



## Mrs. Irene Miller

March 30, 1923 - February 14, 2019

Our loved one, Mrs. Irene Miller, 95, of Peoria, IL peacefully slipped into rest and transitioned from her earthly home to her Heavenly home at 12:52 pm on Thursday, February 14, 2019 at her home surrounded by family.

Irene 's journey in life began on March 30, 1923 in Grenada, MS, the seventh child of eight children born to Reed and Ellen (Smith) Crowder. She accepted Christ at an early age. Irene married the love of her life, Russell Eugene Miller, in Davenport, IA in a double ceremony with her sister, the late Bonnie (Crowder) and James Cartwright on June 8, 1940. Russell preceded Irene in death March 6, 1995 after over 54 years of marriage.

Irene had a strong work ethic. She was a domestic worker early in her marriage, she then worked as a clerk at Goldstein's Jewelry Store, Hechts' Bunny Dress shop then last working at Caterpillar, Inc., in their cafeteria. She was a faithful member of St. Paul Baptist Church where she used to sing in the Choir when the church was located on Howett Street.

Irene leaves to cherish her most precious memory her loving and devoted daughters, Genevieve "Jan" Davis of Hampton, VA, Bonnie (Harvey) Mitchell of Scottsdale, AZ and Pamela (Charles) Richardson of Peoria with whom Irene made her home; six grandchildren, Alfred Davis, Debra Ellis, Harvey Mitchell, II, Tara Sample, Jamila Richardson and Asia Richardson, who was also her caregiver; 13 great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. She is also preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Willie "Bud" Crowder; 6 sisters, Winnie Rhodes, Lela Ellis, Mamie

Jones, Alberta "Sister" Wysinger, Bonnie Cartwright and Beatrice Bryant and one grandson, Dominique Davis.

Mom, we love you and you will be truly missed!

Funeral services will be held at 1 PM on Friday, February 22, 2019 at St. Paul Baptist Church with a visitation beginning at 12 Noon. Pastor Deveraux Hubbard will officiate. Irene will be entombed at American Mausoleum.

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

# Cemetery Details

## American Mausoleum

7911 N. Allen Road  
Peoria, IL 61615

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **22**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Paul Peoria  
114 W. Forrest Hill Avenue  
Peoria, IL 61604

## Funeral Service

FEB **22**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Paul Peoria  
114 W. Forrest Hill Avenue  
Peoria, IL 61604

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Irene Miller*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mrs. Irene Miller*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Aunt Irene. She was blessed with the gift of gab. I'm sure she is having many, many, many hours of conversations with someone now.* 😊🙏



**Dianne Furness** - February 22, 2019 at 07:14 PM



“ *How well do I remember and I rain with such a bubbly personality and always a big smile on her face to greet you when you were around her and a wonderful conversation I just love her such a sweet lady she will be missed and my prayers are with you all love you Gail Miller Bryson*



**Gail Miller-Bryson** - February 22, 2019 at 07:46 AM



“ *BONNIE AND FAMILY VERY SORRY FOR THE LOST OF YOUR MOM YOU HAVE ARE DEEPEST CONDOLENCES*

**LINDA RANDLE** - February 21, 2019 at 05:17 PM

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“ *Annette Lucy sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Irene Miller*



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**Annette Lucy** - February 21, 2019 at 11:43 AM

VK

“ *Bonnie (Harvey) & Family - Ms. Irene was a very cheerful & energetic person. I remember her & Mr. Russell during my early days at St. Paul. Please know that you have my deepest sympathy. Whenever I pass by her green house, I always smile with the fond memories I have of her. God bless & keep you through these trying times.*



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**Vickie King** - February 20, 2019 at 05:55 PM

RS

*Bonnie and Pam, although I didn't know your Mom personally I feel I knew her through you two. Bonnie and Pam two of the sweetest and nicest persons I've ever met let's me know your Mom was wonderful and a very sweet lady. You and family have my prayers.*  
*Rev. Flo Scott*

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**Rev. Flo Scott** - February 21, 2019 at 11:43 PM

VB

“ *Dear Bonnie and Family, I am so very sad for your loss, I LOVED YOUR MOM SO MUCH, SHE WAS SOMEONE I LOOKED UP TO . She always took the time to talk to all of us when we were at St Paul, she and Mr. Miller were always there for all of us. THANK YOU FOR SHARING HER WITH ALL OF US FROM ST PAUL . Vernell Richmond-Bradshaw.*

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**vernell bradshawss** - February 20, 2019 at 04:45 PM

JB

“ *Joanie Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Irene Miller*



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**Joanie Brown** - February 20, 2019 at 08:17 AM



“ *My sincere sympathy to the Miller Family. I remember Ms Irene when Genevive & Bonnie were in grade school.*



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**Evelyn Tate-Clayton** - February 18, 2019 at 05:37 PM