



Rev. Ivan Lee Williams Sr.

August 2, 1965 - December 29, 2015

Rev. Ivan Lee Williams, Sr., 50, of Peoria, passed away Tuesday, December 29, 2015 at 8:25pm at OSF St. Francis Medical Center ER.

Ivan was born on August 2, 1965 in Peoria, IL to V.J. and Ida Bell (Sephus) Williams. He graduated from the Academy of Our Lady Spalding Institute in 1983 where he excelled in football. Later that year, Ivan joined the US Marine Corp where he served over 8 years as a Sergeant.

Ivan's biggest inspiration was his grandfather, Mr. Harry Sephus, Sr., past Peoria Branch NAACP president. Quietly observing his grandfather, who created jobs in the Peoria Community and was a great humanitarian, Ivan took on similarities. Ivan's life mission was to help others no matter the severity of their situation. He was employed at South Side Office of Concern; there he fulfilled his mission as Housing Services Coordinator finding housing for homeless veterans.

Ivan leaves to cherish his most precious memories his children; son, Ivan L. Williams, II of Peoria; daughter, Ciara Williams of New Orleans, LA; three brothers, George Kennerly of Colorado Springs, CO, Robert (Juanita) Williams and Chris Williams both of Peoria; four sisters, Orvella Kennerly, Cecelia Williams, Vicky (Phil) Moredock and Lenna Williams all of Peoria; four grandchildren, Amani Williams, Amiyah Williams, Iyana Williams and Akeem Brown, Jr.; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Vincent Williams and one sister, Teresa Williams.

Ivan became an ordained minister in 1997 at Rising Sun M. B. Church. He later became a member of St. Paul Baptist Church where funeral services will be held at 11:30 AM Monday, January 4, 2016 with a visitation one hour prior beginning at 10:30 AM. Pastor Deveraux Hubbard will officiate. Ivan will be laid to rest at Historic Springdale Cemetery on Legion Hill.

Military rites will be accorded.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Memorials may be made to the South Side Office of Concern targeting "Housing for Homeless Veterans"

Online condolences may be made at simonsmortuary.com.

Cemetery Details

Springdale Cemetery & Mausoleum

3014 N Prospect Rd
Peoria, IL 61603-2102
<http://www.springdalecemetery.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 4. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

JAN 4. 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Rev. Ivan Lee Williams Sr.*



Simons Mortuary - January 03, 2016 at 03:38 PM

JB

Gone But Not Forgotten , You Will Be Missed

JOANIE Brown - January 04, 2016 at 10:32 AM

AS

Thinking of you during this time. Beautiful tribute!! We love you and are always here for you!! Auntie Angie and Uncle Dee

Angie Smith - January 06, 2016 at 12:24 PM

MS

You will be truly missed, a beautiful home going!

Meltris & Shelby Smith - January 07, 2016 at 11:08 AM

RW

I miss you so much. I know I always say thank you but I have to say thank you Ivan for never leaving my life for showing me how to stand on my own and how to fight for what is right I can still hear in you Marine Corps voice and then you break out laughing and I'm just looking at you Thank You Cecilia my sister for giving us tribute even though we all have our own memories of him, Rockett, Ivan II and Ciara appreciate this. I love you sis always

Rockett Williams - January 07, 2016 at 03:42 PM



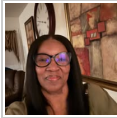
Beautiful tribute, missing you. Continuing Prayers for the family.

Felicia Jones-Barnes - January 07, 2016 at 08:22 PM



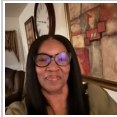
Wonderful tribute! All around good person, family man, and God fearing...praying for the family.

