



## Mother Ella Lee Norris

January 15, 1939 - May 28, 2019

Mother Ella Lee Norris, 80, of Peoria, Illinois, peacefully transitioned to her heavenly home at 6:57 PM on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center surrounded by her loving and devoted family.

Ella was born on January 15, 1939 in Norwood, Louisiana to Robert and Fannie (Collins) Washington. Ella was ordained Mother of Morning Glory Community Church where she was a charter member and church secretary. She loved Praising the Lord! Mother Ella was a prayer warrior who was often sought after for her advice. Mother Ella always had a sweet, sweet spirit. Her home was always warm and inviting; she never met a stranger. When visiting her home, you could hear the Word of the Lord flowing through the air. Ella retired from Methodist Hospital as an Accounts Coordinator. She wanted to keep busy, so she worked some years at Valeska Hinton Early Childhood Education Center also as an Accounts Coordinator and in their health center. Ella went on to a second retirement from the United Way with the Helping Hands referral service. Ella loved traveling, cooking, shopping and her grandchildren. She was an avid Chicago Bulls fan.

Ella leaves to cherish her most precious memory, her mother, Fannie Washington of Eureka, IL; four sons, Gregory, Sr. (JoAnn) Young of Peoria, IL; Ka'El "Michael Young" Zakiah of Chicago, IL, Frank Penigar of Milwaukee, WI, Rev. Marlon (Zina) Young, Sr of Peoria, IL; four daughters, Jodie (Arthur) Marshall, JeTuan Norris, Jacqueline Norris-Bush all of Peoria, IL and Carmen (Charles, Sr.) Averhart of Maywood, IL; two sisters, Rev. Beola Walls of Peoria, IL and Rev. Barbara (Dwight) Hunter of Olive Branch, MS; over 80 grand and great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and her Morning Glory Community Church family. She is preceded in death by her father, brother, Michael Summerville and great grandson, Elijah.

Funeral services will be held at 10 AM on Saturday, June 8, 2019 at Prince of Peace M.B. Church with a visitation one-hour before service beginning at 9 AM. Pastor Simon Holly, Jr. will officiate.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [SimonsMortuary.com](http://SimonsMortuary.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 8. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Prince of Peace Missionary Baptist Church  
711 East Arcadia Avenue  
Peoria, IL 61603

## Funeral Service

JUN 8. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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711 East Arcadia Avenue  
Peoria, IL 61603

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mother Ella Lee Norris*



**Simons Mortuary** - June 10, 2019 at 11:59 AM



*My beautiful granny*

**Jasmine Enuff** - June 10, 2019 at 11:20 PM



*Very Beautiful u will be missed mom R. I.H.*

**Vicky Gagliardi** - June 11, 2019 at 12:10 AM



*Just beautiful. Love u grandma ❤️*

**LaToya Parker** - June 11, 2019 at 12:52 AM



*What a beautiful tribute. Heaven truly has gained an ANGEL*

**Faye Peters-Harris** - June 11, 2019 at 04:23 PM



*Just Amazing... She was a Queen, Keep memories close. My condolences to my family, I love you all.*

**Brenda Cattledge** - June 16, 2019 at 02:25 PM



*I love you Mommy so much and you are truly missed*

**Jetuan Norris** - July 29, 2019 at 01:04 PM



“ *Mother Ella Lee Norris*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mother Ella Lee Norris*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM

JN

“ *Mom u mean the world to me and my children and grandchildren. We love and miss you so much.  
I'm able to remember all of the good memories of all the times we spent together going shopping and the cooking we did together. I love you and rest on my beautiful 1.*

**Je Tuan Norris** - July 29, 2019 at 12:45 PM

KC

“ *I was so saddened to learn of Ella' passing although I know she is delighted to be in the presence of the Lord. I will always remember her sweet nature and strong spirit and, especially, her prayers and her "God bless you" whenever I left her apartment. Please accept my heartfelt condolences and prayers.  
Karen Cordes*

**Karen Cordes** - June 08, 2019 at 02:12 PM

DC

“ *My condolences*



**Doris Coleman** - June 08, 2019 at 12:52 PM



“ *Mother Ella Norris. You have finished your race and reached your goal. You are now one of God's guardian angels. We are praying for comfort for your family. We love you but God loves you best. You have spread your wings as you soar up to Glory.*



**Linda Hardy** - June 08, 2019 at 01:45 AM

LH

“ Linda Hardy sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Ella Lee Norris



Linda Hardy - June 08, 2019 at 01:19 AM

RB

“ Sending love and prayers to each one of our neighborhood/childhood/ classmate friends on the passing of 'our' Beloved Mother Ella. ♡...🕊️ May you find comfort in knowing we care and that she is only resting. Cherish the memories and keep standing on the promises of God.  
Troy & Rita (Vinson) Burns Family



R Burns - June 07, 2019 at 11:17 PM

EB

“ Emel Buckner lit a candle in memory of Mother Ella Lee Norris



Emel Buckner - June 07, 2019 at 07:13 PM

HB

“ Ella had a sweet spirit about her that leaves you knowing that once a friend always a friend.. I was sad to hear that she was sick. No more suffering Ella. RIH.

