



Mrs. Erma M. Davis

April 2, 1930 - April 6, 2013

Erma M. Davis, 83, of Peoria, IL passed away peacefully at 4:15 pm on Saturday, April 6, 2013 at Rosewood Care Center.

Erma was born in Clarksdale, MS on April 2, 1930 to E.M. and Cora (Spillman) Moore. She married Charles W. Davis and together they had four children Sharon (Allen) Kilgore, Robert (Carmen) Davis, Michele Davis, Lisa Davis and Goddaughter Dr. Lona C. Bibbs. She was the Grandmother of Aaron (Amanda) Kilgore, Evan Kilgore and great grandmother of Alexander Davis Kilgore. She is survived by two sisters; Ruby (Kenneth) Williams and Gaye (Alvin) Wilson; one brother Eugene M. Williams; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and two brothers.

In 1966 she became the Executive Director of the George Washington Carver Center. During her 28 years of service she was especially proud of the following programs: Carver Center Day Care, Optometry and Dental Program, Computer Education Program, Annual Christmas Basket Giveaway, the Senior Citizens Program, and the College Bound For Excellence Program. Erma, with the help of Methodist Hospital, created the idea of a Carver Family Health Center to provide medical services for the residents of Peoria's Southside. Nationally, she was one of twelve appointed by the American Health Care System to select an exemplary program that provided health care access for disadvantage people.

She was one of the founding members of the Peoria Chapter Urban League

Guild and later became the National President. Erma was the first African American Female to serve on the Board of Directors of Methodist Hospital. She was also appointed to President Ronald Reagan's Task Force on Hunger. This Task Force documented hunger in the United States of America which ultimately led to an increase of federal funding for food assistance programs. Erma had a firm belief in human rights and a concern for all people. She loved and served GOD, Family, Country and Community. She was a member of First United Methodist Church for over forty years where she served as a lay person to the United Methodist Conference and was also involved with the Loaves and Fish Feeding Program. Her children, grandchildren and many others have benefitted from her dedication and generosity.

Funeral services will be held at 11 am on Saturday, April 13, 2013 at First United Methodist Church, 116 NE Perry Avenue, Peoria, IL with a two hour visitation prior to the service beginning at 9 am. Rev. Dr. Rose Booker-Jones, Pastor of Bethel United Methodist Church will officiate. Erma will be entombed at American Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Carver Community Center 710 W. Richard Pryor Pl, Peoria, IL 61605. Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the simonsmortuary.com website.

Cemetery Details

American Mausoleum

7911 N. Allen Rd
Peoria, IL 61615

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 13. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
116 NE Perry Avenue
Peoria, IL

Funeral Service

APR 13. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
116 NE Perry Avenue
Peoria, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Erma M. Davis*



Simons Mortuary - April 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mrs. Erma M. Davis*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mrs. Erma M. Davis*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM

DK

“ Michele and Erma's family,

I just read in the Urban League article that your mother was gone. As you know . she was a dear friend. Dr. Belle Zimmerly and I came many times to Carver to meet with the girls Erma was helping so much. Too, Winona Peithman, Belle and I came to see Erma. Winona and Erma came many times to Macomb when Methodist Conference was here , and we always got together. Winona died over a year ago of breast cancer, and none of the family notified me nor put anything in the IL. papers! Belle died four years ago of brain cancer, but I am still in Macomb. I certainly would have come to Peoria for Erma had I known.

I enjoyed knowing Erma so much, and was so sad when she had a stroke. She was a charming, elegant lady, who was always dressed beautifully. She did God's work for many years, so I am sure she now has wings and sits at the right hand of God.

*Dr. Elizabeth (Betty) Kaspar
Macomb, IL.
Bkaspar@yahoo.com*

Dr. Elizabeth Kaspar - April 17, 2013 at 10:35 PM



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Simons Mortuary - April 16, 2013 at 10:16 AM

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etsansom - April 14, 2013 at 03:21 PM

 Pip
Lilly

“ You touched so many lives including mine. Thank you for your service and humble spirit.