Sharon Gordon - January 08, 2016 at 06:04 PM



Thanking of you always and god be with you. I will miss him, love your Auntie Joyce

Joyce Harvey - January 10, 2016 at 06:49 PM



Thanking of you doing this time. This was a beautiful tribute in memory of him, he will be truly missed from your grandmother Audrey Smith with love always my grandson Ivan

Joyce Harvey - January 10, 2016 at 07:10 PM



“ *Rev. Ivan Lee Williams Sr.*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Rev. Ivan Lee Williams Sr.*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM

MS

“ Ivan was my supervisor and a good friend when I worked for Affina (Medicare Contract) in 2000. He was highly respected and I cant believe he is gone. We did briefly keep in touch over the years thru his sister Vicky. My sympathy and prayers for his family. I can picture him sitting at the right hand of the Father and having a conversation with Him.. Someday we will see Ivan again. Marilyn Steel



Marilyn Steel - January 15, 2016 at 05:22 PM

EB

“ Emel Buckner lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ivan Lee Williams Sr.



Emel Buckner - January 05, 2016 at 09:27 AM

EG

“ Sorry for your loss...GOD BLESS THE WILLIAMS FAMILY..

Evelyn Guyton - January 04, 2016 at 05:36 PM

LH

“ To the Williams Family whom I love dearly, my heart was broken when I was told of Ivan's passing. Ivan was such a soft spoken gentle giant, always there for everyone and anyone. Dependable and quick to answer God's callings. On Tuesday evening, December 29, 2015 at 8:25pm he was once again an obedient servant of God. Matthew 25:23; "The master said, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!'"

I feel that when a person departs from this earth never truly leaves, for they are still alive in our hearts and minds, through us, they live on. Please accept me & my family condolences, rest in peace little brother. Ivan will not be forgotten.

Love from the Hoskins Family

Linda Hoskins - January 04, 2016 at 04:15 PM

MS

“ I am a sister to a vet who was once homeless but with Ivan's assistance has had housing for some time now. He still is struggling but told me today he had heard about Ivan passing and was at a loss for words. Ivan made a difference in many lives. Thank you for sharing him during his earthly journey. May you find comfort in God's promises.

Mary-Sister to a homeless Navy Vet Ivan helped.

M Sutherland - January 04, 2016 at 02:22 PM

VK

“ To the Williams Family - I was very shocked to hear of the loss of your loved one & my brother in Christ. We know that God doesn't make mistakes, therefore, we must continue to trust Him despite our sadness. May Our Father give you the strength to endure, the love to support and encourage one another and His peace to get you through this time of sorrow.

Vickie King - January 04, 2016 at 11:14 AM

MR

“ TO WILLIAMS FAMILY IVAN WAS A VERY GOOD PERSON WE WORK TOGETHER AT PHA AND HE WAS A HARD WORKER REST IN PEACE.
FROM MATTIE RISBY

MATTIE RISBY - January 04, 2016 at 10:01 AM

JJ

“ To the Williams family, my condolences and prayers are with you all for the loss of your dear husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle.
To the family may our Heavenly Father grant you peace and comfort now in your time of need.

Joan (Metlock) Jackson - January 04, 2016 at 07:34 AM

SC

“ Dear Family of Ivan Williams; please accept my deepest condolences for your loss. I had the privilege of working with Ivan at 1-800-MEDICARE. He was always a kind man and a gentleman. I'm pleased to say I had the privilege of knowing him. Semper Fi! Rest in Peace, Marine <3

Susan Eberle Chandler - January 03, 2016 at 01:21 PM

ML

“ To The Williams family...my heart is saddened to hear of Ivan's passing. He was always such a warm and loving young man...who later used his love for people to serve the Peoria community. My thoughts and prayers are with you all now and going forward.

