



Mother Freida Barbara (Ferguson) Gordon

June 1, 1939 - December 11, 2024

Mother Freida Barbara (Ferguson) Gordon, 85, of Peoria, IL transitioned to her heavenly home at 9:16 pm on Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at the Loft of Eureka in Eureka, IL.

Freida was born June 1, 1939 in Marshall, MO to Robert Edward and Frankie (Lawrence) Ferguson. She was educated in Peoria Public Schools #150. Freida married the love of her life JP "Buck" Gordon on January 9, 1954. To their union five children were born.

Freida had an exemplary working career as Housing Supervisor at OSF St. Francis Medical Center. In 1994 she retired with over 30 years of service. She was an avid bowler and was a traveling member of USBC and TNBA Bowling leagues. She was a recipient of the prestigious 40 years National Bowling Trophy.

Freida was a former member of Anderson Memorial C.O.G.I.C. She later moved her membership to New Morning Star M.B. Church where she served on the Mother Board, Choir, Calendar Tea, and co-chaired many Women's Day programs and attained the legacy as a Golden Member of the church.

Freida's favorite color was royal blue and her favorite song was "When I Rose This Morning" by Mosie Burks. She absolutely loved her gospel music! Freida

grew up in a musical family. Her mother (Frankie) played the piano, her and brother played the guitar while her sisters added the vocals. Their family's singing ministry was blessed to travel extensively to various houses of worship. With a cup of coffee in hand, Freida was a huge fan of various Judge shows. However, travelling, singing and bowling were her ultimate passions.

Mother Freida leaves to cherish her most precious memories her loving and devoted children; Imogene (Jeanie) Simmons, Pamela Kay Gordon and Gwendolyn Renee Johnson and James "Patrick" Gordon all of Peoria, IL; 6 grandchildren, Robert Davis, Carthel (Yvonne) Johnson, Sr., Dionne Gordon, Jamie Johnson, Jimmel Simmons, Sr., and Danielle (James) Harris; 20 greatgrandchildren and 8 great-great grandchildren, one of whom was her caregiver and to whom the family wishes to give special thanks, Roshante Gordon; also surviving are a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends who adored her.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, J.P. "Buck" Gordon; one daughter, Deborah Gordon; two sisters, Mary Richardson, Gloria Harris and a bonus sister, Willie Mae Hopson; two brothers, Robert E. Ferguson, Jr. and Richard Ferguson and a great grandson, Carthel Johnson, Jr.

Funeral services will be held at 11 am on Friday, December 20, 2024 at New Morning Star M.B. Church with a visitation beginning at 10 am. Pastor Cleveland Thomas, Sr. will officiate. Freida will be laid to rest at Parkview Cemetery.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at SimonsMortuary.com.

Cemetery Details

Parkview Cemetery

2001 N University St
Peoria, IL 61604
(309) 688-0733

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **20**. 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

DEC **20**. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mother Freida Barbara (Ferguson) Gordon*



Simons Mortuary - December 20, 2024 at 12:05 PM



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mother Freida Barbara (Ferguson) Gordon*



Simons Mortuary - December 19, 2024 at 04:26 PM

LA

Morning Star memories

Linda Hardy Avondale Az - December 19, 2024 at 06:12 PM

SJ

“ Sandra Johnson lit a candle in memory of Freida (Ferguson) Gordon



Sandra Johnson - December 31, 2024 at 11:38 PM

NM

“ Freida and I were great friends a

Nancy Mustard - December 22, 2024 at 05:22 PM

ES

“ Aunt Jeanie, I am so sad to hear that your mother passed. My thoughts, prayers and deepest condolences to you and your family. May the fond memories of her bring peace and comfort to you all in the days to come 🙏

Eric Simmons - December 20, 2024 at 05:16 PM

LJ

“ LEOLA RANDLE JEFFERSON lit a candle in memory of Freida (Ferguson) Gordon



LEOLA RANDLE JEFFERSON - December 19, 2024 at 11:15 PM

CS

“ *Celise Shockley lit a candle in memory of Freida (Ferguson) Gordon*



Celise Shockley - December 19, 2024 at 03:16 PM

TW

“ *Theresa Walker sent a virtual gift in memory of Freida (Ferguson) Gordon*



Theresa Walker - December 17, 2024 at 06:26 PM

AI

“ *Annette Irby lit a candle in memory of Freida (Ferguson) Gordon*



Annette Irby - December 16, 2024 at 10:01 AM

TN

“ *GROWING UP ON FIRST STREET IN PEORIA!!!*

TENA NICHELSON - December 16, 2024 at 03:52 AM

BI

“ *Brenda J Idreez sent a virtual gift in memory of Freida (Ferguson) Gordon*



Brenda J Idreez - December 15, 2024 at 04:35 PM

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“ *Brenda J Idreez sent a virtual gift in memory of Freida (Ferguson) Gordon*



Brenda J Idreez - December 15, 2024 at 03:35 PM



“ *Praying for family and friends in Jesus Christ 🙏 amen*

Dorotha Williams - December 14, 2024 at 09:07 PM

BC

“ *Brenda D Cayson lit a candle in memory of Mother Freida Barbara (Ferguson) Gordon*



Brenda D Cayson - December 14, 2024 at 09:53 AM

MY

“ My heart was saddened by the homegoing of a wonderful person, Mrs. Fredia Gordon. I will always retain fond memories of her coming up in New Morning Star Baptist Church. I believe she was in the Inspirational and Celestial Choirs, and Calender Tea. She had such a friendly welcoming spirit and was a joy to be around. My parents purchased her father's house on Smith Street and she would always talk about how grateful she was it was sold.

Please know The Gordon Family are in the hearts and prayers of many. May your faith and precious memories be sources of strength and comfort as you face the days ahead.

*Michael Young,
Washington DC*

Michael Young - December 13, 2024 at 08:24 PM