



Mother Gladys "Sweet" Ivory

November 8, 1937 - February 6, 2024

Mrs. Gladys "Sweet" Ivory, 86, of Peoria, IL transitioned to her heavenly home at 4:44 am on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center surrounded by her family.

Mother Ivory was born on November 8, 1937 in York, AL to Tom and Armetta (Pearson) Sturdivant, Sr. She professed Christ at the age of nine. She married her beloved, the late Pastor Jeffery Ivory, Sr. on August 20, 1953 in Meridian, MS.

Mother Ivory was the First Lady of Grace Baptist Church for over 50 years. She served on the women's ministry. Mother Ivory loved to sing in the Voices of Heaven Choir and was known for her melody arrangement of hymns during devotion on Sunday mornings. She loved wearing very stylish hats, that was one of a kind. Mother Ivory worked at Caterpillar for 34 years. Mother Ivory liked to knit, cook and was a member of several bowling leagues. Mother Ivory loved spending time with her family. She had a loving and compassionate heart. Mother Ivory helped mentor young women with life skills at Valeska Hinton GED program. She was the type of a person that would take in a needy person.

Mother Ivory leaves to cherish her most precious memories, four sons, Ricky (Carolyn) Ivory of York, AL, Larry (Janis) Ivory, Rodney (Jennifer) Ivory and Darren Ivory all of Peoria, IL; four daughters, Lorraine (William) Sephus, Beverly Ivory-Cameron, Teresa (Lonnie) Ivory-Hayes and Ariel Ivory all of Peoria, IL; 21 grandchildren, 36 great grandchildren, 22 great-great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, other family and friends who loved her. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; one son, Jeffery Ivory, Jr.; daughter, Erica Ivory; two sisters, Dorothy Mae Lard and Annie Ruth Nelson; granddaughter, Glenda Cayson and grandson, Troy Irving, Jr.

Funeral services will be held at 10 am on Saturday, February 17, 2024 at Grace B. Church, with a visitation one-hour prior beginning at 9 am. Pastor Claude White, Jr. will officiate. Mother Ivory will be laid to rest at Historic Springdale Cemetery.

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

Cemetery Details

Historic Springdale Cemetery

3014 N. Prospect Road
Peoria, IL 61603

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 17. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

FEB 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mother Gladys "Sweet" Ivory*



Simons Mortuary - February 22, 2024 at 05:10 PM



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Simons Mortuary - February 15, 2024 at 02:57 PM

MW

The God of all comfort be your strength. Prayers and condolences.

Ms. Patricia Ward - February 15, 2024 at 03:08 PM

LH

Prayers and condolences

Larry and Shirley Hale - February 17, 2024 at 10:23 AM

MM

That was my great grandma

Miranda Hayes marie - July 25, 2024 at 04:31 PM

RB

“ *To the family of Mother Lorraine Ivory praying and sending my deepest condolences love you all*



Rhonda Brown - March 26, 2024 at 08:18 AM



“ 1 file added to the album *Burial at Historic Springdale Cemetery*



Simons Mortuary - February 22, 2024 at 05:11 PM



“ *My heart and prayers for family and friends may the grace of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ be with you all rip in Jesus name amen*



Dorotha Williams - February 17, 2024 at 08:22 PM



“ *Sending my Deepest Sympathy and Condolences and Prayers to the Ivory entire family keeping y'all in my Prayers* 💔🙏🙏💔

Demetra Alexander - February 17, 2024 at 12:23 PM



“ 8 files added to the album *MOTHER IVORY SWEET SPIRIT*



Michelle McFadden - February 17, 2024 at 09:11 AM

MJ

“ *Mother Ivory-Beautiful, kind and as her nickname-Sweet! Always helping, loving, giving and sharing her home, money and love! She will be missed so much by so many. She had a smile that would light up a room. Rest in peace Mom. God give peace and comfort to her family, church family and friends Amen.*



Michelle Jones-Douglas - February 17, 2024 at 02:10 AM

BJ

“ *Bretrand J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mother Gladys “Sweet” Ivory.*

Bretrand J. - February 16, 2024 at 02:45 PM

BJ

“ *Bretrand J. purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Mother Gladys "Sweet" Ivory.*



Bretrand J. - February 16, 2024 at 02:45 PM

RH

“ *Rena Horton lit a candle in memory of Gladys Ivory*



Rena Webster Horton - February 16, 2024 at 06:17 AM



“ *Beautiful soul and spirit. Mother Ivory was and inspiration you everyone who loved and knew her. She always had a warm, loving smile. She will be truly miss. We all know that to be absent from the body is to be present with THE LORD.*



Mary Santanna-Stewart - February 15, 2024 at 11:21 AM



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Mary Santanna-Stewart - February 15, 2024 at 11:20 AM

VK

“ To the Ivory Family - another soldier has been called home. May the memory of the fun-loving & caring person that she was sustain you as you contend with your loss.

