



## Ms. Bessie Mae Woods

May 20, 1937 - January 8, 2015

Bessie Mae (Spencer) Woods, 77, of Peoria, IL passed away peacefully at 1:37 PM on Thursday, January 8, 2015 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center. Bessie was born on May 20, 1937 in Lake Village, ARK to Lucille Adams Lucas and Walter Douglas Lucas. Bessie worked as a nurse at the Bartonville State Mental Hospital, later retiring from Methodist Hospital.

Bessie was a lifelong member of Rising Sun Christian Church where she served on the Usher Board. She was a long time member of the United Usher Board. Bessie was also an active member of the Lupus foundation. Bessie truly enjoyed spending time with her family; especially the grandchildren.

Bessie leaves to cherish her most precious memories her children; Broderick "Ricky" (June) Spencer, Sr., Belinda "Lynn" (Ray) Spencer-Little, Walter Spencer and Anthony "Amp" (Crystal) Spencer all of Peoria; three sisters, Johnnie Faye McGee, Linnie (Amos) Gray and Evon Lucas all of Milwaukee, WI; her surviving aunt, Cassadia Shelby; 15 grandchildren; and a host of great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other family and friends; special friends, Ella Washington and Hedy Willis. She is preceded in death by her parents, one brother, Erastus Spencer, one sister, Addie Newton and one aunt, Lillie Ruth Taylor.

Funeral services will be held at 10 AM on Saturday, January 17, 2015 at Rising Sun Christian Church with a visitation one hour prior beginning at 9 AM. Pastor John L. Gibson will officiate. Bessie will be laid to rest at Swan Lake Memory Gardens.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Swan Lake Memory Gardens

4601 W War Memorial Dr.  
Peoria, IL 61615

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 17. 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

JAN 17. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Bessie Mae Woods*



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