



## Ms. Ernestine Rutherford

January 18, 1946 - August 25, 2019

Ernestine Rutherford, 73, of Peoria, IL transitioned peacefully from this life August 25, 2019 at 7:50pm at Aperia Villa in Morton after a gradual health decline.

Ernestine was born in Pocahontas, TN to Ella B. (Parks) and Ellis Rutherford and raised in Blue Mountain, MS. She moved to Peoria, IL in 1965.

Ernestine is survived by three daughters, Sharon Bradford and Robin Rutherford both of Peoria, IL; one grandson, Vincel O'Brien Banks; and four great – grandchildren.

Ernestine is also survived by one sister, Lillie Mae (John) Edgeston of Ripley, MS; one brother, Joseph Morris (Naomi) Rutherford of New Albany, MS; and a host of nieces,

nephews, and cousins. She is preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Mrs. Emma Jean Rutherford.

Ernestine, affectionately called “E”, was a woman of conviction, courage, and conscience. She had a zest for life and shared this perspective to all those she encountered. She was not one to stifle her voice, but her words were always truthful and poignant. Throughout her life, Ernestine was an avid fisherwoman, enjoyed the fellowship of bingo, a dynamic domino player, and somewhat of a card shark.

Her legacy was multi-dimensional. Ernestine’s dedication and commitment to her children was legendary. “E” also imprinted on

children regardless of the biological lineage. Her love was genuine and expansive enough to share with all those who were fortunate enough to cross paths with this loving and gracious soul.

Ernestine was also known for her unique and vibrant fashion sense. Her love of old school R&B songs by artist such as Tyrone Davis, Johnnie Taylor, Bobby

Blue Bland, Al Green, and Motown Sound was an important part of her essence. She loved

to share her Southern cooking skills to all those that were lucky enough to be invited or who invited themselves to her holiday dinners. She loved her flowers

especially lilies and peonies for their fragrance and beauty they brought to her life.

As we celebrate Ernestine's homegoing, we pause to say "Thank You" for God's grace for her peaceful transition to the heavens above.

A funeral service will be held at 10 AM on August 31, 2019 at Simons Mortuary with a visitation at 9 AM. Ernestine will be laid to rest at Swan Lake Memory Gardens. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Peoria Tri-County Urban League's TSTM Program.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Swan Lake Memory Gardens

4601 W War Memorial Dr.  
Peoria, IL 61615

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 31.** 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Simons Mortuary Chapel  
912 W. John H. Gwynn, Jr. Ave.  
Peoria, IL 61605  
(309) 674-2638  
[info@simonsmortuary.com](mailto:info@simonsmortuary.com)  
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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Ernestine Rutherford*



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**Simons Mortuary** - September 03, 2019 at 04:52 PM

BA

*Aawww one of my favorite women ! R. I. H Mama Ernestine*

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**Barbara** - December 30, 2019 at 03:29 AM



“ *Ms. Ernestine Rutherford*

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January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Ms. Ernestine Rutherford*

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January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM

JC

“ *Jessie Copeland lit a candle in memory of Ms. Ernestine Rutherford*



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**Jessie Copeland** - August 31, 2019 at 12:46 PM

DA

“ *Demetra Alexander sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Ernestine Rutherford*



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**Demetra Alexander** - August 31, 2019 at 12:23 PM

DA

“ *Robin and Family.*

*Please accept my most sincere Condolences in this trying time for you and your family. No loss is greater than the loss of a mother. I share your pain and I'm here for you. Keeping you in my thoughts and Prayers,*

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**Demetra Alexander** - August 31, 2019 at 12:21 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ms. Ernestine Rutherford.*



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August 30, 2019 at 04:13 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Ms. Ernestine Rutherford.*



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August 30, 2019 at 03:19 AM

SD

“ *Sdenib67 lit a candle in memory of Ms. Ernestine Rutherford*



**sdenib67** - August 30, 2019 at 03:07 AM

Jenn Henry

“ *I will always remember get'n her started ...had her singing 'take me out to the ballfield' to all the cardinal fans when the Cubs had won lol...bless her and her family!!!*



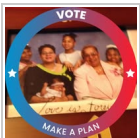
**Jenn Henry** - August 30, 2019 at 03:04 AM

DK

“ *Dan Kelly lit a candle in memory of Ms. Ernestine Rutherford*



**Dan Kelly** - August 29, 2019 at 10:02 PM



“ *May your memories sustain you during this difficult time. Praying for the family*



**Evelyn Tate-Clayton** - August 28, 2019 at 12:47 PM

MC

“ Michele Crouch lit a candle in memory of Ms. Ernestine Rutherford



Michele Crouch - August 28, 2019 at 09:53 AM

CS

“ Curtis Shumate lit a candle in memory of Ms. Ernestine Rutherford



curtis shumate - August 27, 2019 at 11:35 PM

EC

“ Evelyn Tate Clayton sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Ernestine Rutherford



evelyn tate clayton - August 27, 2019 at 11:29 PM

RR

“ I love you my dear auntie! You will always be in my heart and I will cherish all of our great memories together. Love your favorite great niece, Renita!



Renita Rutherford - August 27, 2019 at 07:56 PM