



Ms. Eloise Richmond

September 12, 1938 - December 18, 2022

Ms. Eloise Richmond, 84, of Peoria, IL, gained her wings at 8:47 am on Sunday, December 18, 2022 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center.

Eloise was born on September 12, 1938 in Fernwood, MS to Athus and Ellen (Smith) McCullum. She was baptized at an early age at St. Paul Baptist Church in Fernwood, MS.

Eloise graduated at the top of her class from Fernwood High School in Fernwood, MS. She went on to nursing school and worked as a nurse in her hometown.

After relocating to Peoria, IL Eloise worked at Long John's Barbeque as a cook. She was a very active person. Eloise loved to crochet, solve crossword puzzles, watch game shows and soap operas. Eloise was a sports fan. She especially enjoyed tennis and watching her favorite players, Venus and Serena. She was also an avid fan of the Chicago Bulls Basketball and Chicago Bears Football teams.

Eloise was a past member of New Morning Star M.B. Church. She later became a Charter member of Higher Dimensions Praise & Worship Church.

Eloise leaves to cherish her most precious memory her son, Avery Hightower;

her daughter, Karen (Donald) Smith; both of Peoria, IL; two brothers, Gerald (Lee) McCullum of Pacifica, CA and John McCullum of Peoria, IL; and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. She is also preceded in death by her parents; one son, Samuel Vincent Richmond; one daughter, Sandra McCullum; siblings, Nettie Hightower, Emma Patterson, Retha Whitley, King McCullum, James McCullum, Leslie Mae McCullum-King, Charles "AC" McCullum, Doris McCullum, Flossie Mae McCullum and Wallace McCullum.

Funeral services will be held at 11 am Wednesday, December 28, 2022 at Higher Dimension Praise & Worship Church with a visitation beginning at 10:00 am. Pastor Harreld Webster, Jr., will bring forth the eulogy and Pastor Marvin Hightower will officiate.

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

The service will be live streamed on Simons Mortuary's Website or Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Simons-Mortuary-232095303487150> promptly AT THE TIME OF THE SERVICE (Central Time). Due to Covid-19, social distancing is encouraged to be consistent with recommendations from the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA), funeral home directors have been instructed and should follow CDC guidelines on gatherings, including those directly related to funerals, visitations, or graveside services.

*In an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, we ask that everyone in attendance: wear a face mask and refrain from hugging, kissing and shaking hands (as hard as it is to see someone you care about and not touch them).

*It is our responsibility as Funeral Directors, to do everything we can to advise families in order to honor our beloved Families and to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation!

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Higher Dimensions Praise & Worship Church
2610 W. Nebraska Ave.
Peoria, IL 61604
<http://higherdimensionspeoria.org>

Celebration of Life

DEC 28. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Higher Dimensions Praise & Worship Church
2610 W. Nebraska Ave.
Peoria, IL 61604
<http://higherdimensionspeoria.org>

Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Eloise Richmond*



Simons Mortuary - January 04, 2023 at 06:21 PM



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Simons Mortuary - December 27, 2022 at 12:38 PM

GH

No words can help you at this time, but one day those beautiful memories will appear and you will smile at the times of laughter and the love shared. May God continue to bless you. Love you.

Genevieve Howard - December 28, 2022 at 11:38 AM



“ *Ms. Eloise Richmond*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ Ms. Eloise Richmond

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Part 4



Simons Mortuary - January 04, 2023 at 06:21 PM

KS

I miss you mom!!

Karen Smith - May 02, 2025 at 07:19 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Part 3



Simons Mortuary - January 04, 2023 at 06:21 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Part 2



Simons Mortuary - January 04, 2023 at 06:21 PM

GR

“ *Gregg Randle lit a candle in memory of Eloise Richmond*



Gregg Randle - January 02, 2023 at 03:38 PM

MP

“ *Mancy Pittman lit a candle in memory of Ms. Eloise Richmond*



Mancy Pittman - December 29, 2022 at 01:29 AM

GH

“ *Genevieve Howard lit a candle in memory of Ms. Eloise Richmond*



Genevieve Howard - December 28, 2022 at 11:32 AM

TF

“ *The Webster family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Ms. Eloise Richmond.*



The Webster family - December 26, 2022 at 08:00 PM

KC

“ *Kathy Collins lit a candle in memory of Eloise Richmond*



Kathy Collins - December 23, 2022 at 04:18 AM

LI

“ *Mother Eloise was such a beautiful person inside and out. She always kept a smile on her face. I remember whenever I would come into town I would see her we would just Laugh and hug it was understood that we loved each other. Sleep well TT.*



Lisa - December 22, 2022 at 06:11 PM

JB

“ *Nina Mccullum and Family I'm So Sorry For Your Loss Of Your Dear Aunt Mrs Verdella Owens. Our Thoughts And Prayers Are With You At This Difficult Time.* 🕊️❤️ RIH GBNF



Joanie Brown - December 22, 2022 at 05:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Eloise Richmond.*



December 22, 2022 at 02:52 PM

AS

“ Qiana & Karen I am so so sorry for the loss of your mother/grandmother. You have been deepest condolences.



Angela Smith - December 22, 2022 at 02:00 AM

LA

“ Memories of Mrs Eloise Richmond. Fly on Mother Richmond. You are now safe in the arms of our Lord and Savior. You are with Meat Man your son. We are praying and send condolence to your family. We love and will miss you.



Linda Hardy Avondale Arizona - December 21, 2022 at 06:16 PM

FP

“ My heart is heavy, and my sincere prayers are going out to Duecee. So much too soon. But God is Able to give you the strength needed.

Faye Peters - December 21, 2022 at 02:23 PM

PH

“ Phillip Hickman lit a candle in memory of Eloise Richmond



Phillip Hickman - December 21, 2022 at 08:57 AM

RH

“ Sending our prayer and love and condolences to you and the rest of the family that God continue to comfort you all during this sad time.



Rose Hightower,Latchison - December 20, 2022 at 08:00 PM

KA

“ Karen Ashby sent a virtual gift in memory of Eloise Richmond



Karen Ashby - December 20, 2022 at 06:54 PM

CH

“ Calvin Pamela Hightower lit a candle in memory of Eloise Richmond



Calvin & Pamela Hightower - December 20, 2022 at 04:23 PM

RB

“ Ruth Bush lit a candle in memory of Eloise Richmond



Ruth Bush - December 19, 2022 at 05:49 PM