Hattie Barnett - June 06, 2019 at 06:33 AM

JA

“ Love and miss you so much Mommy



Jacqueline - June 06, 2019 at 12:21 AM

BF

*Sending my condolences to the Norris family I truly know how I feel to lose a mother I've been down that road before and I know that it's a hard pill to swallow praying for strength I know that God will see you through this difficult time of bereavement to be absent from the body to be present with the Lord I have always loved Mrs. Norris may God bless you all*

Barbara Stimage and family - June 07, 2019 at 12:55 PM

BF

*Barbara Stimage and Family*

Barbara Stimage and family - June 07, 2019 at 01:17 PM



“ *Praying for the family Ella and I were Baptized together at Rising Sun Church along with her 2 sisters. Absent her is present with the LORD!! No more pain no more suffering . Love Cassadia Shelby*



Neicy Cagle-Owens - June 05, 2019 at 01:38 PM

KC

“ *Kathy Collins lit a candle in memory of Mother Ella Lee Norris*



Kathy collins - June 05, 2019 at 12:44 PM

KC

“ *Kathy Collins lit a candle in memory of Mother Ella Lee Norris*



Kathy collins - June 05, 2019 at 12:39 PM

KC

“ *Deepest condolences for the Norris and Young family. We have been like family every since we were kids. Ella was the sweetest lady. She will be deeply missed. Prayers for strength to you all. With love the Robertson and Clark family.*

Kathea Robertson Clark - June 05, 2019 at 12:25 PM

AL

*My condolences to you family love you all sorry to hear about your mom you are in my thoughts and prayers*

albert.brenda55@yahoo.com - June 09, 2019 at 02:29 PM

GN

“ *Mother Ella and I had a lot fun conversations. She would tell me stories and we laughed a lot. She made my heart melt when she told me she considered me her God daughter. I loved her from day one. My heart goes out to the family with prayers of comfort. You had a beautiful mother.*

gyneva newbern - June 05, 2019 at 11:41 AM

MV

“ *Jodie, I am so sorry for your loss. Praying for you and your family...peace to you all.*



Mary Vecco-Newman - June 05, 2019 at 11:21 AM

RN

“ *Rufus & Kim Nelson lit a candle in memory of Mother Ella Lee Norris*



Rufus & Kim Nelson - June 05, 2019 at 10:36 AM

MR

“ *Mattie Risby sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Ella Lee Norris*



Mattie Risby - June 05, 2019 at 09:28 AM

JB

“ James Bell lit a candle in memory of Mother Ella Lee Norris



James Bell - June 04, 2019 at 10:26 PM

LR

“ Mother Ella's presence, hugs, and uplifting words will be missed.

Latonya Reed - June 04, 2019 at 08:56 PM

LR

“ Latonya Reed lit a candle in memory of Mother Ella Lee Norris



Latonya Reed - June 04, 2019 at 08:54 PM

FP

“ Family you are in my prayers, and how I wish that I could be in town to attend the service. But know how very much I love you.

Faye Peters-Harris - June 04, 2019 at 08:33 PM

CL

“ Children of late Roberta Storer of Baton Rouge LA purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mother Ella Lee Norris.



Children of late Roberta Storer of Baton Rouge LA - June 04, 2019 at 08:21 PM



“ Jacque I saw you caring for and loving on your Mom like I do mine. I know what she means to you and your siblings. She was a kind to me as a kid and I'm glad to have met her. I pray for your comfort always.



Kim Furness - June 04, 2019 at 05:48 PM

CC

“ Christine Collins lit a candle in memory of Mother Ella Lee Norris



Christine Collins - June 04, 2019 at 05:47 PM

BI

“ May God be with you Family in your time of need. May your Love One Rest In Peace.



Brenda Idreez - June 04, 2019 at 05:33 PM

JW

“ Jannie Webster lit a candle in memory of Mother Ella Lee Norris



Jannie Webster - June 04, 2019 at 05:13 PM

DA

“ Demetra Alexander sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Ella Lee Norris



Demetra Alexander - June 04, 2019 at 04:47 PM

AB

“ Angelia Burns lit a candle in memory of Mother Ella Lee Norris



Angelia Burns - June 04, 2019 at 04:40 PM

PA

“ Pamela lit a candle in memory of Mother Ella Lee Norris



Pamela - June 04, 2019 at 03:13 PM



“ Berlyn Hayes-Garner lit a candle in memory of Mother Ella Lee Norris



Berlyn Hayes-Garner - June 04, 2019 at 02:59 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mother Ella Lee Norris.



