



## Mrs. Gwendolyn (Linwood) Spinks

August 11, 1953 - August 20, 2025

Mrs. Gwendolyn Spinks, a beacon of love and faith, passed away peacefully on August 20, 2025, in her hometown of Peoria, IL surrounded by her family, at the age of 72.

Gwendolyn was born on August 11, 1953, in Peoria, IL to a large and lively family parented by Robert, Jr, and Elease (Lobdell) Linwood. She married Ted Spinks in 2007 in Peoria, IL.

Gwendolyn's life was a testament to her unwavering dedication to her family, friends, and community. Her beloved husband of 18 years, Ted Spinks, will forever hold dear the memories they created together in Peoria, IL. She was a nurturing mother to her sons, Michael Linwood, Jr. of Clinton, IA and Marcus Linwood of Peoria, IL. Gwendolyn was the sister to a remarkable sibling group, sharing life's journey with Dewayne (Phyllis) Linwood, Terry Linwood, and Robert Linwood, all of Peoria, IL; Derrick Linwood and David Linwood, both of Pontiac, MI; Elana Linwood, Chawana Linwood, and Lerra Linwood, all of Peoria, IL; and Carla Linwood of Gary, IN. Gwendolyn's life was enriched by the laughter and support of her brothers and sisters, and their bond remained unbreakable through the years. Gwendolyn's spirit extended beyond her immediate family to her numerous grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and a host of relatives and friends who adored her. She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Charles Linwood, Larry Linwood and Steve Linwood

and three sisters, Barbara Linwood, Renee Linwood and Vetta Linwood.

Gwendolyn's faith was the cornerstone of her existence. For over 18 years, she was a devoted member of City on a Hill Church. She poured her heart into service, whether through the hospitality ministry, benevolent ministry, music ministry, or auxiliary team. Her willingness to serve wherever needed was a reflection of her generous nature.

Gwendolyn enjoyed solving crossword puzzles, organizing events, and indulging in pampering herself by getting her nails done. These activities brought her happiness, but nothing compared to the time spent with her grandchildren, whom she adored.

Gwendolyn's journey on this earth has ended, but the impact of her life will continue to resonate. She has left behind a legacy of love, commitment, and faith that will continue to guide and comfort her family and friends. Her memory will be cherished, her spirit celebrated, and her life's story told with reverence and admiration. Gwendolyn Spinks will be deeply missed, yet her light will forever shine in the hearts of those she touched.

Funeral services will be held at 11 am on Saturday, August 30, 2025 at City On A Hill Church with a visitation at 10 am. Pastor William Preston will officiate.

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 30.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

City on a Hill Church of Christ  
3624 West Malone Street,  
Peoria, IL 61605  
<http://www.thecityonahill.com>

## Celebration of Life

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

City on a Hill Church of Christ  
3624 West Malone Street,  
Peoria, IL 61605  
<http://www.thecityonahill.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Webcast in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn (Linwood) Spinks*



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**Simons Mortuary** - August 29, 2025 at 06:41 PM

BC

“ *Brenda D Cayson lit a candle in memory of Gwendolyn Spinks*



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**Brenda D Cayson** - September 17, 2025 at 01:14 PM

DG

“ *Denise Burns Green lit a candle in memory of Gwendolyn Spinks*



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**Denise Burns Green** - September 03, 2025 at 11:51 PM

BC

“ *Brenda D Cayson(Rudd) lit a candle in memory of Gwendolyn Spinks*



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**Brenda D Cayson(Rudd)** - August 29, 2025 at 11:47 AM

KJ

“ *Take your rest my friend! We had lots of talks and shared much back in the day... from New Hope, to the Village Green, Moss Ave to Churches Chicken ... you will definitely be missed: prayers for the family and friends.... your life definitely made a difference. ...*



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**Kathy Jordan** - August 28, 2025 at 11:42 PM

ML

“ *Well...we go so far back. McRenoylds Street.... neighbors. Friends. Class Mates. My Nephew Michael Linwood's Mother...so much. Gwen was always honest and you never had to guess where you stood with her. Though we have not talked in many years...I am sure that God has a place for her in the AfterLife. A place that befits her commitment to love and family. Rest well.*

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**Mark Lampkin** - August 28, 2025 at 05:40 PM

AI

“ *Really going to miss you calling me Unity. Rest well my sister.*



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**Annette Irby** - August 28, 2025 at 09:38 AM

MR

“ *Mattie Risby sent a virtual gift in memory of Gwendolyn Spinks*



Mattie Risby - August 28, 2025 at 04:27 AM



“ *I'm praying for the family. I'll never forget how she loved on me, our talks, and continue keeping in touch with me. Fly high.*



Carma Kimber - August 22, 2025 at 06:14 PM

RA

“ *Renee Adell lit a candle in memory of Gwendolyn Spinks*



Renee Adell - August 22, 2025 at 04:20 PM

CR

“ *Crystal Roddy lit a candle in memory of Gwendolyn Spinks*



Crystal Roddy - August 22, 2025 at 03:30 PM

CL

“ *RIP Cuzn! You will be truly missed! I love you! My condolences to the Spinks and Linwood Family!*



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**Carolyn Lobdell** - August 22, 2025 at 02:30 PM

BC

“ *Brenda D Cayson lit a candle in memory of Gwendolyn Spinks*



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**Brenda D Cayson** - August 22, 2025 at 12:04 PM

DB

“ *Dorothea Banks-Burse lit a candle in memory of Gwendolyn Spinks*



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**Dorothea Banks-Burse** - August 22, 2025 at 07:08 AM

CR

“ *Sending deepest condolences to the family, hadn't seen Gwen since high school. We were neighbors for a while in grade school..She was always a caring friend. May God bless & give you all strength during this difficult time! 💕🙏*



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**Catherine Randle** - August 22, 2025 at 02:21 AM



“ Auntie Gwen you were the true definition of a servant. You cared for everyone and you loved on everyone as well. Get your rest my girl I’m gonna miss you!



Reasha Charee - August 21, 2025 at 11:44 PM

DB

“ Dorothea Banks-Burse lit a candle in memory of Gwendolyn Spinks



Dorothea Banks-Burse - August 21, 2025 at 09:19 PM

PW

“ Prayers of comfort and peace to brother Ted Spinks and family 🙏❤️🙏



Patricia Ward - August 21, 2025 at 07:15 PM