



Ms. Clara T. Reedy

May 30, 1948 - July 18, 2018

Ms. Clara T. Reedy, 70, of Peoria, IL passed away peacefully at 5:30 AM on Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center.

Clara was born on May 30, 1948 in Greenwood, Mississippi to Marie Reedy and James Applin. She moved to Peoria, IL in 1964 and was raised by her aunt, Lizzie Randle.

Clara received her early education in Greenwood, Mississippi and Manuel High School in Peoria, Illinois, graduating in 1968. Clara attended Illinois Central College and graduated with an Associate's Degree in Child Development in May 1980. She was employed at St. Patrick's Childcare Center as a Preschool Teacher from 1980-1994.

Clara joined the staff of the Tri-County Urban League's Parent-Child Education Center on August 22, 1994 as a Teacher. Over the years, Clara was versatile and worked in all three classrooms, teaching Infants, Toddlers and Preschool children. She has provided intensive, comprehensive, integrated support to children ages six weeks to five years of age, to enhance their intellectual, social, emotional and physical development. Clara was an excellent, caring teacher and provided needed supportive services to parents and other family members to enhance their economic and social self-sufficiency. She has provided instruction in Reading, Math, Language Development, Large and Small Motor Skills, Creative Development, Health and Nutrition, Physical Development, Social Skills and Safety.

Clara also held certifications in First Aid, the Food Service Sanitation Manager

and Handler certifications, CPR and she was a 6 Sigma Yellow Belt. She also completed numerous training workshops, classes and seminars through Childcare Connection, Preschool for All, Illinois Department of Children and Family Services and Gateway.

Clara provided a strong educational foundation for numerous children over the years. Without her strong dedication to preschool education, many young people would not have entered kindergarten at grade level, ready to learn. She was a dedicated teacher who served as strong mentor to her co-workers and will be dearly missed by the Urban League Parent-Child Education Center family.

Clara leaves to cherish her most precious memories two loving and devoted children, Gaithan Reedy, Sr., of Peoria and Alisha Reedy of Hoschton, GA; four grandchildren, Stetson, Karla, Gaithan, Jr., and A'staja; two great grandchildren, DJ Martin and Isaiah Martin; a half-sister, Rosie Davis and two nieces, a nephew and, a host of cousins, other family and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, Earline and Ola Mae Hudson and her aunt, Lizzie Randle.

Clara was a faithful member of Ward Chapel A.M.E. Church where she served on the Usher Board and the Fannie J. Coppin Women's Missionary Society. Funeral services will be held at 11 am on Monday, July 30, 2018 at Ward Chapel A.M.E Church with a visitation beginning at 10 am. Assistant Pastor Arthur S. Williams, Sr., will officiate and bring the eulogy. Clara will be laid to rest at Parkview Cemetery.

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

Cemetery Details

Parkview Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

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

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

Funeral Service

JUL 30. 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Clara T. Reedy*



Simons Mortuary - August 01, 2018 at 11:36 AM

AT

*I miss you sm granny , I wish we had more time together. - Staja may .
I wish u was here, I can't even remember your voice mann 😞
Ur son misses you sm
Gone , but never forgotten
Oh God I miss your pretty face 😞
I graduated middle school this year wish u could be there
Come back please
I love you sm know that*

Astaja tiara - August 21, 2024 at 03:40 AM

GR

Love you mom Clara T

Gaithan Reedy - May 29, 2025 at 07:20 PM

GR

There will be another Queen like you I love you mother

Gaithan Reedy - May 29, 2025 at 07:47 PM

AT

Miss you thinking about you everyday

astaja tiara - June 07 at 02:12 AM



“ *Ms. Clara T. Reedy*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Ms. Clara T. Reedy*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *Trinetta Jordan sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Clara T. Reedy*



Trinetta Jordan - November 19, 2018 at 04:44 AM



“ *Oh I miss you Ms Reedy today is your son birthday and it's very hard on him he miss you so MUCH he can't say your name without crying. Please continue to watch over us ALL we truly love you*

Trinetta Jordan - November 19, 2018 at 04:38 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Trinetta Jordan - November 19, 2018 at 03:46 AM

TJ

“ *Trinetta Jordan lit a candle in memory of Ms. Clara T. Reedy*



Trinetta Jordan - November 19, 2018 at 03:43 AM

BI

“ *My condolences to the family of Ms Clara T. Reedy. May God be with you all in your time of need. May Ms Clara T. Reedy RIP 🕊️*



Brenda J Idreez - August 09, 2018 at 05:56 PM

JE

“ *Jennifer lit a candle in memory of Ms. Clara T. Reedy*



Jennifer - July 30, 2018 at 10:52 AM



“ *Evelyn Tate-Clayton sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Clara T. Reedy*



Evelyn Tate-Clayton - July 28, 2018 at 08:38 PM

PJ

“ I'm going to miss my best friend there will be no more Clara walking by my side as we go to our many different events, the fish fry, the Soul Fest and many many more. She was a friend to the end. I love her and I will miss her. Clara may you rest in peace.

Pam Johnson - July 27, 2018 at 09:56 PM

CT

“ Prayers, condolences, hugs and love go out to Gaithan, Alisha, and the rest of the family. Ms. Clara was a remarkable woman, she taught my sons a St. Patrick Day Care and I also worked with her at the TCUL. She always had a kind word to say and a smile to greet you no matter how her/your day was going. She was a blessing to many children and their families. The world missed a real teacher and a special person that never met, and those who has met her will truly miss her. Rest on Angel, I know God has told you job well done.



Camille Thomas-Harris - July 27, 2018 at 10:39 AM

GC

“ My condolence to the family of Clara Reedy. I knew Clara best as a dedicated worker at Ward Chapel AME Church. When our Wilberforce Club had a program Clara would show up to help. She came many early mornings to serve in the Saturday Breakfast Ministry and as a backup as a Certified Food Handler. She will truly be missed as someone you could count on to assist where needed.

Gloria Carter - July 27, 2018 at 08:51 AM

TW

“ *Theresa Walker lit a candle in memory of Ms. Clara T. Reedy*



Theresa Walker - July 26, 2018 at 10:03 PM

JH

“ *Gaithan and Alisha,
Please accept our deepest sympathy in the loss of your mother,
Clara T. Reedy. We pray that God will give you comfort, hope and
assurance that His presence is with you always.
You are in are thoughts and prays,
The Holmes Family (Jean, Krista, Kim & Niya)
Chicago, IL*

Jean Holmes - July 26, 2018 at 08:07 PM