



## Ms. Estella Nichelson

August 18, 1933 - February 2, 2019

Ms. Estella Nichelson, 85, of Peoria, IL passed away peacefully at 1:20 AM at her home surrounded by her family on Saturday, February 2, 2019.

Estella was born in Drew, Mississippi on August 18, 1933 to the late LeAndrew & Estella (Davis) Wallace. She married the late Joseph T. Nichelson in Mississippi. They moved to Memphis, Tennessee and later to Peoria, Illinois where she resided until her passing.

Estella was employed by Bergner's of downtown Peoria, Illinois for 35 years from which she retired.

Mother Estella became a member of Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Pastor Calvin Hightower and has maintained membership for over 70 years. She has served over the years as a Sunday School Teacher, Chairperson of the Women's Day Committee and later became a member of the Mothers Board.

Mother Estella leaves to cherish her precious memory her daughter, Prophetess GeorGia (Henry) Wallace-Swoope; five grandchildren, DeAndre' L. (Priscilla) Wallace of Crystal Lake, IL, Milinka S. C. Wallace of Elgin, IL, Dur'Ville L. Wallace of Elgin, IL, Bryan J. (Rochelle) Nichelson, Sr., of Peoria, IL, KeAnna J. Nichelson of Peoria, IL. Seven great grandchildren, DeOndray Eubank of Champaign, IL, Tariah Nichelson of Peoria, IL, Bryana Nichelson of Collinsville, IL, Bryan Nichelson, Jr., of Peoria, IL, Aniyah J. Wallace of Hanover Park, IL, Kha'El Wallace Bey of Elgin, IL and Niemah G. Wallace of Arizona; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. She is

preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a daughter, Ida Nicholson and two brothers, Tommie Lee Wallace and Willie Lee Wallace.

A funeral service will be held at 11 am on Saturday, February 9, 2019 at New Morning Star M.B. Church with a visitation starting at 10 AM. Pastor Cleveland Thomas, Sr., will officiate. Estella will be laid to rest at Lutheran Cemetery. Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with the arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [SimonsMortuary.com](http://SimonsMortuary.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Lutheran Cemetery

914 S Pleasant St  
Peoria, IL 61604-5954

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

New Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church  
413 W. John H. Gwynn Jr. Avenue  
Peoria, IL 61605

## Funeral Service

FEB 9. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

New Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church  
413 W. John H. Gwynn Jr. Avenue  
Peoria, IL 61605

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Estella Nichelson*



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**Simons Mortuary** - February 08, 2019 at 05:11 PM



“ *Ms. Estella Nichelson*

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January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Ms. Estella Nichelson*

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January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *A great and very nice LADY. My heartfelt condolences to her family. Rest in Heaven Mrs. Estella Nichelson.....*

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**Curtis Bond** - February 08, 2019 at 02:41 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Estella Nichelson.*



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February 07, 2019 at 03:44 PM



“ *Im Going To Miss You So Much My CUTIEEE !! I Love You Always & Forever .*

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**BaNasja Blakely** - February 07, 2019 at 11:31 AM



“ *I will miss your warm smiling face that would always meet me every time we would see one another. I didn't know...I was wondering where you were. RIH Sweetie, take your well deserved rest , you fought a great fight. So long for now until we meet again on the other side Mrs Nicholson. My thoughts and prayers to the family. ❤️*

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**Joanie Brown** - February 07, 2019 at 02:23 AM



“ *Joanie Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Estella Nichelson*



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**Joanie Brown** - February 07, 2019 at 02:15 AM

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“ Granny our memories are to grand and there are just simply to many to type up. So ill just say THANK YOU for NEVER once leaving my side,thank for teaching me how to treat people, thank you for just being you, I'm going to miss you soooooo much but i'm OVERWHELMED with joy to know that BOTH of my ladies are watching over me. I love you Mom granny!!

KeAnna Nichelson - February 06, 2019 at 07:50 AM

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“ What a Sweet beautiful lady who was like part of my family. She has been my next door neighbor since the late 70's an always came over to visit in the summer when I was out cutting my grass. We would sit on my patio just like her an my dad use to do before he passed and she would tell me I was the only person she had to visit with in our neighborhood❤️😭 KeAnna & Brian sending prayers to you, an your grandma will be missed by many❤️❤️

Karen Tankersley - February 05, 2019 at 09:13 AM



“ Mother Nichelson will be missed at NMSMBC . She was a true servant & her smile will be missed. She always offered words of encouragement. I'll miss her bringing me homemade headcheese& crackers on Thursday after the New Year. She fought the good fight & has received her JOY. Rest Mother Nichelson you earned your Wings. Tell Ida hello for me.



Evelyn Tate-Clayton - February 05, 2019 at 12:23 AM

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“ *Extending our deepest sympathy to the Nicholson family. First time I met her she told me to call her Momma. She was Ida's momma but Momma to many others, The Willie Albert Family*



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**Judy Albert** - February 04, 2019 at 10:09 PM

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“ *AUNT STELLA WE WERE SO BLESSED TO HAVE YOU FOR 85 YEARS. WE WILL MISS YOU DEARLY....LOVE YOUR NIECE TENA NICHELSON.*

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**TENA L NICHELSON** - February 04, 2019 at 10:06 PM