



Mrs. Gloria Jean (Williams) Pollard

September 28, 1936 - July 5, 2023

Mrs. Gloria Jean (Williams) Pollard, 86, transitioned to her heavenly home at 1:41 pm on Wednesday, July 5, 2023 at her residence.

Gloria was born on September 28, 1936 in Sequin, TX to Melvin, Sr., and Ethel Mae (Priestley) Williams. She married Albert "Al" Smith Pollard in Peoria, IL.

Gloria was a very sweet person. She was a homemaker and a housekeeper for many families in her community. She was a mother to many and without hesitation assisted those in need, while also creating employment for the less fortunate. Gloria loved for her son to take her fishing though she would never go on his boat, but enjoyed bank fishing. She also loved when he went rabbit hunting and brought back rabbits for her to cook rabbit, rice, biscuits and gravy. Gloria was an avid bowler. She was a member of the "Hims and Fems" Bowling League at Town and Country Bowling Alley and many other leagues at Landmark Recreation Bowling Center. She was a member of the Tops weight loss club. She loved to bake cakes, watch soap operas and game shows on television. Gloria was a die-hard St. Louis Cardinals fan. She went to their games every summer and even got to be a spectator at the new stadium. She was a long-time and faithful member of Peoria Friendship M.B. Church where she served in the culinary ministry.

Gloria leaves to cherish her most precious memories, her son, Martin "Ray" Williams, Sr.; and one daughter, Natasha (Tobias) Seiber both of Peoria, IL; one sister, Mary Ann Pete of Austin, TX; twelve grandchildren; twenty-three great grandchildren; sixteen great-great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends who loved her. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Al Pollard; one daughter, Ruthie Flatt Willis; four brothers, James Williams, Roosevelt Williams, Charles Williams and Albert Melvin Williams; five sisters, Vera Faye Sinegal, Sally Williams, Maxine Trask, Linda Young and Idea Mae Tena; great grandson, Amarion Simmons and great granddaughter, Ciara Wallace.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, July 15, 2023 at Peoria Friendship M.B. Church, with a visitation one-hour prior beginning at 10:00 am. Pastor Claude Russell, Sr. will officiate. Gloria 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

JUL 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Peoria Friendship M.B. Church
3828 N New York Ave.
Peoria, IL 61614

Celebration of Life

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

Peoria Friendship M.B. Church
3828 N New York Ave.
Peoria, IL 61614

Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Gloria Jean (Williams) Pollard*



Simons Mortuary - July 17, 2023 at 10:35 AM



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Gloria Jean (Williams) Pollard*



Simons Mortuary - July 14, 2023 at 03:18 PM

PW

“ *So sorry for your loss. I truly enjoyed bowling with Gloria. She will be missed. Praying for comfort to the family.*

Phyllis Williams - July 16, 2023 at 11:16 PM

BW

“ *It Is With Our Deepest Sympathy That We Send Love, Prayers & Blessings To You All Family At This Time Of Bereavement. We Want You To Know That We Are Thinking Of You & Our Thoughts & Prayers Go Out To You At This Difficult Time. May Gloria Gently Rest In Peace In God's Arms & May God Be With You All In This Time Of Sorrow. Our Deepest Condolences.*



The Family Of James Edward Williams, Sr.

Becky R Williams - July 14, 2023 at 11:19 AM

TS

“ *The Family Of James Edward Williams, Sr. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Gloria Jean (Williams) Pollard.*



The Family Of James Edward Williams, Sr. - July 14, 2023 at 11:12 AM

JK

“ *My grandma went out of her way to please everyone. She showed me how to give, took me to church, loved and cared for me and even started my financial state. She will forever be missed. I love you granny.*



Jacolby M Knox - July 08, 2023 at 05:34 PM

DM

“ As a little girl growing up she was an amazing mother and adopted me right in. She had an amazing heart of gold 🧡 She will be a shining star in heaven as she was here. She will be missed til we see her again. Love you mamma ❤️

Deana Y McCormick - July 07, 2023 at 09:05 AM