



## Ms. Francis Janice Sturdivant

August 13, 1963 - May 28, 2024

Ms. Francis Janice Sturdivant, 60, of Peoria, IL, transitioned from life at 1:09 pm, on Tuesday May 28, 2024 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center.

Francis was born on August 13, 1963 in York, AL to Callie M. McCallum-Sturdivant and Rev. TC Sturdivant.

Francis was an alumni of Peoria High School and worked for CWTC till her health failed. She was a gifted audio and visual artist, and often recorded local, and church events. Francis was a 31-year member of the St. Luke MB Church where she served in the capacity of nurse and usher faithfully.

Francis was affectionately known as “The Candy Lady” to the church's youth because it was well known that Francis always carried bags of candy. Francis worked tirelessly within her church's convention when she was able to where she was learning how to perfect her ministry as the Pastor's Nurse.

Francis leaves to cherish her humorous memories with her three brothers; Thomas Sturdivant of Bloomington, IL, Willie J McCallum-Sturdivant of Peoria, IL and Charles A.(Vera) McVay of Livingston, AL, and one honorary brother John (Emma) Brown of Peoria, IL; three sisters, Jeannette “Jai” Sturdivant of Peoria, IL, Latisha Sturdivant of Atlanta, GA; Robin Otterstrom of Peoria IL; her step-mother Katie Sturdivant of Peoria, IL; her Uncle Floyd (Gladys)

Sturdivant; two Aunts, Rosie Ruffin and Melvie Thomas; and a host of nieces, nephews; a close dear friend, Ebony Moredock of Peoria, IL as well as a network of extended friends and family who loved her. She is preceded in death by her parents, four sisters, one brother, paternal and maternal grandparents, seven paternal uncles and two maternal aunts.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, June 8, 2024 at St. Luke M.B. Church with a gathering beginning one half-hour prior to at 10:30 am. Her Pastor, Benjamin R. Nicks, Jr. will officiate.

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

# Previous Events

## Gathering

JUN 8. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

## Memorial Service

JUN 8. 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *John H Lee lit a candle in memory of Francis Sturdivant*



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**John H Lee** - June 08, 2024 at 08:45 AM



“ *To the Sturdivant Family - Please know you have my sympathy for the passing of you loved one and my sister in Christ. May God bless, comfort & keep you as you contend with your loss.*

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**Vickie Kingcade-King** - June 07, 2024 at 04:16 PM



“ *Kay Spates & family from Cleveland, OH purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Ms. Francis Janice Sturdivant.*



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**Kay Spates & family from Cleveland, OH** - June 06, 2024 at 09:29 AM



“ *Janice Marshall lit a candle in memory of Francis Sturdivant*



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**Janice Marshall** - June 04, 2024 at 09:16 PM

TB

“ Francis, I am going to miss that contagious smile of yours. To be absent in the body is to be present with the Lord. Rest up my friend, to the family, know that your strength comes from God.

Tina Bynum - June 04, 2024 at 07:17 PM

CC

“ Corey Cornish lit a candle in memory of Francis Sturdivant



Corey Cornish - June 04, 2024 at 12:38 PM

MR

“ Mattie Risby lit a candle in memory of Francis Sturdivant



Mattie Risby - June 04, 2024 at 09:14 AM

CS

“ Celise Shockley lit a candle in memory of Francis Sturdivant



Celise Shockley - June 04, 2024 at 03:08 AM

LM

“ *No more pain, no more sorrow, nor crying,  
RIP, Francis, for HE makes all things new!!  
GOD BLESS*



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**Lisa McGee** - June 04, 2024 at 01:55 AM

KA

“ *Karen Ashby sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Francis Sturdivant*



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**Karen Ashby** - June 04, 2024 at 12:58 AM

BW

“ *My condolences to the family I will miss you and all the pretty  
colored pics you 'graced me with. May God comfort your family with  
His peace.*

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**Barbara Westerfield** - June 03, 2024 at 11:35 PM

GA

“Cares all past, Home at last, Ever to rejoice!” Many, many, many childhood memories of Francis. Whenever we fellowshiped with Mt. Zion, we’d all enjoy each other and laugh so hard sometimes we’d get those “looks” from Mother Cato and/or Mother Sturdivant. We’d straighten up long enough to keep them from coming back there where we was. I don’t know if I ever was around Francis and we weren’t laughing; even growing up and moving away. On those rare occasions, we’d all pick up laughing and joking right where we’d left off. I’ll never forget those childhood memories, Rev. singing, Mother Callie’s beautiful smile, and laughing and joking with Jai and Francis. May the peace of God comfort all those that mourn and the joy of Lord be strength in knowing Francis rests now in Our Father’s House, according to the blessed promise of our Savior recorded in St. John 14: “John 14:2-3 KJV - In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also...”. Till we meet again, G. Allen and family.

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**Gary Allen** - June 03, 2024 at 09:11 PM

ZB

“Zerlyna Burse-Taylor lit a candle in memory of Francis Sturdivant



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**Zerlyna Burse-Taylor** - June 03, 2024 at 05:44 PM

KC

“ *Kathy Collins lit a candle in memory of Francis Sturdivant*



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**Kathy Collins** - June 02, 2024 at 12:33 AM

PE

“ *Phillip e.Hickman lit a candle in memory of Francis Sturdivant*



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**Phillip e.Hickman** - June 01, 2024 at 11:37 AM

DP

“ *Condolences to the Sturdivant family.*

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**Darryl Pegues** - May 31, 2024 at 07:58 PM

JH

*Sending Condolences to The Family*

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**joyce Howard** - June 09, 2024 at 09:48 AM