Pip Lilly - April 13, 2013 at 06:22 PM

JR

“ Janet R. purchased the Truly Beloved Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Erma M. Davis.



Janet R. - April 12, 2013 at 10:52 AM

JJ

“ Sharon, Bobby, Michele and Lisa,
I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Aunt Erma.
My condolences go out to each and every one .
I can remember like it was just yesterday coming over to your house
and spending the night. She and Uncle Charles always treated me
just like family...we are family.
So please know that I am with you all in spirit. Also, please give my
condolences to Aunt Ruby and family and give her a big hug and
kiss for me.
May God grant you all peace at your time of sorrow.
You are in my prayers.
Love,
Joanie (Metlock) Jackson

Joan (Metlock) Jackson - April 12, 2013 at 10:48 AM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the
family of Mrs. Erma M. Davis.



April 12, 2013 at 10:42 AM

BK

“ April 12, 2013

Dear Davis Family and loved ones of Erma Davis,



I have received word of Erma's death. As you grieve her death and celebrate her life, please know that I am among a circle of colleagues and friends who uphold you in prayer.

In this time of remembering, please know that you are loved by the One who has created you and continues to uphold you.

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Jonathan D. Keaton

Bishop Jonathan Keaton - April 12, 2013 at 09:05 AM

JJ

“ Joan (Metlock) Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Erma M. Davis



Joan (Metlock) Jackson - April 12, 2013 at 07:08 AM

CB

“ CRSYTAL BAKER lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Erma M. Davis



CRSYTAL BAKER - April 11, 2013 at 09:18 PM

JW

“ *Erma was a dear friend in all her Conference endeavors. I greatly enjoyed working with her during my time with the Conference. May God bless her and may her memory endure forever. - John Woodruff*

john woodruff - April 11, 2013 at 07:35 PM

JT

“ *My prayers and sympathy are with you on the death of your wonderful mother. I worked for her at Carver Center. She was such a wise lady and taught me so much. Peoria lost a very special lady on April 6. Judy Hensley Taylor*

Judy Hensley Taylor - April 11, 2013 at 07:34 PM

ES

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elijah t. sansom - April 11, 2013 at 12:54 PM

RJ

“ *Rev. Don Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Erma M. Davis*



Rev. Don Jackson - April 10, 2013 at 10:14 PM

JW

“ *Janell Walker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Erma M. Davis*



Janell Walker - April 10, 2013 at 11:54 AM

SC

“ *I remember when Carver Center had their Talent show and I was doing a dance to the music of Luther, and she would say now I know both your Parents and if you don't get it right I have the Authority to Spank you, I know that god has the perfect person up there with Him to make sure everything is in order, REST IN PEACE, Mrs. Davis gone but not forgotten*

Sherry Collins - April 10, 2013 at 09:15 AM

DR

“ *We have many fond memories of Erma from her years of service to the Peoria Civic Center Authority Board. She helped guide a very public body to reach out to a broad range of people and we are richer for her guidance.*
She also served many years on the Broadway Theater League Board and she and Charles were active participants in many of these activities.
She is missed.

Debbie Ritschel


Debbie R - April 10, 2013 at 08:44 AM

JP

“ Jeanette Riddle Phillips lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Erma M. Davis




Jeanette Riddle Phillips - April 10, 2013 at 07:52 AM


Camille
Harris

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Camille Harris - April 09, 2013 at 03:22 PM


Camille
Harris

Mrs. Erma Davis, was the pillar of the community who started a lot of stepping stones for us at Carver Center she will truly be missed!

Camille Harris - April 09, 2013 at 03:24 PM

LI

“ Lisa Ingram lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Erma M. Davis



Lisa Ingram - April 09, 2013 at 10:55 AM