



## Ms. Cassandra Dee Powell

November 25, 1951 - March 6, 2026

Ms. Cassandra Dee Powell, 74, of Peoria IL, transitioned at 1:29 am on Friday, March 6, 2026, Carle Health Methodist Hospital surrounded by loved ones.

Cassandra was born November 25, 1951, in Indianapolis Indiana to Billie Elliot and Charles Whiteside.

Cassandra was very active in her community. Her community involvement included PCCEO board chairperson, Peoria area Cultural Coalition, AZIZI Peer director, Co-founder of Rainbow Youth Outreach, and many more. Cassandra worked as a Senior outreach worker/program facilitator at G. W. Carver Center. She worked as an assistant director in health services at Planned Parenthood for 11 years. She also worked at the YWCA as an interim director for several years.

Cassandra leaves behind an abundance of loved ones, one son, Quentin Powell of Peoria, IL; two sisters, Stacie Gaines of Rosemont, MN and Regina Walker of Peoria, IL; four brothers, Barry Comer, Troy Martin and Wayne Martin all of Peoria, IL and Sidney Paskins of Arizona; four grandchildren, Breonna Powell, Samuel Powell, Jacoby Powell and Isaiah Powell; five great grandchildren, Samiyah Powell, Ameir Powell, Zyanna Knox, Farrah Knox and Gary Jacobs all of Peoria, IL and a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces and

great nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents; stepfather, Gilbert Comer, Jr.; her beloved son, Samuel Powell; two brothers, Jessie Smith and Gary Smith and her sister Billie "Cookie" Jefferson.

Cassandra was known for her love of nature, especially butterflies and her beautiful plants she nurtured with great care. She lived a life full of kindness and dedication to her family and community. She will be truly missed by many.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 28, 2026, at New Cornerstone Baptist Church, with a gathering one half-hour prior at 10:30 a.m. Rev. Dr. Mark McConnell, Pastor will officiate.

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

# Previous Events

## Gathering

MAR 28. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

New Cornerstone Baptist Church  
3609 West Harmon Highway  
Peoria, IL 61604

## Memorial Service

MAR 28. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

New Cornerstone Baptist Church  
3609 West Harmon Highway  
Peoria, IL 61604

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Cassandra Dee Powell*



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**Simons Mortuary** - March 27 at 05:40 PM

RB

*Sending my deepest condolences and prayers*

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**Rhonda Brown** - Yesterday at 11:18 AM

LH

“ *Linda Hardy lit a candle in memory of Cassandra Powell*



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**Linda Hardy** - March 29 at 09:46 PM

DG

“ *Denise Green lit a candle in memory of Cassandra Powell*



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**Denise Green** - March 28 at 07:30 PM

PJ

“ Ms Cassandra was the best warrior friend anyone could have. An encouraging, faith filled woman with deep caring for everyone, even if she didn't agree with you. She taught me so much about faith in action, fierce determination to serve, and to embrace life fully with love and laughter. Peace and joy to you, friend! My condolences to her family and other friends. She will be sorely missed but we know she will always be with us and watching over us!



Peggy Jacques

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**Peggy Jacques** - March 27 at 05:22 PM

RI

“ Rev. Linda Butler, Pray for the Cure, In purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Ms. Cassandra Dee Powell.



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**Rev. Linda Butler, Pray for the Cure, In** - March 26 at 12:07 PM

DH

“ Danita Hilliard from Indianapolis, Indiana Lit a candle for Cassandra Powell



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**Danita Hilliard** - March 22 at 06:08 PM

WN

“ *WILLIE & DEBRA NEWMAN lit a candle in memory of Cassandra Powell*



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**WILLIE & DEBRA NEWMAN** - March 21 at 09:04 AM

MS

“ *Mamie Smith lit a candle in memory of Cassandra Powell*



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**Mamie Smith** - March 16 at 02:42 AM

LB

“ *On behalf of the Pray for the Cure Board of Directors and the Peoria, Bloomington and Springfield Committees, we are deeply sadden by the passing of Cassandra. She was a faithful member of the Peoria committee. She was instrumental in community financial support and participating at the annual event. We reference the Bible scripture in saying "Well done faithful servant." Respectfully submitted by Rev. Linda Butler, President of Pray for the Cure, Inc.*

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**Linda J Butler** - March 12 at 12:47 PM

DP

“ My big sister, Cassandra! You will be truly missed. Cassandra has always referred to me as her little brother. I don't think she has ever called me Darryl. Cassandra & I have always stayed in contact with one another. I love you Cassandra & will miss you. As you always have told me, Baby, I'm tired! With that being said, " get your rest!" Love you forever!!

