



Mr. Booker T. Davis

February 14, 1934 - December 19, 2019

God called his faithful servant, Mr. Booker T. Davis, 85, of Creve Coeur, Illinois from labor to reward at 4:15 PM on Thursday, December 19, 2019 at his home surrounded by his family.

Booker T. Davis was born February 14, 1934 in Greenville, Mississippi to the late Nellie Jones and Bill Davis. Booker was raised by a “village” which included his maternal grandmother, Mary Ashew. He received Jesus Christ as his Personal Savior at an early age while attending church with his grandmother.

Booker was educated in the Peoria public school system and graduated from Manual High School. After graduation, Booker joined the United States Army and was stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

Booker was a good provider and conscientious worker. He was employed as a machinist at Caterpillar for over 30 years until his retirement.

On December 7, 1958, Booker married Sophia L. Thomas at Ward Chapel A.M.E. Booker demonstrated what it meant to be a devoted husband. They were happily married for 45 years until Sophia passed in 2004. They enjoyed traveling throughout the United States and abroad to Paris.

Booker had a zeal for life. He enjoyed fishing, roller skating, bowling and watching baseball. On June 4, 2017, Booker received an award in appreciation of representing Ward Chapel A.M.E. Church and Ushers for nearly thirty years of bowling in the United Usher Board Bowl-a-thon. Booker was an avid Chicago Cubs fan and he was thrilled when they won the World

Series.

One of Booker's prized treasures was his family. He loved his family to no end and would do anything for them. If anyone needed him, he was always there without hesitation. Booker extended kindness, generosity, counseling, guidance and assistance. Booker had an eye for fashion, and you could always count on him to coordinate from head to toe.

Booker was a faithful servant of Ward Chapel A.M.E. for over 60 years. He was a member of the Men's Choir and a Trustee. On June 29, 2014, Booker received a Certificate of Appreciation for his many years of service as a trustee. Booker loved to read the Bible daily and had many favorite scriptures he would highlight.

Booker joined his family who preceded him including: his wife, Sophia L. Davis; two sons, Rickey L. Davis and Paul F. Davis; and grandson, Brandon T. Jackson.

Booker leaves to cherish his memory and carry on his legacy: daughters Kathy A. Davis and Cynthia P. Davis; grandchildren Chanel L. Davis, Katie M. Richardson, Noelle K. Davis (mother, Denise) and Simone E. Davis (mother, LaTrice); seven great-grandchildren; dedicated companion Essie Thomas who helped take care of Booker before her move to Texas; and a host of family and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 10 AM, Saturday, December 28, 2019 at Ward Chapel A.M.E. Church with a visitation beginning at 9 AM. Pastor Adrian L. Johnson will officiate. Booker will be laid to rest at Swan Lake Memory Gardens with full Military Honors. Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at simonsmortuary.com.

Cemetery Details

Swan Lake Memory Gardens

4601 W War Memorial Dr.
Peoria, IL 61615

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 28. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

DEC 28. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Booker T. Davis*



Simons Mortuary - January 10, 2020 at 11:30 AM

MC

Beautiful & Precious Memories

Michelle Claudon - March 07, 2020 at 12:10 PM

CD

Rest in Heaven, Grandpa. 5 years today. Love you and Miss you.

Chanel Davis - December 19, 2025 at 01:59 AM



“ *Mr. Booker T. Davis*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mr. Booker T. Davis*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM

DM

“ Please accept our sincere condolences. Thank you for having us participate in his cardiac care throughout the years. He was always a gentleman to work with. We all will miss him very much. Sincerely. David Best M.D. and staff

David Best M.D. - December 26, 2019 at 12:17 PM

VB

TO THE FAMILY OF BOOKER DAVIS, I SEND MY DEEPEST CONDOLENCES. BOOKER AND THE RICHMOND FAMILY GREW UP ON HOWETT ST. WE ALWAYS LOOKED OUT FOR EACH OTHER. ZEKE AND KATIE DAVIS WERE OUR SCHOOL MATES. BOOKER WAS OLDER BUT HE ALWAYS LOOKED OUT FOR USE. SOFE WAS A BEAUTIFUL LADY WITH A LOT OF CLASS. ME AND MY SISTERS ALWAYS LOVED THE WAS SHE DRESSED AND CARRIED HERSELF. R.I.P BOOKER. VERNELL RICHMOND-BRADSHAW.

vernell bradshaw - December 26, 2019 at 05:59 PM

OT

“ Booker and I grew up together. You could not ask for a better and trusted friend. God will surely take care of him. May God bless his family. Oley Turner

Oley Turner - December 26, 2019 at 11:51 AM

SS

“ Sharon D Savage lit a candle in memory of Mr. Booker T. Davis



Sharon D Savage - December 24, 2019 at 06:31 PM

SS

“ Hey Cindy Poohbear I am deeply sorry for your lost. I love you madly and I'm always here for you. Love always, Tink.



Sharon D Savage - December 24, 2019 at 06:30 PM

JB

“ RIH Mr Booker T Davis.



Joanie Brown - December 24, 2019 at 12:51 AM

JB

“ I'm So Sorry To Hear Of Mr. Booker T. Davis Passing. He was Such A Wonderful Person. I Can Remember Him And Mrs Sophie Coming To Walmart In East Peoria And How We Admired How They Dressed. We Called Them Our Favorite Fashion Designer Dressed Couple. He Always Asked Me About My Pastor John Gibson His Bowling Buddy. I Would Always Notice That When United Usher Board Sunday Service Was At Rising Sun He Would Always Be There. He's Going To Missed By Us All. Mr Booker Davis May You Rest In The Arms Of Jesus Where There's No More Pain Nor Sorrow Only Glad Tomorrow's. 4Ever AMEN My Thoughts And Prayers For The Family For God Shall Wipe Away All Your Tears And Lift All Your Eyes To The Hills Which Cometh Your Help. For Is For Real. 💕💕💕

Joanie Brown - December 24, 2019 at 12:46 AM

GC

“ *Condolences to the family of Booker Davis and Essie Thomas. He was an active and faithful worker at Ward Chapel AME Church.*

Gloria and Cleo Carter - December 23, 2019 at 09:20 PM

DS

“ *We are praying for strength and comfort for the Davis family. We knew Mr Davis to be very nice gentleman. We love you! The Stinson's*

Debra Stinson - December 23, 2019 at 09:06 PM

AC

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Davis Family.
From the Crooks Family.*



Anita Crooks - December 22, 2019 at 07:38 PM

EC

“ *So sorry to hear of Booker's passing. Have known him for years & remember him being a smooth skater in our younger years. To the family keep your hand in God's hand. Rest on my brother in Christ*



evelyn tate clayton - December 21, 2019 at 09:39 PM