



## Mr. James Wilbur Bryant

August 26, 1923 - May 5, 2016

Mr. James Wilbur Bryant, 92, of Peoria, IL passed away at 10:45 am on Thursday, May 5, 2016 at OSF St. Frances Medical Center.

James was born August 26, 1923 in Litchfield, IL to Adolph and Marie (Davis) Bryant. He proudly served our country in the U. S. Army. He married Beatrice Crowder and they shared many years of marriage until her death in 2004.

James helped start the Adult Education School in Peoria where he was a teacher and counselor. He founded and ran BJB Enterprises for over 30 years. He was a long time member of Henry H. Brown Lodge and Peoria Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. James leaves to cherish his precious memory three grandsons, Jason Edward Bryant, Joshua James Bryant and Justin Timothy Bryant all of Peoria; five brothers, Verne (Cynthia) Bryant of Sausalito, CA, Ronald (Evelyn) Bryant of Denver, CO, Stanley Bryant of University City, MO, Graylin (Jennifer) Bryant and Ariel (Rose) Bryant both of San Roman, CA; four sisters, Gwendolyn White of Broken Arrow, OK, Audrey Gipon of Stone Mountain, GA, Bernice Stewart and Donna Gaston, both of Bloomington, IL; four great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He is also preceded in death by his parents; one son, Gary Rene Bryant; four brothers, Randolph Bryant, Leonard Bryant, Quenton Bryant and Melvin Bryant and three sisters, Evelyn Gleghorn, Rayola Galbreth and Beverly Ritchie.

Funeral services will be held at 11 am, Monday, May 16, 2016 at Peoria Friendship M. B. Church with a visitation beginning at 10 am. Rev. Dr. Claude Russell, Jr., will officiate. James will be laid to rest at Historic Springdale Cemetery. Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [simonsmortuary.com](http://simonsmortuary.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Historic Springdale Cemetery

3014 N. Prospect Road  
Peoria, IL 61603

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 16.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

**MAY 16.** 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. James Wilbur Bryant*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mr. James Wilbur Bryant*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *A Devoted Heart Casket Insert was purchased for the family of Mr. James Wilbur Bryant.*



May 15, 2016 at 07:43 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. James Wilbur Bryant.*



May 14, 2016 at 06:45 PM