



## Mr. J.P. Gordon

May 15, 1934 - January 31, 2016

J.P. "Buck" Gordon, 81, of Peoria, IL peacefully passed away at 2:45 PM on January 31, 2016 at his residence. He was surrounded by his loving family. J.P. affectionately known as Buck, was born on May 15, 1934, in Cruger, Mississippi to the proud parents of Willie Gordon and Ellen (Randle) Gordon. He married the love his life, Freida Barbara Ferguson on January 9, 1954. They shared 62 years of holy matrimony.

J.P. leaves to cherish his most precious memories his loving wife and devoted family: Freida Barbara Gordon of Peoria, IL; one son, James Patrick Gordon of Peoria, IL; four daughters, Deborah Gordon, Imogene (Jeanie) Simmons, Pamela Gordon and Gwendolyn (Rene) Johnson all of Peoria, IL; one sister, Willie Mae (Artis) Gordon Hopson; six Grandchildren, Robert Davis, Carthel Johnson, Dionne Gordon, Jamie Johnson, Jimmel Simmons and Danielle Gordon. Also surviving are 19 great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

Preceding him in death was his parents; Willie and Ellen Gordon.

J.P. received his education at Meeks Elementary School in Cruger, MS and Roosevelt Jr., high School in Peoria, IL. As a child, Buck was baptized at Gordon Chapel Baptist Church in Cruger, MS. In 1950, he relocated to Peoria; IL later joined Morning Star Missionary Church. J.P. was a "golden member, serving over 50 years at the "Star."

Buck worked as a machinist at Keystone Wire and Steel for over 27 years, retiring in 1995.

Buck loved his family, fishing, gardening, hunting and bowling. He was an avid traveler who traveled with his wife throughout the continental United States by car only.

You could count on him to pull up in his pickup truck to visit the sick, his sister and Art or meet his favorite boys at the local McDonald's. Buck organized the first Gordon/Randle Reunion. In 2010, during our annual family reunion, Buck received special honor and was given an award for his leadership. To this day, this family tradition remains.

J.P. was a quiet, easy going and wise man. He took these characteristics after his father Willie. One of his favorite sayings: "One day at a time."

During his final stay at the hospital, he was given a dark diagnosis. Buck replied

"Give me my pants and my shoes. I'm going home!" His parting words to his family were, "I'm gonna be alright!"

Funeral services will be held at 11 am on Friday, February 5, 2016 at his beloved New Morning Star M.B. Church with a visitation beginning at 10 am. Pastor Cleveland Thomas, Sr., will officiate. Buck will be laid to rest at Parkview Cemetery. Online condolences may be made at [simonsmortuary.com](http://simonsmortuary.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Parkview Cemetery

2001 N University St  
Peoria, IL 61604  
(309) 688-0733

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

New Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church  
413 W. John H. Gwynn Jr. Avenue  
Peoria, IL 61605

## Funeral Service

FEB 5. 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM (CT)

New Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church  
413 W. John H. Gwynn Jr. Avenue  
Peoria, IL 61605

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. J.P. Gordon*



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**Simons Mortuary** - February 04, 2016 at 04:53 PM

KO

*Miss you great great grandfather  
I love you too my heart love your great great grandson King*

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**King 09-05-2014** - November 06, 2023 at 07:22 PM

RG

“ *we love you jp buck gordon*

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**Roshante Gordon** - January 05, 2024 at 11:38 AM



“ *Mr. J.P. Gordon*

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January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mr. J.P. Gordon*

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January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM

SP

“ *To the Gordon family, may your precious memories bring comfort to you during this time of sorrow.*

*Sherry Hearn-Prewitt  
Napa, Ca.*

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**Sherry Prewitt** - March 04, 2016 at 02:49 AM

DI

“ *Dionne sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. J.P. Gordon*



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**Dionne** - February 14, 2016 at 12:02 AM

DI

“ *RIH GRANDPA*



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**Dionne** - February 14, 2016 at 12:01 AM

DI

“ *This is the last picture I took of u smiling bright. U were so humble and i really wish u could of been more stern on me but I know u cared about my feelings. Grandpa this surreal for us all please watch over us as we share your memory forever!!! Love u and sleep peacefully in heaven.*



*From your eldest granddaughter Dionne*

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**Dionne** - February 13, 2016 at 11:59 PM

SM

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



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**Simons Mortuary** - February 04, 2016 at 02:27 PM

CB

“ *To Deborah and Family of Mr. J. P. Gordon.. My condolences during this time of separation from your loved one... Peace and heart healing...*

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**Curtis Bond** - February 03, 2016 at 03:46 PM

YJ

“ *Yvonne Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. J.P. Gordon*



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**Yvonne Johnson** - February 03, 2016 at 01:47 PM

EH

“ To the Family of J.P. "Buck" Gordon.

*We are very sorry for your loss. The Howards, George & Elaine*

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**Elaine Howard** - February 03, 2016 at 01:36 PM

RS

“ Mrs Fredia, My dear friend Imogene and Family, sorry to hear of Mr. Buck's passing. Do know that my prayers and thoughts are with the family. Love you



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**rita smith** - February 03, 2016 at 11:40 AM

AA

“ Sorry to hear of your father's passing. May God bless and keep you during this very difficult time. Love you.

*Amie (Artis) Allen .*

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**Amie Allen** - February 03, 2016 at 10:38 AM

MR

“ Mary Randle-Orr sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. J.P. Gordon



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**Mary Randle-Orr** - February 03, 2016 at 09:56 AM

MR

“ *Mary Randle-Orr lit a candle in memory of Mr. J.P. Gordon*



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**Mary Randle-Orr** - February 03, 2016 at 09:55 AM

KI

“ *My Grandpa was a great man, every time I came over he smiled at me but never really said much, I just knew he loved me, I am going to miss him so much he was very reliable and a caring person, I will never forget anything that my grandpa has done for me.  
I love you so much  
Rest In Paradise Grandpa*

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**Kiki** - February 03, 2016 at 09:41 AM