



Ms. Helen "Vicci" Victorine Brooks

August 8, 1951 - October 11, 2022

Rev. Helen Victorine Brooks, 71, of Riverdale, Georgia; formerly of Peoria, Illinois passed away Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at Grady Memorial Hospital, in Atlanta, Georgia.

Helen, affectionately known as Vicci, was born on August 8, 1951 in DuQuion, IL to Edward, Sr., and Helen (Scott) Brooks. She was baptized at an early age. Vicci became an ordained minister and was a member of New Hope Ministries for many years before moving to Atlanta, GA.

Vicci was a Peoria Woodruff High School graduate and a graduate of Illinois Central College with an Associates Degree in Early Childhood Education. Vicci was an educator. She loved working with the youth of the Peoria Community. She began as a Pre-school teacher for Peoria's Head Start Program. She later worked with PCCEO as a Family Services Assistant recruiting families for the Head Start Program she then became an Energy Verifier in the Weatherization/LIHEAP Department. Vicci retired as a family liaison from The George Washington Carver Center before moving to Atlanta, GA. While in Atlanta, Vicci owned and operated a Home Day Care.

Vicci was a fashionista! She loved fashionable jewelry and decorating her home as well as her family and friends. She was a motivator and an encourager to all her family and friends.

Vicci leaves to cherish her most precious memories her son, Marc Jefferson of Portland, OR; two brothers, Edward (Preshell) Brooks of Phoenix, AZ and Gerald Brooks of Las Vegas, NV; two sisters, Sherrilyn "Sue" Brooks Hobson of Peoria, IL and Henrietta Dortch of St. Louis, MO; three grandchildren, Alexis, Taryn and Brittany; a special grandniece, Cryshawn Johnson of Peoria, IL; and a host of loving other nieces, nephews, extended family and friends who loved her. She is preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Pamela Brooks and grandmother, Victorine Farquhar.

Funeral services will be held at 11 am on Thursday, October 20, 2022 at Greater City of Refuge Worship Cathedral with a visitation beginning at 10 am. Bishop Timothy Criss will officiate. Vicci will be laid to rest at Lutheran Cemetery.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to [SimonsMortuary.com](https://www.SimonsMortuary.com).

The service will be live streamed on Simons Mortuary's Website or Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Simons-Mortuary-232095303487150> promptly AT THE TIME OF THE SERVICE (Central Time).

Due to Covid-19, social distancing is encouraged to be consistent with recommendations from the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA), funeral home directors have been instructed and should follow CDC guidelines on gatherings, including those directly related to funerals, visitations, or graveside services.

*In an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, we ask that everyone in attendance: wear a face mask and refrain from hugging, kissing and shaking hands (as hard as it is to see someone you care about and not touch them).

*It is our responsibility as Funeral Directors, to do everything we can to advise families in order to honor our beloved Families and to keep everyone as safe

as possible.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation!

Cemetery Details

Lutheran Cemetery

914 S Pleasant St
Peoria, IL 61604-5954

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **20**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Greater City of Refuge Worship Cathedral
2201 SW Adams Street
Peoria, IL 61602

Celebration of Life

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

Greater City of Refuge Worship Cathedral
2201 SW Adams Street
Peoria, IL 61602

Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Helen "Vicci" Victorine Brooks*



Simons Mortuary - October 24, 2022 at 06:27 PM



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Helen "Vicci" Victorine Brooks*



Simons Mortuary - October 19, 2022 at 11:31 AM

FC

Deepest condolences praying for the family.

Fran Clayborn - October 19, 2022 at 01:35 PM

DA

God has gain a beautiful Angela Vicci you will be truly missed rest on beautiful queen Prayers to the entire family 🙏🙏🙏

Demetra Alexander - October 20, 2022 at 11:13 AM



“ *Ms. Helen "Vicci" Victorine Brooks*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Ms. Helen "Vicci" Victorine Brooks*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *Theresa Walker lit a candle in memory of Helen "Vicci" Brooks*



Theresa Walker - October 22, 2022 at 11:20 PM



“ *Theresa Walker lit a candle in memory of Helen "Vicci" Brooks*



Theresa Walker - October 20, 2022 at 11:20 PM



“ *My dearest friend Vicci. I miss her so much already. But it was her time to transition from this earthly realm and go back to our creator. She was indeed a child of the most high, a friend and sister. My condolences to her family and friends. Love you Vicci. Marcia Brown, ATL*

Marcia Brown - October 20, 2022 at 12:51 PM

GW

“ Church member and Sunday school teacher,
God bless your family>



Gwen - October 20, 2022 at 12:10 PM

RH

“ WOW! Vicci will forever be in my heart! She
will be missed eternally! But I know she is
safe in the arms of Jesus! I will always
remember her smile, laugh and Bossiness,
she was a true Boss in her own right and her
love for children is unmatched! Sending our prayers to Marc
Jefferson and the entire Brooks family! Love you all!



