



Mr. James "CoCo" Earl Everheart

February 26, 1963 - October 22, 2022

Mr. James "CoCo" Earl Everheart, 59, of Peoria, Illinois, passed away at 3:35 pm on Saturday, October 22, 2022 at his residence.

James, affectionately known as "CoCo" was born on February 26, 1963 in Carbondale, Illinois to Esther Lee Armstead and Ned Everheart.

CoCo pioneered a movement when he, the diva, made his first appearance as the first female entertainer at Club Peoria. CoCo continued to perform at Club Peoria and also at Diesel. CoCo had a big heart and was known for bringing family and friends together. He was not just the life of the party he was the party. CoCo was a giver and nurtured many children and families. He continued to nurture those in need up until his passing. He attended White Elementary School and Woodruff High School in Peoria, Illinois. CoCo attended Pillar of the Truth Church #4 under the leadership of Elder Arthur Ellis.

CoCo leaves to cherish his most precious memories three brothers, Ernest Higgins of Ohio, Terry Everheart of Peoria, IL and Gregory Armstead of Houston, TX; two sisters, Mary (Aaron) McKinney and Christina (Anthony) Scott both of Atlanta, GA, special family members, Charlene Sidener and Cynthia Stone both of Peoria, IL and LaTashia Sidener of Chicago, IL and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He is preceded in death

by his parents and two brothers, Jerome “Chuckie” Armstead and Precious Armstead.

Funeral services will be held at 11 am on Saturday, November 5, 2022 at Pillar of the Truth Church C.O.G.I.C. #4, 1001 S. Greenlawn Ave., Peoria, IL 61605, with a visitation beginning at 10 am. The host Pastor is Elder Arthur Ellis. Rev. Renetta Watson will officiate and bring the eulogy.

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

The service will be live streamed on Simons Mortuary's Website or Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Simons-Mortuary-232095303487150> promptly AT THE TIME OF THE SERVICE (Central Time).

Due to Covid-19, social distancing is encouraged to be consistent with recommendations from the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA), funeral home directors have been instructed and should follow CDC guidelines on gatherings, including those directly related to funerals, visitations, or graveside services.

*In an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, we ask that everyone in attendance: wear a face mask and refrain from hugging, kissing and shaking hands (as hard as it is to see someone you care about and not touch them).

*It is our responsibility as Funeral Directors, to do everything we can to advise families in order to honor our beloved Families and to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation!

Previous Events

Visitation

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

Pillar of Truth C.O.G.I.C.
1001 S. Greenlawn Avenue
Peoria, IL 61605

Funeral Service

NOV 5. 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM (CT)

Pillar of Truth C.O.G.I.C.
1001 S. Greenlawn Avenue
Peoria, IL 61605

Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. James "CoCo" Earl Everheart*



Simons Mortuary - November 03, 2022 at 02:21 PM

PB

God bless you (the person(s)) who took the time to put this wonderful video together. It is very inspiring and very commemorative of our family. What a gracious memorial of James ("CoCo"). Thank you and may God bless you. Pastor L. Gibson-Brooks.

Pastors P. E. and LaWanda Brooks - November 04, 2022 at 01:36 AM

MM

To friends and family thank you for loving my brother. May Father God heal your hearts and renew your minds during this heart felt of emotions and time May God keep and lift you according to his righteousness. Thank you all.

mary mckinney - November 05, 2022 at 12:09 PM

CA

Thank You..

Christina Armstead - November 06, 2022 at 11:24 PM

MM

Rest in peace Co Co , God bless your soul sweety.

Marcus Rice" mahogany" - November 17, 2022 at 12:09 AM

JR

“ Jeanelle Rasberry sent a virtual gift in memory of James "CoCo" Everheart



Jeanelle Rasberry - September 25, 2024 at 12:19 PM

JR

“ Jeanelle Rasberry lit a candle in memory of James "CoCo" Everheart



Jeanelle Rasberry - September 25, 2024 at 12:19 PM



“ Mr. James "CoCo" Earl Everheart

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ Mr. James "CoCo" Earl Everheart

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM

TJ

“ Tisha Jordan lit a candle in memory of James "CoCo" Everheart



Tisha Jordan - November 08, 2022 at 10:58 AM

AN

“ Annettelucy lit a candle in memory of James "CoCo" Everheart



Annettelucy - November 07, 2022 at 09:23 PM



“ 1 file added to the album James CoCo Everheart Funeral Services



Simons Mortuary - November 07, 2022 at 02:18 PM

AN

Rest in peace my friend love you 🥰

Annettelucy - November 07, 2022 at 09:25 PM

MM

Thank you Simons Mortuary, for your service and dedication and quality production of this video for our family I humbly appreciate you all

mary mckinney - November 08, 2022 at 05:54 AM

MM

“ mary mckinney lit a candle in memory of James "CoCo" Everheart



mary mckinney - November 05, 2022 at 12:09 PM

JB

“ *Joanie Brown lit a candle in memory of James "CoCo" Everheart*



Joanie Brown - November 04, 2022 at 05:51 AM

PB

“ *Earl will be missed but I say to you whom he was the closest to. Grieve but be strong. God will turn your emotions and feelings around for the better. The best is yet to come. Hold on to God's unchanging Hands. Earl ("CoCo") expressed to me that he "believes in God" and I believe he had and took the time to make peace with His Master. May God Bless and Keep our family. Pastors P. E. and LaWanda Brooks*

Pastors P. E. and LaWanda Brooks - November 03, 2022 at 09:43 PM

CA

Its Coco he hated Earl and you know it...disrespectful

Christina Armstead - November 06, 2022 at 11:26 PM

SW

“ *Shirley Washington lit a candle in memory of James "CoCo" Everheart*



Shirley Washington - November 03, 2022 at 10:15 AM

MI

“ *My sincerest condolences to the Everheart/Armstead family. CoCo was love in the flesh. The troubles of this Earth is over... Rest in love and paradise.*



Mildred - November 03, 2022 at 05:22 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Mr. James "CoCo" Earl Everheart.*



November 03, 2022 at 01:46 AM

CS

“ *CoCo you had a Spirit larger than life. You are surely going to be missed my love but never forgotten Cousin R.I.P.*



Charlene Denise Sidener - November 03, 2022 at 12:04 AM

LW

“ *Lorraine Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "CoCo" Earl Everheart*



Lorraine Williams - November 02, 2022 at 01:41 PM

FM

“ Frankie Carl McGee lit a candle in memory of James "CoCo" Everheart



Frankie and Carl McGee - November 02, 2022 at 09:29 AM

AN

“ Annettelucy lit a candle in memory of James "CoCo" Everheart



Annettelucy - November 02, 2022 at 01:17 AM

SH

“ shawna lit a candle in memory of James "CoCo" Everheart



shawna - November 01, 2022 at 08:30 PM

JR

“ Jeanelle Rasberry sent a virtual gift in memory of James "CoCo" Everheart



Jeanelle Rasberry - November 01, 2022 at 02:49 PM

JR

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JR

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Jeanelle Rasberry - November 01, 2022 at 02:48 PM

JR

“ Jeanelle Rasberry lit a candle in memory of James "CoCo" Everheart



Jeanelle Rasberry - November 01, 2022 at 02:47 PM

CA

“ Christina Armstead lit a candle in memory of James "CoCo" Everheart



Christina Armstead - November 01, 2022 at 02:46 PM