Darryl Pegues - March 12 at 10:55 AM

VI

Cassandra, such a sweet heart, and a beautiful spirit, will certainly miss you. 🕯

Virsie Ingram - March 17 at 04:03 PM

WN

I have known Cassandra for over 40 years. She was a person who had a lot of compassion for people and willing to help people at all times. NOT ONLY as a friend but as a supervisor and/or employer, she has help many of peoples find job placements or to suggest where to find jobs in the community. Take your rest MY SISTER, God has set you free from your earthly labors.

WILLIE & DEBRA NEWMAN - March 21 at 09:16 AM

IG

“ Love and miss you, Mama S. Thank you for everything you ever gave for us, especially to our son. Things won't be the same now but we know you are watching over all of us.

Iggy - March 12 at 08:54 AM



“ Cassandra and I go way back to my PHA days when she helped me with my FSS program and continued to be a mentor to me learning about community. She was always resourceful and good listener. We both liked butterflies as our logo 🦋 I will miss my friend and mentor. Rest in Heaven 🦋🦋



Michelle Sanders - March 12 at 05:59 AM

KC

“ Kathy Collins lit a candle in memory of Cassaundra Powell



Kathy Collins - March 11 at 09:45 PM

RJ

“ She was one the strongest black woman/ mother figures on had the pleasure of knowing. Now you can rest with your baby Sam.

Rose Joiner - March 11 at 04:54 PM

DW

“ Always a good friend who hugged you no matter how many times she saw you. From the hill top and peoria high always a good friend as we walked the streets of the neighborhood. You are surely going to be missed. RIH Cassandra your wings spread wide. You deserve them.



Donna Wilson - March 11 at 01:55 PM

VT

*My condolences to the family. Such a wonderful, kind and caring person. Rest in Peace dear friend.*

**Val Timmes** - March 12 at 01:48 AM

TW

“ *Sister . I'll miss your strong hugs and smiles after church services during the years . But one day soon we'll see each other again . What a great day it will be !*



**Theresa Walker** - March 11 at 12:53 PM

KA

“ *Karen Ashby sent a virtual gift in memory of Cassandra Powell*




**Karen Ashby** - March 11 at 12:56 AM

RJ

“ *She was a wonderful friend especially years back. I miss her laughter, no nonsense, love and truth. REST WELL~RPJr*


**Richard Pryor Jr** - March 10 at 04:29 PM

 Robin O'Brien

“ *Robin O'Brien lit a candle in memory of Cassandra Powell*



**Robin O'Brien** - March 10 at 04:16 PM

 Robin  
O'Brien

“ *The love of my life. I will miss you forever. 46 years together*

Robin O'Brien - March 10 at 04:15 PM

CG

“ *She was truly an amazing woman and will definitely be missed.  
Min. Carmen K Grayson*

Carmen K Grayson - March 10 at 03:07 PM

NH

“ *I will never forget this lady she use to drive the Caps van for pregnant teens and ever morning she came and got me and my son took us and other young women to the daycare to drop their kids off and to school and she was just as happy and excited to do it she will truly be missed* 🙏🙏



Nicole Horton - March 10 at 03:01 PM

DH

*Danita Hilliard from Indianapolis, Indiana. Cassaundra and I met when I was 10 yrs. old when she would spend the Summers with her Aunt and Uncle in Indianapolis. I am now 70 yrs. old. As our friendship blossomed over the years, we became family and loved each other as cousins. My heart is broken 💔 over her sudden unexpected death. I thank God for her friend Analiesa, whom I do not know, who contacted me through a text message informing about Cassaundra's demise and her funeral services. God really works in mysterious ways! I thank you so very much! I know Cassaundra is in a better place with our Lord; free from pain and worry. She is gone in the physical realm, but she will never be forgotten!* 🙏🙏🙏

Danita Hilliard - March 22 at 06:02 PM

RA

“ *Renee Adell lit a candle in memory of  
Cassandra Powell* ”



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**Renee Adell** - March 10 at 01:34 PM