Mark Lampkin - January 03, 2016 at 01:15 AM

M8

“ On behalf of the Marine Corps League, Detachment 81 in Peoria, Illinois please accept our deepest and most sincere condolences on your loss. Once a Marine, always a Marine. Semper Fidelis

Marine Corps League, Detachment 81 - January 03, 2016 at 12:33 AM

NR

“ The members of the Peoria Human Resources Commission, on which Ivan served so well, are shocked at his untimely passing. We will miss his insight and wisdom greatly.
His loss is a terrible loss to the community. Nancy Rakoff, Chair HRC

Nancy Rakoff - January 02, 2016 at 03:41 PM

RS

“ Very sorry to hear Pastor Williams passed. My heartfelt sympathies and condolences to all of his family and loved ones. Prayers are with you.
Raymond & Mary Smith

Raymond Smith - January 02, 2016 at 02:44 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Ivan Lee Williams Sr..*



January 02, 2016 at 10:22 AM



“ *Hello Williams Family,
I will miss Ivan greatly. He was a dedicated colleague in helping the homeless. His work at South Side Office of Concern was a big help to the women who transitioned from South Side Mission to his agency for longterm housing. I was so excited when he begin working at SOC. We both knew our work was not just social services, but ministry to transform lives and bring glory to God.*

*Mission accomplished my brother.
Rev. Linda Butler*

Linda Butler - January 02, 2016 at 12:20 AM



*To Mr. Ivan and Family
His stance is genuine, his heart affirmed
Dedicated and dictated through his patience, time, and work
Loyal to listening and suggesting advice
When standing by he gazes deep into your eyes
Picking your mind, digging deep into your inner soul your inner hurt
Already calculating the proper strategy to help you with the problem
that presents itself before you
He lends you his hand
Shares his master plan
Then he leads you on your way
If you are at loss of words he helps you with what to say
When needing encouragement your never alone
He's always there whether near or home
He sorts through your person to show you the right paths in life to help
you grow
Silently and cautiously analyzing your fears
He always stands to help catch your tears
For he will always be special in my heart in my upcoming years
You are loved Thank you Mr. Ivan
Your Friend Ike*

Ikeiel Cruikshank - January 04, 2016 at 04:25 PM

SC

“*Pastor Ivan was a true blessing to the Ministry of Outreach. His passion was serving the underprivileged and the socially displaced. His legacy of service to his Country and to his Community will be truly remembered. Continued prayers and heartfelt Sympathy to the Family.*

Sherry Carter-Allen and Family

Sherry Carter-Allen - January 01, 2016 at 09:48 PM

LG

“ *Ivan helped those who didn't know they needed help until Ivan showed them the other side of life. I was blessed to work with him at SSOC. May Ivan's faith be a shining beacon of peace to his family, friends, co-workers and clients. Peace and blessings. - Lynne (King) Dudek-Grimson*

Lynne Grimson - January 01, 2016 at 06:07 PM

GK

“ *Cecelia you and your family are deeply in my prayers.*



Gail Kimbrough - January 01, 2016 at 01:43 PM

MP

“ *"To the Williams's family. I am so sorry for the loss of your brother. He will be greatly missed. My prayers are with you at this time of sorrow. Mary Page"*



Mary Page - January 01, 2016 at 08:42 AM

DM

“ *We pray the Lord will be a comfort to you at this time. Your family remains in our prayers. Denise & Garry Moore*

Denise Moore - December 31, 2015 at 02:05 PM

TL

“ To Ivan's Family, Please know that you are in my Thoughts and Prayers. Ivan was an angel here on earth. I knew him as a great guy in high school with a smile that could light up a room and later in life when we met again, he grew into such an incredible man. He was so proud of his beautiful children and grand babies! May he rest in God's Glory and always watch over you...Sending you all much love!



Theresa (Youngman) Livengood

Theresa Livengood - December 31, 2015 at 12:57 PM

GH

To the Family of Ivan Williams...Prayers are with you all. Remember Ivan and his family on Hurlburt Street. To All his siblings and children...especially Vicky...God Bless/Gina Howard...sister of Phyllis Ford.

gina howard - January 02, 2016 at 07:24 AM

KR

To the Family of Ivan Williams You are in my thoughts and prayers. I worked with him and he left a lasting impression on me about how to serve others as he did with great pleasure. He will be missed greatly. May God give you comfort and peace

Kimera Runion - January 02, 2016 at 06:56 PM