June 04, 2019 at 02:21 PM



“ Marice Rogers lit a candle in memory of Mother Ella Lee Norris



Marice Rogers - June 04, 2019 at 02:15 PM

VG

“ Very sorry for your loss. And mom u will be missed. Love you. R. I.H.

Vicky Gagliardi - June 04, 2019 at 01:10 PM

AM

“ God Saw You Getting Tired and a cure was not to be. So he put His arms around you and whispered, Come to me. With tearful eyes we watched you and saw you pass away and although we love you dearly 📍 we could not make you stay. A Golden heart stopped beating hard working hands at rest. God broke our heart 💔 to prove to us He only takes the best.

Arthur Marshall - June 04, 2019 at 12:17 PM

SC

“ God Bless family, RIP Ella my friend! Never will I forget you .

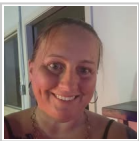
Stan Cockfield - June 04, 2019 at 10:54 AM

PD

“ Pam Dewalt sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Ella Lee Norris



Pam Dewalt - June 04, 2019 at 10:08 AM



“ I'm so incredibly sorry for the heartbreaking loss of momma Ella. She was one of the sweetest and most caring people I have ever known and I cannot imagine losing such an amazing person.

April Christine - June 04, 2019 at 08:39 AM

NH

“ One of the sweetest Ladies around💖Rest in Paradise Queen.

Neda Hayes - June 04, 2019 at 12:01 AM

Barbara Vinson

“ Barbara Vinson lit a candle in memory of Mother Ella Lee Norris



Barbara Vinson - June 03, 2019 at 11:45 PM

RM

“ I am sorry for your loss Miss Ella was a beautiful and caring person I say this because she was always polite and professional while taking care of my needs when I was expecting my children and she worked at carver under Dr. Springer RIP

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**Rochelle Moore** - June 03, 2019 at 09:25 PM

MC

“ To our family:

*"Though nothing can bring back the hour of splendor in the grass, of glory in the flower, we will grieve not; rather find strength in what remains behind". ---William Wordsworth*

*We were devastated to hear the news of Cousin Ella's passing. We are sorry that we could not be there in person to convey our condolences and attend the services. Though we may be far away, know that our spirit and prayers are with you.*

*We remember Cousin Ella's gentle spirit and loving nature. She will always be remembered as an especially giving person of great character. A beautiful soul, full of love and faith, ascended to Heaven, away from us, but closer to God, leaving loneliness and sadness. We will continue to uplift you in prayers during this difficult time.*

*With Deepest Sympathy,*

*Children of the Late Myrtle "Shug" Green of Jackson, LA and Late Roberta Dunn-Storer  
of Baton Rouge, LA*

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**Myrtle Cain** - June 03, 2019 at 08:56 PM



“ Greetings Grandma Fannie, Beola, Barb, Gregory, Ka El, Jodie, Marlon , Jetaun, Jackie and all other family members in the name of the Lord our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be his name. HALLELUJAH Amen. I am saddened and shakened by the loss of Ma Ella , family I sincerely mourn with you and pray for the Lord's comforting presence to be with you. May the peace of God which passes understanding rest upon each and everyone of you, as you grieve the loss of our Dear Mother. May the Lords peace guard your hearts, protect and keep your minds stayed on Him. May he shelter you from every attack of the enemy.  
May none be bewildered unto death. May her undying love cause you her seed to continue to grow and prosper in the Lord and power of his might in Jesus name Amen. Rest Ma Ella Rest in Jesus. Love always Lorraine Jeanette Giwa

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**Lorraine Giwa** - June 03, 2019 at 07:38 AM

JB

“ Joanie Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Ella Lee Norris



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**Joanie Brown** - June 03, 2019 at 03:55 AM

KA

“ Karen Ashby sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Ella Lee Norris



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**Karen Ashby** - June 01, 2019 at 10:03 PM

RB

“ Absent from the body is to be present with the lord. Ella always said this we all will miss her. Just live by her example family Ella was a woman who really loved the lord and had a heart for people. Praying for the family much love.

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**ruth bush** - June 01, 2019 at 11:13 AM

RB

“ *Ruth Bush lit a candle in memory of Mother Ella Lee Norris*



**ruth bush** - June 01, 2019 at 11:02 AM



“ *I had the honor and pleasure of being raised by Mother Ella. I was another son in a home she made so loving and caring for oh so many of us. I mean from Widenham to Aiken Ave. Mother Ella's house was truly the Koolaid House. She NEVER turned a child away. She wasn't just another mother to us, she was love. You will be surely missed!*



**Butch Jackson** - June 01, 2019 at 05:03 AM

TW

“ *Richard and Theresa Walker*



**Theresa Walker** - May 31, 2019 at 09:45 PM

EB

“ *Emel Buckner lit a candle in memory of Mother Ella Lee Norris*



**Emel Buckner** - May 31, 2019 at 04:15 PM