



Mrs. Gertrude Holly

December 13, 1927 - November 13, 2015

Mother Gertrude Holly, 87, of Peoria, IL passed away peacefully at 12:20 PM on Friday, November 13, 2015 at Heddington Oaks Nursing Home in West Peoria, IL surrounded by her loving family.

Gertrude was born on December 13, 1927 in Terry, MS to Lonnie and Alice (Nelson) Harvey. She married D.L. Holly, a US Army Veteran, on September 22, 1945; he preceded her in death on March 22, 1963.

Gertrude was a loving homemaker and caregiver to family and friends. She and Mr. Holly were among the first to become members of Grace Baptist Church in 1946. Gertrude was known within her church to remember the sick, the elderly and birthdays with a loving card. She was a deaconess and member of the mothers' board. Gertrude was also a past member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Mother Gertrude leaves to cherish her most precious memories her loving and devoted daughter, Alneida Ford of Peoria; two grandchildren, LaShaunda Campbell Washington of Albany, GA and Robert Ford of Peoria; five great grandchildren; Derrick, Jr., Lynsey, Terrell, Cameron and Brice; two adopted sisters, Marjorie Klise of Peoria and Mariclaire Costello of Los Angeles, CA; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins; and her Grace Baptist Church family. She is also preceded in death by her parents; one brother; one sister and an adopted sister.

Funeral services will be held at 11 AM on Friday, November 20, 2015 at her beloved Grace Baptist Church with a visitation one hour prior to the service at

10 AM. Pastor Claude White, Jr., will officiate and Rev. Brian Henderson, Pastor at Parkway Gardens United Presbyterian Church of Memphis, TN, will bring the eulogy. Mother Gertrude will be laid to rest at St. Mary Cemetery. Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at simonsmortuary.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Gertrude Holly*



Simons Mortuary - November 18, 2015 at 05:00 PM



“ *Mrs. Gertrude Holly*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mrs. Gertrude Holly*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *Rest In Peace dear Cousin love you*

Wayne Bailey Jr. - November 26, 2015 at 06:32 PM



“ *Barbara Vinson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gertrude Holly*



Barbara Vinson - November 18, 2015 at 05:49 PM

BV

RIP Nana..

Barbara Vinson - November 18, 2015 at 05:50 PM



“ 31 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Simons Mortuary - November 18, 2015 at 04:49 PM

SL

“ *Sonya Linwood lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gertrude Holly*



Sonya Linwood - November 18, 2015 at 12:33 PM

TB

“ *When I was growing up and going to Grace, Mrs Holly was on the Usher board and if you were talking and she gave you that look....well enough said. Prayers to you and your family Alneida*



Love Terri Bonds, Washington, DC

Terri Bonds - November 18, 2015 at 08:29 AM

PD

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult. She was such a kind and loving woman. She will truly be missed. RIH Sis Holly*

Pam & Michael Dewalt - November 18, 2015 at 07:41 AM

MT

“ *Mrs. Holly was someone who supported everything her granddaughter did, so as a result, I got to know her at the Richwoods football games and basketball games. She was always so pleasant and so kind. She wore a smile every time I would see her. Her daughter was always by her side and seldom did you see them apart. Rest in peace dear soldier. My prayers are with the family in their time of loss.*



Monica Tatum - November 17, 2015 at 08:43 PM

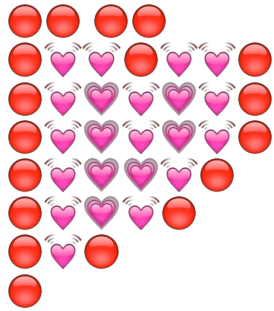
DS

“ *“I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.” (Maya Angelou) Since day one, Nana always made me feel welcome and proud to be a part of her family. Love Always Derrick Sr.*

Derrick Washington Sr - November 17, 2015 at 08:34 PM



“ Sending my ❤️ and condolences to the family.



Purrrple Zolicoffer - November 17, 2015 at 07:28 PM



“ Fontessa Sledge lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gertrude Holly



Fontessa Sledge - November 17, 2015 at 07:13 PM



“ Love Derrick & Terra Cochran. Your Albany Georgia family. purchased the Simply Elegant Sp athiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Gertrude Holly.



Love Derrick & Terra Cochran. Your Albany Georgia family. -
November 17, 2015 at 06:26 PM



“ Hello My Name Is Vonetta Johnson Of Albany Georgia,I Didn,t Get The Opportunity To Meet This Sweet Lady But lam so Grateful To Know And Work With Her Granddaughter Lashunda Washington ,Our Hearts Go Out To Mrs Washington And Her Family Stay Strong Their Is No More Suffering She's In A Much Better Place Now And We Are Praying For Yall, Antwan Told Me To Tell You He Love You and Miss You And He Has Lots Of Hugs And Kisses When You Come Back,Take Care Love You, Mrs.Johnson And Antwan!!!

Vonetta Johnson - November 17, 2015 at 04:27 PM

JG

“ God bless the family" my Grace family' She will be truly missed as the Lord Proceeds in our lives. RIP Sister Holley.



jackie gray - November 17, 2015 at 06:51 AM

MD

“ Michelle Douglas lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gertrude Holly



Michelle Douglas - November 17, 2015 at 01:15 AM

MD

“ Mrs Holly loved me as her own and her family was kind as she was and showed compassion and love ❤️ for others. She will be missed intensely. Don't weep Alneida she is where she wants to be...with her God. Sending my prayers and love to you and the kids.
Michelle Jones (Douglas).



Michelle Douglas - November 17, 2015 at 01:14 AM

LM

“ Lynn Mack lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gertrude Holly



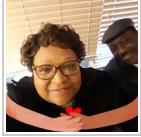
Lynn Mack - November 17, 2015 at 12:08 AM

TB

“ My dear favorite aunt Gertie, Gert. For once, I am speechless. No more family updates. No more tricking each other on the phone. No more family secrets to be shared. However, I will do my best to carry out your wishes that you expressed for me in our last conversation. Gone, but never gotten. I am ending just as we always ended our conversations..."I love you"...until we meet again.



Terri Holden Bennett - November 16, 2015 at 11:36 PM



“ *Myra Ransom lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gertrude Holly*



Myra Ransom - November 16, 2015 at 11:31 PM

QJ

“ *To the Ford and Campbell Family, I'm sending my deepest condolences to you all. From the first day I met "Nan", she was a very sweet woman with a heart of gold. I'm praying for God to give you all strength in this time of bereavement. Love you!!*
Quawanda Jones



Quawanda Jones - November 16, 2015 at 11:26 PM

RN

“ *Rufus/Kim Nelson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gertrude Holly*



Rufus/Kim Nelson - November 15, 2015 at 07:19 PM