Vickie Kingcade-King - February 14, 2024 at 10:25 PM

LW

“ Love Barry (Maine) and Carol Wallace purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mother Gladys "Sweet" Ivory.



Love Barry (Maine) and Carol Wallace - February 14, 2024 at 12:17 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Mother Gladys "Sweet" Ivory.



February 14, 2024 at 09:22 AM

IB

“ Illinois Procurement Policy Board planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mother Gladys "Sweet" Ivory.

Illinois Procurement Policy Board - February 14, 2024 at 09:22 AM

PH

“ *Phillip Hickman lit a candle in memory of Gladys Ivory*



Phillip Hickman - February 14, 2024 at 07:29 AM

“ *Resolution of Respect for Mother Gladys Ivory a beloved member of our congregation*

To The Family of the Late Mother Gladys Ivory:

We are today comforted by the words of Our Lord in Revelations 21:4 which says: "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God to take unto Himself our sister Mother Gladys Ivory, too soon by our measure but not in the providence of the All-knowing Divine. Whereas, in God's holy wisdom, He has called home Mother Gladys Ivory to dwell with Him in the glories of Paradise.

Whereas Mother Gladys Ivory performed her work on this earth and offered her service to this church for the greater honor and glory of God, unreservedly and in a spirit of humility, and Whereas, each of us has been blessed by the presence of Mother Gladys Ivory, in our lives and in our congregation.

The Pastor, officers and members of Grace Baptist Church offer our sincere condolences to the family. Your sorrow is our sorrow; your loss is magnified by the loss of a dear soul from our congregation.

Therefore, be it resolved that we embrace this bereaved family, in our common bond of grief and remembrance of a beloved soul. and that a copy of this resolution be given to the family and a copy kept in the Church archives.

In the words of John, Chapter 14, verses 1 - 3:

"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.

"In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go

to prepare a place for you?

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself,

that where I am you may be also."

Be at peace in the everlasting love of the Lord. Respectfully submitted on this 17th day of February, 2024

on behalf of the Officers and Members of Grace Baptist Church

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH,

SIS ALNEIDA FORD, CHURCH SECRETARY

PASTOR C.L. WHITE JR.

Grace Baptist Church - February 13, 2024 at 12:16 PM



Thank you, pastor White and Our Grace family. Your love and support during this difficult time gives us strength to the days ahead. Love you all

Teresa Ivory-Hayes - February 13, 2024 at 04:11 PM

PS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family.(Pastor Andre', Natasha & Aj Hunt's) Mother Pastor Stephanie Slocumb Macon, Ga.*

Pastor Stephanie Slocumb - February 13, 2024 at 11:58 AM

AL

“ *Annette Lucy lit a candle in memory of Gladys Ivory*



Annette Lucy - February 13, 2024 at 11:06 AM

TM

“ *To my classmate Larry Ivory and family, God be with you in this time of bereavement.*

Theresa McAfee - February 13, 2024 at 10:21 AM

AL

“ *Annette Lucy lit a candle in memory of Gladys Ivory*



Annette Lucy - February 12, 2024 at 09:43 PM

RA

“ *Renee Adell lit a candle in memory of Gladys Ivory*



Renee Adell - February 12, 2024 at 05:52 PM

CD

My condolences and prayers to the family ❤️🙏

Cozette Davis - February 13, 2024 at 10:32 AM

RN

“ *Rufus Kim Nelson lit a candle in memory of Gladys Ivory*



Rufus and Kim Nelson - February 12, 2024 at 01:07 PM

CG

Forever in ours hearts: Gatlin, Lewis, and Risby family 🙏

Collette Gatlin - February 17, 2024 at 05:11 PM