Rachel Hurst

Rachel Hurst - October 20, 2022 at 12:01 PM

DA

“ Demetra Alexander sent a virtual gift in memory
of Helen "Vicci" Brooks



Demetra Alexander - October 20, 2022 at 11:15 AM

DA

“ My Deepest Sympathy and Condolences to the entire family I will
keep y'all in my Prayers 🙏🙏🙏

Demetra Alexander - October 20, 2022 at 10:57 AM

MJ

“ To the Family of Vicci Brooks find peace and strength during this time of loss. She was tenacious and a happy person who brought fun and energy to one and all! Really important person! Love,
Sis Michelle Jones-Douglas



Michelle Jones-Douglas - October 20, 2022 at 09:46 AM

RH

“ Sending our love, prayers and condolences to Marc and the entire Brooks family! Vicki's memories will be cherished and she will be forever missed!
Love you Vicki
Rachel



Rachel Hurst - October 19, 2022 at 10:19 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Ms. Helen "Vicci" Victorine Brooks.



October 19, 2022 at 03:01 PM

BW

“ A life that blooms and shares its beauty freely is never lost - - with sympathy
Owen & Bessie Warfield



Bessie M Warfield - October 19, 2022 at 10:47 AM

DM

I hope you're dancing in the sky, I hope you're singing in the angels choir 🎵 rest well my friend.

Dorothy Moss - October 22, 2022 at 05:29 PM

MH

“ *Marcia Hinton lit a candle in memory of Helen "Vicci" Brooks*



Marcia Hinton - October 18, 2022 at 11:31 PM

MH

“ *Marcia Hinton lit a candle in memory of Helen "Vicci" Brooks*



Marcia Hinton - October 18, 2022 at 11:22 PM

AL

“ *Annette Lucy lit a candle in memory of Helen "Vicci" Brooks*



Annette Lucy - October 18, 2022 at 11:13 PM

AP

“ *RIH VICCI. LOVE ❤️ ART.*

Arthur Pannell - October 18, 2022 at 08:48 PM

CP

“ *Comarletia Pierce sent a virtual gift in memory of Helen "Vicci" Brooks*



Comarletia Pierce - October 18, 2022 at 04:07 PM

DS

“ *Debra Standley lit a candle in memory of Helen "Vicci" Brooks*



Debra L Standley - October 18, 2022 at 08:03 AM

MP

“ *Mancy Pittman lit a candle in memory of Helen "Vicci" Brooks*



Mancy Pittman - October 17, 2022 at 01:59 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ms. Helen "Vicci" Victorine Brooks.*



October 16, 2022 at 11:21 PM

DH

“ *Detra Hickson lit a candle in memory of Helen "Vicci" Brooks*



Detra Hickson - October 16, 2022 at 04:00 PM

DH

“ *I met Vicci at New Life Presbyterian Church, in College Park, GA. She needed a ride home and I quickly abliged. We ended up working together on our Cancer Awareness Ministry and one of our Sunday School Classes. She made me feel special by calling me her "best friend". Her infectious smile, love for God, quick wit and funky eye glass styles will forever remain in my heart. 🧡🙏🏻🕊️*


Detra Hickson - October 16, 2022 at 03:58 PM

MC



Marvan Cornish - October 15, 2022 at 11:55 PM

DE

“ *My Deepest Sympathy and Condolences to the Brooks Family keeping the entire family in my Prayers* 

Demetra - October 15, 2022 at 02:58 PM

DE

“ *Demetra sent a virtual gift in memory of Helen "Vicci" Brooks*



Demetra - October 15, 2022 at 02:56 PM

BC

“ *Brenda Cayson lit a candle in memory of Helen "Vicci" Brooks*



Brenda Cayson - October 15, 2022 at 02:29 PM

RL

“ *Sweet inside and out! Praying for the family! Take your rest! Job well done!*

Rochelle Rosa Lilly - October 15, 2022 at 10:35 AM

JB

“ *Our Thoughts And Prayers Are With The Entire Brooks Family At This Difficult Time. Rest Easy Vicci. We Will Remember The Good Times Until We Meet Again God's Got You* ❤️🕊️❤️🌹



Joanie Brown - October 14, 2022 at 09:04 PM