



## Ms. Bobby Gail Russell

February 7, 1949 - April 24, 2025

Mrs. Bobby Gail Russell, 76, of Peoria, Ill., passed away quietly on Thursday, April 24, 2025, at the Pearl of Hillside Nursing Home in Hillside, IL.

Bobby was born on February 7, 1949, in Scott, MS to Martha Ree Faulkner and Roosevelt Washington. The family moved to Peoria, IL where Bobby graduated from Manual High School. She married the love of her life, Riley Russell, III on May 8, 1993. He preceded her in death on June 10, 2014.

Bobby had a great work ethic and loved working with children. She worked for the latchkey program in Bartonville, IL. Then later worked at Bradley University; retiring from there after several years. Bobby did not rest after retirement. She opened Southern Valley Thrift Shop along with her sister, Gloria Harris. Bobby loved her family where she was known for her great cooking. She was also known for being a fashionista, wearing her stylish clothes and dressing up. Bobby on occasion enjoyed going to the Peoria Par-A-dice Casino.

Bobby leaves to cherish her precious memories her children, Louis Brown of Woodbury, MN, Bryant Brown and Kimberly "Tootie" Johnson both of Peoria IL and Amy Brown of Springfield, IL; her siblings, Doristine Wallace of Atlanta, GA, Wardell Faulkner and April Woodard both of Peoria IL, Martha Porter and Denise Mosley both of Chicago, IL and Donameche Woodard, Jr., of Dallas

TX; 8 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; two special friends, Kattie Bishop and Mary Jones; one special nephew, Thomas Harris all of Peoria, IL and a host of nieces, other nephews, other relatives and friends who truly loved Bobby. She is preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Gloria Harris, and one brother, Cornell Faulkner.

Funeral services will be held at 11 am on Friday, May 2, 2025, at Cumerford Clary Chapel with a visitation one-hour prior at 10 am. Rev. Cleveland Thomas, Sr., Pastor of New Morning Star M.B. Church, will officiate.

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Cumerford-Clary Funeral Home Chapel  
428 W. McClure Avenue  
Peoria, IL 61604

## Celebration of Life

MAY 2. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Bobby Gail Russell*



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**Simons Mortuary** - May 02, 2025 at 11:39 AM



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Webcast in memory of Ms. Bobby Gail Russell*



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**Simons Mortuary** - May 02, 2025 at 08:02 AM

NN

*I love you Auntie Bobby!! Beautiful services. Kia beautiful words, you spoke and represented Auntie well. Rest well Auntie love Shea*

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**nashea nealy** - May 02, 2025 at 12:38 PM

NN

*Jalyn, Aunt Bobby definitely was smiling while you were singing. Beautiful ❤️*

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**nashea nealy** - May 02, 2025 at 03:39 PM

DO

*I love you Bobby. I have so many memories of being at your house growing up and eating so much good food. You will definitely be missed.*

Donnie - May 02, 2025 at 05:56 PM

DR

“ *Dawn Radford lit a candle in memory of Bobby Russell*



Dawn Radford - May 02, 2025 at 09:40 AM

AM

“ *My momma* 🍷🍷🍷



Amy - May 01, 2025 at 06:58 PM

TS

“ *I will always remember my cousin Bobby infectious laugh! I'll never forget the song she would play called "Hole in the Wall" everytime I visted her. We would laugh and she'd dance in her chair. So much fun and so many memories that'll last forever. I never heard the song before Bobby played it, but today I played "Hole in the Wall" and laughed along for her.*

*- Love you,  
Terry*

Terry sanders - May 01, 2025 at 03:52 PM

WS

“ *With Love, Bradley Kitten Sisters purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Ms. Bobby Gail Russell.*



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**With Love, Bradley Kitten Sisters** - May 01, 2025 at 10:03 AM

KC

“ *Kathy Collins lit a candle in memory of Bobby Russell*



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**Kathy Collins** - April 29, 2025 at 10:37 PM

TS

*I will always remember my cousin infectious laugh but life brings tears,smith's, and memories, the tears dry, the smiles fads, but the memories last forever love always your cousin Terry*

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**Terry sanders** - April 30, 2025 at 07:58 PM

RM

“ *Sorry to hear of Bobby Gail's passing Condolences to you all She always had a smile when I would see her*

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**Rochelle Moore** - April 29, 2025 at 08:43 PM

DB

“ *Dorothea Banks-Burse lit a candle in memory of Bobby Russell*



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**Dorothea Banks-Burse** - April 29, 2025 at 08:37 PM

DW

“ Donna Wilson lit a candle in memory of Bobby Russell



Donna Wilson - April 29, 2025 at 11:03 AM

PG

“ To the family. I am so sorry for your loss. I met Ms Bobby as a young adult while visiting my Auntie Jean (God rest her soul). I remember going to their shop just talking with them passing time. Ms Bobby was always a nice individual to me & hugged me anytime she saw me as I got older. She will definitely be missed.



Pam Gaston - April 29, 2025 at 08:16 AM

MP

“ Mancy Pittman lit a candle in memory of Bobby Russell



Mancy Pittman - April 29, 2025 at 01:45 AM

VG

“ We go way back my friend RIP



Vicky L Gagliardi - April 28, 2025 at 09:46 PM

QJ

“ Aunt Bobby, I surely don't want to see you go, but God knows best. I will forever rock 🎵 More Bounce To The Ounce🎵 and think of you with a smile!! Rest on my chocolate beauty..Rest on🕊️🕊️ Love you always and forever...Tina 😊

Quawanda Jones - April 28, 2025 at 08:25 PM

AU

“ i miss you so much- aunesty

aunesty. - April 28, 2025 at 05:32 PM

EB

“ Emel Buckner lit a candle in memory of Bobby Russell



Emel Buckner - April 28, 2025 at 05:09 PM