2021 at 11:20 AM

DS

It’s breathtaking to look at photos of you. On my off days from work I’ve found myself saying...right now I would be calling or texting you my friend. It’s ok though. I’m better now. Hey Bennie, ask Holy Spirit to tell you what I have really been thinking. Man oh man!!!, could they handle it? Tell Jesus the Christ I said whassup!!! Thank you for all the life lessons, counseling sessions, meals, etc... gotta go. Here come the water works. Missing your presence “Rat”.

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**Dwight Sykes** - September 23, 2021 at 11:52 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Bennie "Maina" Frank Ratlieff Jr..



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September 22, 2021 at 10:47 AM

DS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Dwight Sykes Sr.** - September 21, 2021 at 11:59 PM

DS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Dwight Sykes Sr.** - September 21, 2021 at 11:41 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mr. Bennie "Maina" Frank Ratlieff Jr..



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September 21, 2021 at 09:27 PM

MG

“ We will always love you Maina ....God has Spoken, So let the Church say Amen.....



Malcom Gary - September 21, 2021 at 09:25 PM

MG

“ Malcom Gary lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bennie "Maina" Frank Ratlieff Jr.



Malcom Gary - September 21, 2021 at 09:20 PM

CR

“ Class of 1987. RCHS purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Bennie "Maina" Frank Ratlieff Jr..



Class of 1987. RCHS - September 21, 2021 at 05:48 PM


 Susan Williams

“ *One of the saddest times of my life. Never saw this one coming. Cous, I'll always remember you I. The best light possible. So lost for words and I can't believe I'm even typing this to you. Prayers and blessing to your wife and kids. I'll always be here for them.*  
*Your cousin Zo and family*



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**Susan Williams** - September 21, 2021 at 04:52 PM

 Jeannette Schauble

“ *Rest in peace, Brother. - Jen (work fam)*



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**Jeannette Schauble** - September 21, 2021 at 12:54 AM