



Mrs. Clara Pauline Harris

July 9, 1947 - October 31, 2023

Mrs. Clara Pauline Harris, 76, of Peoria, IL, transitioned to her heavenly home at 9:41 pm on October 31, 2023 at her residence.

Clara was born on July 9, 1947 in Columbia, MO to John and Amanda (Williams) Hayes. She married the love of her life, James Harris, Sr. in 1964 in Marshall, MO.

Clara worked as the head house keeper at the Holiday Inn – Brandywine, retiring in 1996. She also worked at CVS, retiring after 10 years. Clara was a member of the TNBA Bowler Mixer League. She was a member of the Women’s Ministry, Help a Sister Stand Ministry. Clara was a great mother; the glue of the family and the neighborhood cook for all holidays. She was a member Galena Park Baptist Church for over 20 years and served as an usher.

Clara leaves to cherish her precious memory her loving and devoted husband of 59 years, James Harris, Sr.; two sons, James (Danielle) Harris, Jr. and Woody (Agnes) Crooks; one daughter, Pauline (Michael Hunter) Harris all of Peoria, IL; one brother, William (Cornelia) Hayes of Columbia, MO; one sister, Evelyn Lee of Columbia, MO; 2 grandchildren, Michael Hunter and Kaleb Hunter both of Peoria, IL; surviving in-laws, Celestine Hayes and Walter (Sharon) Lewis both of Columbia, MO, Vonnia Hayes of Las Vegas, NV, Carol

Lewis of Oakland CA, Deatta Johnson of Hayward, CA, Sue Lewis of Houston, TX, Tonya Veneable, Devear (Barbara) Lewis, Ronald "Bug" Lewis all of Peoria, IL and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends who loved her. She is also preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Clarence Hayes, Carl "Jack" Hayes and Raymond Hayes; four sisters, Julie Carol Hayes, Jewell Bentley, Margaret Kay Hayes and Phyllis Williams.

Funeral services will be held at 10 am on Saturday, November 11, 2023 at Galena Park Baptist Church, 5831 N. Galena Rd., Peoria, Heights, IL with a visitation a one-hour prior at 9 am. Pastor Larry Johnson will officiate. Clara will be laid to rest at Lutheran Cemetery.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at SimonsMortuary.com.

Cemetery Details

Lutheran Cemetery

914 S Pleasant St
Peoria, IL 61604-5954

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 11. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Galena Park Baptist Church
5831 N. Galena Rd.
Peoria Heights, IL 61616

Funeral Service

NOV 11. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Galena Park Baptist Church
5831 N. Galena Rd.
Peoria Heights, IL 61616

Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Clara Pauline Harris*



Simons Mortuary - November 13, 2023 at 12:36 PM



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Clara Pauline Harris*



Simons Mortuary - November 10, 2023 at 01:04 PM

LH

Pauline was like a sister to me she will be be truly missed

Linda Harris - November 11, 2023 at 02:11 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Burial at Lutheran Cemetery*



Simons Mortuary - November 13, 2023 at 12:36 PM



“ *You will be truly missed*
Alvin, Sandra Sheard and Family

Alvin Sheard - November 12, 2023 at 04:35 PM



“ *Really going to miss you.*
Alvin and Sandra Sheard

Alvin Sheard - November 11, 2023 at 08:27 PM



“ *Linda Harris lit a candle in memory of Clara Harris*



Linda Harris - November 11, 2023 at 11:42 AM



“ *Gloria Jean and Raze Johnson lit a candle in memory of Clara Pauline Harris. RIH dear cousin.*

Gloria Johnson - November 11, 2023 at 10:18 AM

JB

“ RIH GBNF Clara Pauline Harris ❤️ Family So Sorry For Your Loss Sending My Thoughts And Prayers. Pauline Was My Bowling Friend, I Always Waited To See Her On The 1st Of The Month To Pay Her Bills For Her At The Money Center. I Was Stung To See Her Passing I Had Just Saw Her. I Will Miss My Friend. May She Rest In Jesus Arms 4EVER 💔🕊️🌹

Joanie Brown - November 10, 2023 at 03:48 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Clara Pauline Harris.



November 09, 2023 at 08:05 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Clara Pauline Harris.



November 09, 2023 at 12:06 PM

AI

“ Annette Irby lit a candle in memory of Clara Harris



Annette Irby - November 08, 2023 at 06:47 PM

C(

“ *My condolences to the family.*



Cheryll Gordon (Lamon) - November 08, 2023 at 11:50 AM

RF

“ *Rena Horton & Family lit a candle in memory of Clara Harris*



Rena Webster Horton & Family - November 08, 2023 at 09:58 AM

LA

“ *Linda Hardy Avondale Arizona send my condolence and prayers to the family of Mrs Clara Pauline Harris.*



Linda Hardy Avondale Arizona - November 06, 2023 at 07:37 PM

AB

“ *Alicia Bryant lit a candle in memory of Clara Harris*



Alicia Bryant - November 06, 2023 at 04:28 PM

KW

“ *Karen Williams lit a candle in memory of Clara Harris*



Karen (Kay) Williams - November 06, 2023 at 09:26 AM

CF

“ *Cornish Family lit a candle in memory of Clara Harris*



Cornish Family - November 05, 2023 at 11:19 PM

TF

“ *The Family lit a candle in memory of Clara Harris*



The Cornish Family - November 05, 2023 at 11:18 PM

RH

“ *My Condolences to the Harris Family. I am deeply saddened by this news. I know hunter and his wife and Mary. I may even know others in the family. Clara was wonderful woman and loved to see people happy. Let not your heart be troubled, believe in God, for in my Father's House are many mansion. God bless my family and give peace. Rev. Gloria Pate-Hayes*

Rev. Gloria Hayes - November 05, 2023 at 08:21 PM

TF

“ *The Family lit a candle in memory of Clara Harris*



The Cornish Family - November 05, 2023 at 07:50 AM

VW

So sorry for your loss, Velma Walton

Velma Walton - November 07, 2023 at 11:53 AM

VW

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Velma Walton - November 07, 2023 at 11:53 AM

WH

“ *William Hayes lit a candle in memory of Clara Harris*



William Hayes - November 04, 2023 at 10:25 PM

HF

“ *Hayes Family lit a candle in memory of Clara Harris*



Hayes Family - November 04, 2023 at 09:18 PM

MW

“ *Pauline, My heartfelt prayers and condolences to you and your whole family with the loss of your mother! I pray God wraps his arms around you and comforts you, as you navigate the loss of your dear loved one! God bless you! Mary Sue Waite*



Mary S WAITE - November 04, 2023 at 11:02 AM