



Mr. Bernell Edward Harvey Sr.

December 2, 1966 - January 11, 2022

Mr. Bernell Edward Harvey, Sr., 55, of Peoria, IL, transitioned at 3:24 am on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center, Peoria, IL. Bernell was born on December 2, 1966 in Peoria, IL to Richard, Sr. and Mildred (Snow) Harvey. He married Michelle Watson on June 26, 2004. Bernell worked at Sharon Healthcare as a Head Chef. He earned his certification in Culinary Arts and Carpentry at Job Corp. Bernell was a very compassionate, humble and talented person. He loved to cook. Bernell was a die-hard Chicago Bears fan. He loved his wife, children and grandchildren. Bernell leaves to cherish his precious memories, his wife, Michelle Harvey of Peoria, IL; eight sons, Bernell (Rochelle) Harvey, Jr., Jonathan Rayford, Michael Rayford, Shawn Rayford, Kevin Rayford, Lorenzo Rayford and James Holman all of Peoria, IL and Brandon Watson of Olathe, KS; three daughters, Makaila Watson of Edwardsville, IL, Mikheala Harvey and Mya Womack of Peoria, IL; six brothers, Richard Harvey, Jr., Stephen Harvey, Lenill Thornton all of Peoria, IL, William Thornton of Minneapolis, MN, David Thornton of Savannah, GA and James Thornton of Alton, IL; three sisters, Regina Harvey-Perkins of Bolingbrook, IL, Sherry Harvey of Houston, TX and Juanita (Robert "Bobby") Williams of Peoria, IL; six grandchildren, Laryn, Jordyn, Peyton, Raqueal, Jawon and Kai-lan and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, Eddie Snow, Clara Hickman, Nora Naves and Charlie Harvey, two brothers, Joe Thornton and Pastor Steven Thornton, one sister, Phyllis Harvey, special aunt,

Ruby Peary.

Funeral services will be held at 12 pm on Saturday, January 22, 2022 at Sovereign Grace M.B. Church with a visitation prior beginning at 11 am.

Pastor Alvin Riley, Sr. 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 is encouraged 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

JAN 22. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Sovereign Grace M.B. Church
1505 W. Martin Street
Peoria, IL 61605

Funeral Service

JAN 22. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Peoria, IL 61605

Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Bernell Edward Harvey Sr.*



Simons Mortuary - January 21, 2022 at 03:12 PM

AS

“ *Bernell and I attended Grand Rapids Job Corps together, and grew up in Peoria. We both were in the Carpenrty program and played on the basketball team as we were referred to as the 'Peoria connection', we won Grand Rapids rec league regular season and tournament Championships, I always referred to him as 'little Steve' having known Steve from Central. I loved hanging with him and drinking us some beer on weekends and after class, I would find him or he would find me and head to the gym so we could show how we hooped in Peoria. I will always remember those good times and glad we did get to connect on the phone before his passing. C-Love forever bro!*

Albert Shaw - February 16, 2024 at 12:13 AM



“ *Mr. Bernell Edward Harvey Sr.*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mr. Bernell Edward Harvey Sr.*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *Bernell is loved, & missed & my prayers are with/for our Family, its been 5, of our loved ones gone, to meet the Lord in less than a year!!! God is in control & Still Worthy To Be Praised... Uncle Phil*

Phillip Hickman - January 28, 2022 at 08:30 AM



“ *Bernell I did not get that moment of knowing the man you became or to make those precious memories that will last a lifetime and more, but I'm so thankful to have been in a place to see you unfold through people who thought the world of you. I will cherish them in my heart, cousin be peaceful.* 🙏🙏🙏



Marva Rucker - January 22, 2022 at 01:09 PM



“ *Mary Ward lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernell Edward Harvey Sr.*



Mary Ward - January 22, 2022 at 12:50 PM

SB

“ Shirley Bell sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Bernell Edward Harvey Sr.



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CF

“ *Clara Ferguson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernell Edward Harvey Sr.*



Clara Ferguson - January 21, 2022 at 12:53 PM

CE

“ *Cubie Evans lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernell Edward Harvey Sr.*



Cubie Evans - January 20, 2022 at 09:55 PM

PW

“ *So sorry for your loss Michelle. Sending prayers of comfort to you and your family.*

Phyllis Williams - January 19, 2022 at 09:45 PM

SH

“ *Baby brother, you were like a male spider.. you carried the weight of the world upon your shoulder... you shared your love with all that you seen... where you were there was sure to be children surrounding you.... I am so proud of baby brother as you have conquered.. you have crossed the finish line you have received both your star and your crown and for that I chose not to cry anymore but to applaud you for conquering such a major race... I love you and I know that you are drumming your way around heaven.... and as the last communication you and I had..... UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN*

Sherry Sheniel Harvey - January 19, 2022 at 08:15 PM

MR

“ *To Harvey Family Praying for you & remember when we all sang in the choir at Pleasant Grove Church. Douglas, Farmer Family*



Mattie Risby - January 19, 2022 at 07:49 PM

KC

“ *Kathy Collins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernell Edward Harvey Sr.*



Kathy Collins - January 19, 2022 at 06:10 PM

MP

“ *Mancy Pittman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernell Edward Harvey Sr.*



Mancy Pittman - January 19, 2022 at 12:45 PM

JB

“ *Joanie Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernell Edward Harvey Sr.*



Joanie Brown - January 19, 2022 at 10:54 AM

BH

“ *My sincere condolences to the Harvey family.
Rest in Paradise Bernell*



Berlyn Hayes-Garner - January 19, 2022 at 06:17 AM

BC

“ *Brenda Cayson lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Bernell Edward Harvey Sr.*



Brenda Cayson - January 18, 2022 at 10:36 PM

BG

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Harvey family and each person that has been impacted by his passing. Bernell was a fun loving and friendly person, his presence will be truly missed. May God grant the peace and serenity needed to comfort the days that lie ahead. Sincerely, Brittany G.*

Brittany Garner - January 18, 2022 at 08:14 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Bernell Edward Harvey Sr..*



January 18, 2022 at 05:44 PM