



## Mrs. Bernice "MiMi" Louise Powell

December 30, 1927 - February 28, 2024

Mrs. Bernice Louise Powell aka "Mimi", 96, of Peoria, Illinois transitioned to her heavenly home at 5:30 am on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at her home surrounded by her family.

Bernice was born on December 30, 1927 in Peoria Illinois, raised by her mother, Lillian (Smith) Charles and Albert Charles. She married the love of her life, Avery Powell, and they were married many years. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Avery Powell; and son, Craig Powell.

Bernice was a graduate of the renowned Madam C.J. Walker School of Cosmetology in Chicago, Illinois. Bernice and Avery built a beautiful life together while raising their family.

Bernice was a beautiful homemaker and supportive mother; and all that those words embody. She was hospitable, making sure everyone in her home was comfortable, well fed and cared for. She loved socializing, traveling, watching game shows, and playing card games. She loved being around people. She was very active in her children, and grandchildren's activities. She would often be the first to show up at her twin grandson's basketball games and frequented her other grandchildren's activities and games. Bernice was a lifelong member of Ward Chapel A.M.E. Church and was very supportive at her church.

Bernice leaves to cherish her most precious memory one son, Rickey Jones, five daughters, Linda Jones, Brenda Hood, Pam Jones, Judith Jones, and Karen Jones all of Peoria, Illinois. 14 grandchildren, and a host of great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 11 am on Saturday, March 9, 2024, at Ward Chapel A.M.E. Church with a visitation beginning at 10 am. Rev. Arthur Williams, Sr. will officiate and Rev. Kimberly Hayes will bring forth the eulogy. Bernice will be laid to rest at Parkview Cemetery.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Parkview Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Ward Chapel A.M.E. Church  
511 N Richard Allen Dr.,  
Peoria, IL 61605  
<http://www.wardchapelame.com/>

## Funeral Service

MAR 9. 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM (CT)

Ward Chapel A.M.E. Church  
511 N Richard Allen Dr.,  
Peoria, IL 61605  
<http://www.wardchapelame.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Bernice "MiMi" Louise Powell*



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**Simons Mortuary** - March 11, 2024 at 10:45 AM



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**Simons Mortuary** - March 06, 2024 at 04:05 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Bernice "MiMi" Louise Powell.*



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March 14, 2024 at 03:38 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Burial at Parkview Cemetery*



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**Simons Mortuary** - March 11, 2024 at 10:45 AM

SG

“ *Sherri Green lit a candle in memory of Bernice "MiMi" Powell*



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**Sherri Green** - March 09, 2024 at 01:43 PM

JM

“ *Condolences to the family of Bernice Powell. She was a beautiful person. May God continue to keep you all in perfect peace during this difficult time. Weeping May endure for a night but joy comes in the morning. Peace be with you.*

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**Jacqueline McCullum** - March 09, 2024 at 06:44 AM

VB

“ To LINDA, MICKY, KAREN, PAM, BRENDA & the entire family - My condolences to you on the death of your mother, I see that she was a very pretty little girl who grew up to be a beautiful lady inside & out!

She raised very fine daughters & grandchildren! She will definitely be missed.

I will be praying for comfort & strength for you all! From "VAL SAYLES BAYLISS"



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**VAL Sayles BAYLISS** - March 08, 2024 at 05:15 PM

GC

“ Our condolences to Bernice Powells family. She was such a sweet and kindhearted person. I enjoyed seeing and talking with her at church. Her encouragement is what helped draw my husband into the church.

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**Gloria Carter** - March 07, 2024 at 06:55 PM

RF

“ Rena Horton & Fsmily lit a candle in memory of Bernice "MiMi" Powell



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**Rena Webster Horton & Fsmily** - March 06, 2024 at 11:39 PM

DG

“ Denise Green lit a candle in memory of Bernice "MiMi" Powell



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**Denise Burns Green** - March 06, 2024 at 09:46 PM

DT

“ Me and my family grew up with this family. Ms Bernice was a kind and sweet to all of us growing up in the neighborhood. I remember when she married Mr. Avery because we were all attended their wedding. My family sends our love, condolences and prayers out to all of you.



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**Deborah Totten** - March 06, 2024 at 10:08 AM

JJ

“ Such a sweet, kind and beautiful woman ! Sending my condolences. Keeping you all in my prayers.

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**Jennell Jackson** - March 06, 2024 at 09:14 AM

AM

“ I'm so sorry to hear that Bernice has passed. I had the opportunity to visit with her last summer. I enjoyed a lot of card playing days with Bernice, Avery, J.D. and Hattie. May the Peace of God be with you all.

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**Anna Marks** - March 05, 2024 at 07:44 PM

RJ

“ *Richard Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bernice "MiMi" Louise Powell*



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**Richard Jackson** - March 05, 2024 at 02:21 PM

KC

“ *Kathy Collins lit a candle in memory of Bernice "MiMi" Powell*



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**Kathy Collins** - March 05, 2024 at 07:48 AM

RF

“ *Rena Webster Horton & Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bernice "MiMi" Louise Powell*



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**Rena Webster Horton & Family** - March 04, 2024 at 07:53 AM

JJ

“ *Judith Jackson lit a candle in memory of Bernice "MiMi" Powell*



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**Judith Jackson** - March 02, 2024 at 05:17 PM

OM

“ *Onnie Macon lit a candle in memory of Bernice "MiMi" Powell*



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**Onnie Macon** - March 01, 2024 at 01:59 PM

JJ

*Mom Powell , was such a kind, loving and encouraging woman. She will truly be missed.*

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**Judith Jackson** - March 02, 2024 at 05:26 PM

CC

“ *What a Sweet Wonderful Woman, Thank you Auntie for being with me every step of my life I will miss you telling me the story about going to the hospital with my mom when I was born (so funny) I could go on for days talking about how much I love you but it's no need, I showed you while you were here and that's what matters, I will say rest well and well done ❤️❤️❤️ I Love your Nephew Corey.*



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**Corey Cornish** - March 01, 2024 at 12:51 PM