



## Mr. James "Jim" Edward Garner Sr.

June 15, 1937 - May 28, 2022

Mr. James "Jim" Edward Garner, Sr., 84 of Peoria transitioned to his heavenly home at 9:23 am on May 28, 2022 at Fondulac Rehabilitation and Health Nursing Home in East Peoria, IL.

Jim was born to Essie (Harris) Lewis and Professor Seymour Turner in the Southern state of Alabama, the city of Athens on June 15, 1937. He married his longtime girlfriend and love of his life, Claudie Williams in Georgia in 1979.

Jim attended Peoria High School. He received his GED. He became a certified auto mechanic and construction worker. He retired after many years of working with the labor union and as an auto mechanic; but mostly he was his own boss. He was a man of all trades. Jim loved the outdoors where he could garden and tend fruits and his roses. He was a helping hand to his neighbors. Jim was a loving husband, father and man of God. He gave his life to Christ in the year of 1988 and would take the wife and all 12 of their children to church every Sunday. He also loved connecting with his family and giving them advice to help them navigate life's experiences.

Jim leaves to cherish his most precious memories his wife of 43 years, Mrs. Claudie Williams-Garner of Peoria, IL; twelve children, Jamie Pace and Myra (Melvin) Garner-Hughes both of Peoria, IL, Katheleen James, Richard Williams, Trudy (Terence) Tripp, Sherri Green, James Garner, Jr., Renee

(Sam) Deshi and Princilla Garner all of Jacksonville, FL, Gina Garner, Claudette Garner and Arianna (Melvin) Lewis all of Orlando, FL; one sister, Dorothy (Minister Guy) Washington of Sacramento, CA; one brother, Willie Winder Jr.; one sister-in-law, Mary (Rev. John) Boyd of Jacksonville, FL; 29 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends who loved him. Jim is preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Mary Winder and Judy Ennis; one brother, Earl Winder; one uncle, Willie Harris; one cousin, Morgan Jackson; one daughter-in-law; Alice Garner; one son-in-law, Gerome Cason and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 11 am on Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at Holy Temple C.O.G.I.C. with a visitation beginning one hour at 10 am. Pastor Eddie Davis, Sr. will officiate. Jim will be laid to rest at Historic Springdale Cemetery.

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!

# Cemetery Details

## Historic Springdale Cemetery

3014 N. Prospect Road  
Peoria, IL 61603

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Holy Temple COGIC  
228 S. Webster St.  
Peoria, IL 61605  
(309) 673-5415

## Funeral Service

JUN 7. 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. James "Jim" Edward Garner Sr.*



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**Simons Mortuary** - June 07, 2022 at 03:17 PM



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**Simons Mortuary** - June 02, 2022 at 04:10 PM

KJ

*Rip dad. We are going to miss having you with us. We will keep in our hearts and mind all that you have taught us. May you rest peacefully in the arms of God.*

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**Katheleen James** - June 02, 2022 at 11:50 PM

MG

*Dad Im having a hard time say goodbye! I thought you would be here on earth 🌍 with me forever! I know you stayed for as long as you could. I am so thankful you found christ early in life & took us to church with you every Sunday.*

*I turned out to be a hardworking, bueatiful young woman, just as you preached to each of your girls, since we were lil kids. You taught me so much & I will continue to exercise my life learnt lessons as I continue to age.*

*Dad, you already know this, but it turns out, I became that Registered Nurse to be able to care for you & mom. It was a blessing having you as my Father, I will forever love you Dad.*

*Sincerely your Gemini twin & baby girl,*

*Myra Garner-Hughes*

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**Myra Garner-Hughes** - June 04, 2022 at 04:11 PM



“ *Mr. James "Jim" Edward Garner Sr.*

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January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mr. James "Jim" Edward Garner Sr.*

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January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM

MF

“ *To the family of James E. Garner Sr.*

*I am so sorry for your loss. I send my sincere condolences. Please know that everyone is in my thoughts and prayers. Mr. Garner will surely be missed.*

*Its a blessing to have known such a God-fearing, hard working man with a gentle voice, whom loved life and family. I will always cherish the memories of him, especially when he sat at the organ having music flow from the keys.*

*Please continue to take care one of another. Rest In Peace! Mr. Garner, until we meet again.*

*Love to one and all God Bless.*

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**Mary Fletcher** - June 07, 2022 at 11:16 PM



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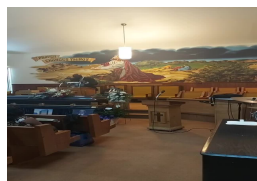


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**Myra Garner-Hughes** - June 05, 2022 at 09:58 AM

KJ

“ Dad was our very own comedian. He kept us laughing. He was a great cook, and could fix just about anything, from cars to things around the house. Never sat still for long. He loved his coffee, newspapers, and the news. He would say. Get quiet, get quiet, The news is on. Jack of all trades is just what he was.

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**Katheleen James** - June 03, 2022 at 12:00 AM

ZB

“ Zerlyna Burse-Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Jim" Edward Garner Sr.



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**Zerlyna Burse-Taylor** - June 02, 2022 at 02:05 AM