



## Mrs. Carol Kathleen Williams

February 19, 1950 - April 28, 2025

Mrs. Carol Kathleen Williams, 75, of Peoria, IL, transitioned to her heavenly home at 4:18 pm on Monday, April 28, 2025 at the OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home surrounded by her family.

Carol was born in Mexico, Missouri on February 19, 1950. She was the eighth of 14 children born to Beatrice (Lue) and Herbert F. Jackson, Sr.

Carol graduated from Mexico High School in 1968. While in high school, she volunteered as a “Candy Striper” at the local hospital. She later attended Kidwell's School of Hairdressing and acquired her Cosmetology license in Columbia, MO in 1969. She married the love of her life, Raymond Edward Williams, Jr. on May 24, 1969 in Mexico, MO.

She worked as a Member Service Representative at CEFCU for nearly 30 years before retiring in 2007. She was a devoted member of Zion Baptist Church for almost 40 years, where she faithfully served as an Usher. Carol also served on the Board of Directors for the Bradley University Parents' Association. She was an active member of the Tri-County Peoria Urban League TSTM Parents' Group and following her retirement, volunteered with the Red Cross.

Carol never met a stranger. She had a warm, quiet, and nurturing spirit. She

was a seamstress and made several outfits and costumes over the years for her family. She also enjoyed playing the piano. She adored her grandchildren and loved doting on them. She enjoyed shopping and could find you a good deal on whatever you were looking for.

Carol leaves to cherish her loving memories, her beloved husband of 56 years, Raymond Edward Williams, Jr.; two daughters, Angela Williams and Asha Williams both of Peoria, IL; two brothers, Lowell (Jaye) Jackson of Mexico, MO and Ivan (Eula) Jackson of Cordova, TN; six sisters, Elaine (Larry) Bell, Jaclyn (Richard) White, Alice Jackson, Bobbette Jackson and Rita Jackson all of Mexico, MO and Maria Jackson of Columbia, MO; five grandchildren, Alexis Carter, Lauren Whisker, Daniel Whisker, Mariah Carter, and Angel Carter, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and her Zion Baptist Church Family. Carol was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Tereatha Richardson, four brothers, Herbert Jackson, Jr., Larry Jackson, Gary Jackson, and Arthur Jackson.

Funeral services will be held at 1 pm on Friday, May 9, 2025, at Zion Baptist Church with a visitation one hour prior at 12 noon. Pastor Samuel Duren will officiate. Carol 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

MAY 9. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Zion Baptist Church  
323 W.Martin Luther King Drive  
Peoria, IL 61605

## Funeral Service

MAY 9. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Zion Baptist Church  
323 W.Martin Luther King Drive  
Peoria, IL 61605

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Webcast in memory of Mrs. Carol Kathleen Williams*



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**Simons Mortuary** - May 09, 2025 at 01:03 PM



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Carol Kathleen Williams*



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**Simons Mortuary** - May 08, 2025 at 04:16 PM



“ *To Carols family, I am so saddened to learn of the passing of Carol, I was just informed today, I walked at the mall for many years and got to know Carol as we sometimes walked together (if I could keep up with her) she was a beautiful person inside and out ! My prayers are with you all ! 🙏 Anne Lucas*

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**anne lucas** - May 09, 2025 at 02:53 PM

KK

“ Kristen, Nathan and Kaylisa purchased the Full O  
f Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Carol  
Kathleen Williams.



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**Kristen, Nathan and Kaylisa** - May 08, 2025 at 10:26 PM

PA

“ Dear Raymond Jr. and Family –  
Sending love, sympathy, and prayers from your Ralph Family  
cousins in Missouri and Maryland. May God ease the pain of loss  
and fill your hearts with happy memories of your dear wife, mother,  
sister and grandmother Carol Kathleen. Thinking of you across the  
miles.

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**Paula** - May 07, 2025 at 08:09 PM

PA

“ Dear Raymond Jr. and Family –  
Sending our love, prayers, and condolences.  
May God ease the pain of loss and fill your  
hearts with many happy memories of your  
dear wife, mother, sister and grandmother  
Carol Kathleen. Thinking of you across the miles. -- your Ralph  
Family cousins.



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**Paula** - May 07, 2025 at 08:06 PM

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“ My condolences to the family Carol was such a beautiful person  
inside and out she always had a kind word for you.

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**Carolyn Reynolds** - May 06, 2025 at 03:07 PM

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“ Love Kenzie, Deon, Aidan and Karter (KD) purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mrs. Carol Kathleen Williams.



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**Love Kenzie, Deon, Aidan and Karter (KD)** - May 06, 2025 at 12:34 PM

JC

“ Condolences to the family. Jerry and Sarah Crayton

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**Jerry Crayton** - May 05, 2025 at 12:08 PM

BA

*Carol I met when I was a member at CEFCU very beautiful woman. You all have my deepest sympathy RIH Carol*

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**Brenda Albert** - May 07, 2025 at 11:12 AM

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*Sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Mrs. Williams.*

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**Tina Saddler** - May 07, 2025 at 04:26 PM

BP

“ Beatrice Porter lit a candle in memory of Carol Williams



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**Beatrice Porter** - May 02, 2025 at 04:34 PM

KC

“ *Kathy Collins lit a candle in memory of Carol Williams*



Kathy Collins - May 01, 2025 at 04:12 PM

DG

“ *Denise Green lit a candle in memory of Carol Williams*



Denise Green - May 01, 2025 at 03:19 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mrs. Carol Kathleen Williams.*



May 01, 2025 at 02:40 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Carol Kathleen Williams.*

May 01, 2025 at 02:40 PM

DP

“ *Sending condolences from the Pegues family.*

Darryl Pegues - April 30, 2025 at 06:31 PM

PM

“ *Percy and Onnie Macon lit a candle in  
memory of Carol Williams* ”



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**Percy and Onnie Macon** - April 30, 2025 at 06:21 PM