



Mr. Cleveland "Smokey" Williams

July 24, 1945 - August 26, 2014

Cleveland Williams, 69, of Peoria, IL passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family at 12:05 PM on Tuesday, August 26, 2014.

Cleveland was born on July 24, 1945 in Cruger, MS to Edna (Woods) Rias.

Cleveland married Bernice Taylor on June 14, 1982 in Peoria. Cleveland leaves to cherish his most precious memories his loving wife of 32 years, Bernice Williams of Peoria; three daughters, Annette (Willie) Coleman, III and Felicia (James) Alexander both of Peoria and Cynthia (JC) Scott of Florida; one brother Earnest "Bobby" (Jessie) Rias of Goshen, IN; two sisters, Arnita "Joyce" Rias and Martha (James) Smith both of Peoria; six grandchildren; a special niece, Wanda Hunt; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Cleveland is preceded in death by his parents and one brother, James Authur Williams.

Cleveland loved his family. He enjoyed sports and his favorite music, the blues.

Funeral services will be held at 11 AM on Tuesday, September 2, 2014 at Church of the Living God Temple 130 with a visitation one hour prior beginning at 10 AM. Vice Chief Bishop Leroy Smith and Rev. Deveraux Hubbard, Pastor of St. Paul Baptist Church, will officiate. Cleveland 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

SEP 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Church of the Living God
2815 W LAKE AVE
Peoria, IL 61615
(309) 688-6463
bishopsmith@ctlgcwff.org

Funeral Service

SEP 2. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Cleveland "Smokey" Williams*



Simons Mortuary - August 29, 2014 at 04:22 PM



“ *Mr. Cleveland "Smokey" Williams*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mr. Cleveland "Smokey" Williams*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *Sending my condolence to the Williams entire family. Praying God will be your comforter in a time of this. Cynthia Aunt Lois love you. I am here for you. Be bless*

delores dodd-miller - September 04, 2014 at 11:07 PM

MH

“ *The Hoskins family would like to remember Mr. Smokey's family during this very difficult time. Bernice, we pray for peace and comfort as you and the family journey through the grieving process. Blessings and much love.*

Mable, Linda & Haleigh

Mable, Linda & Haleigh Hoskins - September 02, 2014 at 02:39 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mr. Cleveland "Smokey" Williams.*



August 30, 2014 at 10:57 PM

BA

“ *Bobby, Jessie, Brant and Abby. purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Mr. Cleveland "Smokey" Williams.*



Bobby, Jessie, Brant and Abby. - August 29, 2014 at 12:03 PM

CH

“ *Last time we saw Smokey he came to Des Moines with Debbie & Willie. He made us all laugh with the story of their near pile up in IA City. Smokey & Willie were calm through the ordeal and Debbie & Bonnie were bracing for the worst. A truly nice man and story teller. Will be truly missed. Rick & Connie*

Connie Huff - August 28, 2014 at 06:30 PM

SP

“ *Stephanie Poignant lit a candle in memory of Mr. Cleveland "Smokey" Williams*



Stephanie Poignant - August 28, 2014 at 01:22 PM

WS

“ *Willie & Josie Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mr. Cleveland "Smokey" Williams*



Willie & Josie Sanders - August 27, 2014 at 11:12 PM