



Mr. David Gaston Sr.

August 1, 1946 - January 19, 2026

Reverend David Gaston, Sr., age 79, of Peoria, IL, passed away at 6:50 pm on Monday, January 19, 2026 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center.

David was born on August 1, 1946 in Hayti, MO to SD Gaston and Annie Mae (Lawson) Gaston. He married Velma Jean Sanders, on April 16, 1964 and was married 47 years when she passed on October 31, 2011. To that union five children were born. He later remarried Coless Rene' Williams on October 16, 2012 for 12 years until her passing on October 30, 2024.

David worked at Peoria Disposal Company as an Environmental Manager for 25 years, retiring in 2010. He was a graduate of Hamilton High School in Memphis, TN. David was a member of Calvary Full Gospel Church where he served as a minister. He later attended Zion Baptist Church. He was the lead singer with the gospel group, Majestic Sons of Zion (formerly Twilight Spiritual Singers).

David leaves to cherish his most precious memory one son, David (Kimberly) Gaston, Jr. of Cape Coral, FL; four daughters, Candace (Vincent) Neal, Angela (Anthony Richmond) Gaston and Dina Gaston all of Peoria, IL and Sherrae Gaston of Springfield, IL; two sisters, Margie Abstone and Ida Townsend both of Indianapolis, IN and 23 grandchildren, 29 great grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends who loved him. He is

preceded in death by his parents; both of his wives; three brothers, Scotty Gaston, Charles Gaston, and John F. Maddrie, and one great granddaughter, Queen Gaston.

In lieu of services, the family will meet in Cape Coral, Florida to have a celebration of life.

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

Tribute Wall

ZB

“ *Zerlyna Burse-Taylor lit a candle in memory of David Gaston*



Zerlyna Burse-Taylor - January 29 at 10:06 PM

MM

“ *Melvin M. McAfee lit a candle in memory of David Gaston*



Melvin M. McAfee - January 26 at 04:05 PM

LA

“ *Such was a smiling man he was! Knowing this family growing up through high school was certainly an honor! Rest in Heavenly peace Bro. Gaston!*

Larry Alston - January 25 at 12:58 PM

RW

“ I am very saddened to see that Dave passed. Dave and his family and friends are in my thoughts and prayers. I worked with Dave at PDC #1 for many years where he managed an extremely complex and difficult treatment plant operation. Despite almost constant pressure and stress, Dave was always there for however many hours it took - smart, calm, steady, capable, honest, liked, and respected by all. He never failed to keep the people and equipment going and the customers serviced. Dave never spoke loudly, but when he spoke he was a straight shooter and everyone listened with respect. I will always remember Dave very fondly and with great respect for a great man! Rest in peace Dave!!!

Ron Welk - January 24 at 06:13 AM

MP

“ Mancy Pittman sent a virtual gift in memory of David Gaston



Mancy Pittman - January 24 at 05:42 AM

JR

“ Uncle David another one of my Favorites, and where i get my straight face from always serious. I Love You Unc and gone miss you dearly. Sincerely Nephew Jonal Reed and Family. From your Sister Margie Abstone who misses and Love you so much. Rest On Unc

Jonal Reed - January 23 at 07:39 PM

PG

“ MY DEAREST UNCLE. I AM SO HURT & GRIEVING IN MY OWN TIME & MY OWN WAY. I AM TRULY MISSING YOU SO MUCH. SO GLAD WE HAD THE CONNECTION WE DID & SO HAPPY I WAS ABLE TO SPEND ALONE TIME WITH YOU IN WORSHIP TO OUR GOD. YOU HAVE YOUR WINGS & IM SURE YOU'RE FLYING HIGH. I LOVE YOU SO MUCH UNC. TELL MY DADDY HELLO, LOVE HIM & NEVER STOPPED THINKING ABOUT HIM. TELL HIM IM PUSHING ON & NEVER GIVING UP JUST AS HE TOLD ME TO DO. UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN



PAM GASTON - January 23 at 07:53 AM

AL

“ *Annette Lucy lit a candle in memory of David Gaston*



Annette Lucy - January 22 at 05:33 PM