



## Mrs. Esther Rena Merriweather

April 15, 1932 - February 12, 2018

Mrs. Esther Rena Merriweather, 85, of Peoria, IL passed away at 9:10 am on Monday, February 12, 2018 at UnityPoint Health Methodist.

Esther was born on April 15, 1932 in Obion, TN to R.B. and Grace (Endoes) Merriweather.

Esther was a 1952 graduate from Merry High School in Jackson, TN. She worked in a foundry in Midland, TN and last worked at CILCO in housekeeping for many years. She also was a CNA working in Care facilities in Tennessee and Peoria.

Esther was a member of Grace Baptist Church for over 25 years where she served as an usher. She loved to cook and take care of her grandchildren. Esther leaves to cherish her most precious memories her daughter, Diane Merriweather of Jackson, TN; her son, Fred (Tabatha) Cole of Peoria; 16 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, other family and friends who loved her. She is preceded in death by her parents, one son, Thomas "Butch" Merriweather, one brother, William Merriweather and two sisters, Mary Hightower and Clara Hiatt.

Funeral Services will be held at 11 am on Saturday, February 24, 2018 at Grace Baptist Church. Pastor Claude White, Jr., will officiate.

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **24**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Grace Baptist Church  
405 N. Richard Pryor Place  
Peoria, IL 61605

## Funeral Service

FEB **24**. 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM (CT)

Grace Baptist Church  
405 N. Richard Pryor Place  
Peoria, IL 61605

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Esther Rena Merriweather*



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**Simons Mortuary** - February 26, 2018 at 11:58 AM



“ *Mrs. Esther Rena Merriweather*

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January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mrs. Esther Rena Merriweather*

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January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM

MP

“*Mother I sure will miss You! My heart was so heavy when I got the news. At first I was a total mess but then I could remember your soft voice saying you had served the Lord faithfully for years and then I knew to stop crying because GOD loved you best! Fred, I know that losing Moma is a big pill to swallow, I've been there, but I'm here for you whole heartedly in any way that I can help ease the pain. Even though we know she fought a good fight and she lived a long prosperous life, it's still hard to let go! Stand on your FAITH AND YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR HELP COMES FROM..there's nothing like a hug from GOD and when he rocks you to sleep it's even better!! 😊 Mother was a Beautiful, Loving, Caring, Softspoken Wise Humble Woman of GOD. I am blessed to have known such a person for the time that I did. GOD have our paths to cross with certain people for a reason and I Thank You Lord that it was Mother! I LOVE YOU MORE*

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**Mancy Pittman** - February 25, 2018 at 03:46 AM

MM

“*Mother Merriweather was looking beautiful as usual so I said to her let me take your pictures so I can send it to our good friend Charlene so she can see how pretty you look today at church. I am going to miss her sweet kind spirit. May the love of Christ comfort you in this difficult time and bring you peace.*



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**Michelle McFadden** - February 24, 2018 at 12:10 AM

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*It's rough! But she will be with me forever!*

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**Fred Cole** - March 03, 2018 at 10:05 PM



“ *Annette Lucy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Esther Rena Merriweather*



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**Annette Lucy** - February 18, 2018 at 01:50 AM



“ *Rufus & Kim Nelson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Esther Rena Merriweather*



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**Rufus & Kim Nelson** - February 16, 2018 at 03:41 PM



“ *Evelyn Tate-Clayton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Esther Rena Merriweather*



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**Evelyn Tate-Clayton** - February 14, 2018 at 07:44 PM