



## Mrs. Ida Bell Clark

March 25, 1925 - January 20, 2015

Mrs. Ida Bell Clark, 89, of Peoria, IL passed away peacefully surrounded by her family at 2:31 PM on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center.

Ida was born in Rena Lara, MS, "The Delta", as she would say, on March 25, 1925 to Benny and Hattie (Thomas) Lee. Ida married and had one beloved son, Jessie Radford who passed away in 1990.

Ida leaves to cherish her most precious memories her loving family which includes one grandson, Carmen McCreary of Milwaukee, WI; 10 great-grandchildren, Antonio Bonds, Jr., Trayvon Bonds, Shania Bonds, KeyShawna Bonds, Kevonti McCrear, Shy Jones, Jalen McCreary, Iyonna Gee, Imani Gee, Amirah Gee, Amiracle Jenkins and Jalen Bonds; 16 great-great-grandchildren; one great great-great-grandson; three nephews, Ocie (Pearlene) Douglas, Melvin (Marjorie) Douglas both of Peoria and Larry C. Douglas of Huntsville, AL; a host of nieces and nephews; her Simons Mortuary Family and her beloved Peoria Friendship Missionary Baptist Church Family. She is preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Janie Lee Douglas.

Ida moved to Peoria through a mutual friend in 1952. She worked at old Proctor Hospital - approximately 16 years. She was also employed at OSF St. Francis and The Salvation Army.

Ida became affiliated with Simons Mortuary as a faithful assistant to Mr. Raymond and Thelma Simons. Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Simons became very

close friends. For over 40 years, she served as the Nursing Staff at Simons Mortuary administering first aid or C.P.R when needed; but always available to assist bereaved families at funerals.

In 1962, Ida become a member of Friendship Baptist Church under the Pastorate of the late Rev. Willie Williams, Sr., where she faithfully served an usher, past president of the usher ministry, chaplain of the nurses ministry and past President of the Nurses Guild. Ida was also a District Nurse for over 38 years and joined the United Usher Board of Peoria in November 1971.

Funeral services will be held at 10 AM on Saturday, January 31, 2015 at her beloved Church with a visitation one hour prior beginning at 9 AM. Rev. Dr. Claude E. Russell, Jr., will officiate. Ida will be laid to rest at Lutheran Cemetery. Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with Pre-Arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [simonsmortuary.com](http://simonsmortuary.com).

"If I can help somebody as I travel along, then my living shall not be in vain."

# Cemetery Details

## Lutheran Cemetery

914 S Pleasant St  
Peoria, IL 61604-5954

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 31. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

JAN 31. 10:00 AM (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. Ida Bell Clark*



Simons Mortuary - January 30, 2015 at 04:40 PM



“ *Mrs. Ida Bell Clark*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mrs. Ida Bell Clark*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *Joan Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ida Bell Clark*



joan jackson - January 29, 2015 at 05:16 AM

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“ I always looked forward to seeing her at her post during the funerals. She was such a comfort. She took pride in her appearance.



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**Vickie King** - January 27, 2015 at 12:01 PM