



## Deaconess Clara (Summers) Buckner

August 12, 1925 - November 23, 2014

Deaconess Clara Buckner, 89, of Peoria, IL passed away peacefully at 4:10 PM on Sunday, November 23, 2014 at Rosewood Care Center in East Peoria, Illinois.

Clara was born on August 12, 1925 in Terry, MS to Johnnie and Dessie (Williams) Summers. She married Lushion D. Buckner. He preceded her in death on September 25, 2004 after over 56 years of marriage.

Clara was raised in Terry, MS. She accepted Christ and was baptized at an early age. Clara had an outstanding work ethic. She worked at night at the Commercial Bank and in the lunch room of Lincoln School in Peoria, Illinois. She also worked at Hiram Walker after leaving Commercial Bank and retired from J.C. Penny after many years of working in the stockroom.

Clara served as a Deaconess at Mt. Zion for many years and was a lifelong member of Mt. Zion. She loved spending time with her family and cooking was one of her past times. She was proud of her four daughters and her grandchildren as the family grew.

Clara leaves to cherish her most precious memories her loving daughters; Cindy (Ricky, Sr) Johnson, Sandy Evans, Karen Scott and Cecilia "CC" Buckner all of Peoria; nine grandchildren, Ricky Johnson, Jr, Sheila Johnson, Tracey Evans, Desmond Evans, Billy Scott, Marcus Scott, Rico Scott, LaToya Murrey and Evan Buckner all of Peoria; 12 great grandchildren; nieces, nephews cousins and a host of other relatives and friends. She is also preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Frank Summers, Albert Summers and George Summitt, five sisters, Mandy Funchess, Johnnie Willie Bartley, Ruth Foster, Louise Purham, Marie Windom and one infant son.

Mom, Grandma, Great-grandma and Aunt Clara... we love you and you will truly be missed!

Funeral services will be held at 10 am on Saturday, November 29, 2014 at Mt. Zion with a visitation held one hour prior at 9 am. Pastor Alphonso Lyons, Jr., will officiate. Clara will be laid to rest at Parkview Cemetery. Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [simonsmortuary.com](http://simonsmortuary.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Parkview Cemetery

2001 N University St  
Peoria, IL 61604  
(309) 688-0733

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 29. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church  
305 S. MADISON PARK TERRACE  
Peoria, IL 61605  
(309) 674-4379

## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Deaconess Clara (Summers) Buckner*



**Simons Mortuary** - November 28, 2014 at 04:08 PM

EJ

*To the family I grew up with and played with almost everyday til the street lights came on or Mrs Buckner called out for you all to come inside. You mom was blessed with a long jevity and lived her life to the fullest. She loved the Lord and she loved her family. This was a very beautiful video in her honor and may God bless you all.*

**Earlene Jenkins** - November 30, 2014 at 09:30 PM



“ *Deaconess Clara (Summers) Buckner*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Deaconess Clara (Summers) Buckner*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM

KA

“ *Dearest CC, Evan, and the Buckner Family,*

*My deepest condolences to you and your family on the loss of your beautiful mother. She was my mother while I lived in Peoria and I will cherish her memory forever!!! I love you like a sister, Rodney, Kathy, and Camille Williams*

**Kathy** - November 29, 2014 at 05:02 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Deaconess Clara (Summers) Buckner.*



November 28, 2014 at 10:38 AM

ES

“ *May God provide you all with comfort during this time of bereavement. We are truly going to miss Aunt Clara and her sweet spirit and gentle smile.*

*We love you all!*

*John and Ebony*

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**Ebony Smettler** - November 28, 2014 at 09:45 AM

AE

“ *Praying for the family know God will be there at all times for comfort, question, and love. Love y'all much Antinobe Evans*

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**Antinobe Evans** - November 27, 2014 at 08:11 AM

JH

“ *Sheila and Ricky my prayers are with you and your family. Thank you for all the priceless moments you allowed me to share with your granny. May she rest in peace.*

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**Jacklyn Hatchett** - November 26, 2014 at 08:23 PM



“ *11 files added to the album New Album Name*



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**Cynthia Johnson** - November 26, 2014 at 09:09 AM

EB

“ *Emel Buckner lit a candle in memory of Deaconess Clara (Summers) Buckner*



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**Emel Buckner** - November 25, 2014 at 08:45 PM

MA

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all. CC, my sister friend, may God grant you, your sisters and the entire family a peace that supasses all understanding. I will fondly remember your mother a lovely and gracious lady who always made me feel welcomed (and fed me too) whenever I was in her home. Love, Mary Boyd*

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**Mary** - November 25, 2014 at 06:20 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Deaconess Clara (Summers) Buckner.*



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November 25, 2014 at 03:08 PM