



## Ms. Ethel M. Russell

August 9, 1950 - February 6, 2021

Ms. Ethel Mae (Williams) Russell, 70, of Peoria, IL passed at 3:10 pm on Saturday, February 6, 2021 at her home surrounded by her family.

Ethel was born on August 9, 1950 in Greenwood, MS to Ethel B. Mann and Charley Williams.

Ethel work at Help At Home as a caregiver for over 20 years. She loved glamor and high fashion. She loved to get her hair and nails done. Ethel liked to go to garage sales, shopping and dress stylishly. She also loved to cook and was out spoken. She was her grandchildren's barber. Ethel was very generous and helped so many people over the years. Her grandchildren were her world and couldn't live without them.

Ethel leaves to cherish her precious memories her daughters, Mattie Breedlove and Sheleste Russell; her sons, Kendrick Russell and Otha Russell; two brothers, David (Kim) Williams and Otha Lee Williams; two sisters, Lola Nichols and Bobbie Harris; five grandchildren, Shernica Thompson, Tony Scott, Demarius Williams, Latiah Williams, and Artavius Breedlove, twenty four great grandchildren which include Walter Jackson and Keniejah Jackson whom she raised, two great greatgrandchildren, Kamyia Metts and Kyren Jackson, a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. She is also preceded in death by her parents; one son, Dwayne Russell; her brothers, John T. Harris and Charlie Williams and her sister, Gloria Moore.

A private funeral service will be held at 1 pm on Monday, February 15, 2021 at

St. Luke M.B. Church with an hour visitation at 12 pm. Pastor Benjamin Nicks, Jr. 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.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, social distancing and attendance limits will be observed.

In accordance with the Illinois Department of Public Health, Funerals are limited to no more than 25% or less people at the church.

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. Funerals are limited to no more than 25% of the decedent's immediate family members.

\*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 a 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. The sanctuary can socially distance and seat no more than 25% or less people. All others will be able to flow through prior to beginning of the service.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation!

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **15**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Luke M.B. Church  
410 S. Olive St.  
Peoria, IL 61605

## Funeral Service

FEB **15**. 1:00 PM - 2:15 PM (CT)

St. Luke M.B. Church  
410 S. Olive St.  
Peoria, IL 61605

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Ethel M. Russell*



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**Simons Mortuary** - February 19, 2021 at 07:16 PM



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**Simons Mortuary** - February 12, 2021 at 02:03 PM



“ *Ms. Ethel M. Russell*

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January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Ms. Ethel M. Russell*

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January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM

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“ Florence White lit a candle in memory of Ms. Ethel M. Russell



Florence white - February 15, 2021 at 02:06 PM



“ 34 files added to the album Life Tributes



Simons Mortuary - February 12, 2021 at 02:05 PM

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*February 10, 2021*

*To the Family of Sister Ethel Russell:*

*We, the of the United Usher Board of Peoria, offer our heartfelt sympathy during this time of sorrow.*

*We say to you, look to Jesus, who is the author and finisher of our faith and remember that there is peace in knowing Jesus. So be encouraged and trust that God will take care of you.*

*“Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” Hebrews 4:16*

*Humbly Submitted,  
The United Usher Board of Peoria*

*Essie Ellis, President*

*Bessie Tory, Corresponding Secretary*

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**United Usher Board** - February 10, 2021 at 11:40 AM

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“ *Central District Association*

*February 10, 2021*

*To The Family of Sister Ethel Russell :*

*Although you have left us in life, you have no more pain, struggles or strife; you are going to the land where others trod, and a land where there is peace and contentment with God; we will always remember you and there we will find the love of God in our hearts.*

*You will be missed but never forgotten,*

*Central District Association*

*Gloria Meachem  
President*

*Bessie Tory  
Corresponding Secretary*

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**Central District** - February 10, 2021 at 11:39 AM

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“ *Bobbie Pearson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Ethel M. Russell*



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**Bobbie Pearson** - February 09, 2021 at 07:44 PM

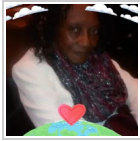
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“ *Jessie Copeland lit a candle in memory of Ms. Ethel M. Russell*



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**Jessie Copeland** - February 09, 2021 at 02:14 PM

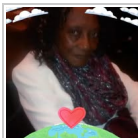


“ *Linda Harris lit a candle in memory of Ms. Ethel M. Russell*



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**Linda Harris** - February 09, 2021 at 01:50 PM



“ *Rest cousin until we meet again. Give my parents and son and family a hug and let them know they are truly missed.*

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**Linda Harris** - February 09, 2021 at 01:49 PM

SG

“ *Sally Gray lit a candle in memory of Ms. Ethel M. Russell*



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**Sally Gray** - February 08, 2021 at 09:41 PM