



## Mr. James Henry Little, Jr.

December 2, 1923 - May 5, 2016

Deacon James Henry Little, Jr., 92, of Peoria, IL passed away at 8:40 am, Thursday, May 5, 2016 at UnityPoint Health Methodist.

Deacon Little was born December 2, 1923 in St. Louis, MO to James and Arzie (Liddell) Little, Sr. He married Maxine Vanzandt on August 16, 1951 in Ft. Smith, AR. She preceded him in death on January 26, 1991. He later married Frankie Wright on July 11, 1992. She preceded him in death on February 17, 2006.

Deacon Little leaves to cherish his loving memory, his daughter Linda Burse of Peoria, IL; two stepsons, Bobby (Janice) Lewis of Chicago and Freddie (Regina) Wright of Peoria; one brother, Melvin (Myrna) Little of Peoria; three sisters, Erma Canady of Wichita, KS, Maggie Warr and Marjorie Little of Peoria; two grandchildren, Zerlyna (Larry) Taylor who was his caregiver, Jeremy (Dorothea) Burse; two great grandchildren, Shalaria and Jazmyn all of Peoria and a host of nieces, nephews and loved ones. He is preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Dorothy Evans.

Deacon Little served in the United States Army. He retired from Caterpillar in 1983. He was a member and Deacon of Holy Temple #2, C.O.G.I.C. for many years and played the saxophone.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, May 14, 2016 at 11 am at Holy Temple #2 C.O.G.I.C. with a visitation beginning at 10 am. Elder Eddie Bell, Jr. will bring the eulogy and Elder Felton Beck, Jr. will officiate. James will be laid to rest at Camp Butler National Cemetery, Springfield, IL with Military Honors.

Friends and family will be received at 103 E. Gift Ave., Peoria, IL.  
Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences  
may be made at [simonsmortuary.com](http://simonsmortuary.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Camp Butler National Cemetery

5063 Camp Butler Road, RR1  
Springfield, IL 62707

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

MAY 14. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. James Henry Little, Jr.*



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**Simons Mortuary** - May 16, 2016 at 09:52 AM



*Really nice tribute. Thank you for honoring my Uncle James.*

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**Linda Thompson** - May 16, 2016 at 05:00 PM



*This was such a beautiful and awesome testament to the life of a great man of Godly character. I know he is up in heaven in the music section playing his horn and rejoicing with the Angels that he is now Home!*

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**Denise White** - May 18, 2016 at 03:45 PM



*Simons Mortuary, what a fantastic video, Diane, Zee great job your creativity is outstanding, Uncle James was all that plus some. To God be the glory. I love you family*

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**Debra O'Steen** - May 20, 2016 at 05:26 PM



“ *Mr. James Henry Little, Jr.*

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January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mr. James Henry Little, Jr.*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *So sorry your loss Zee, your grandpa Deacon Little was a sweet man. I remember when we used to go to church you guys!!! We had so much fun going to his house with you after leaving church.....those were the days. Mr Little used to be preaching to us to be good and act like respectful young ladies. LOL, those were some good times. May you rest in peace Deacon Little 😞*



Jennifer - June 07, 2016 at 02:24 AM



“ *He had such a kind and gentle spirit, he will be missed.*

Denise White - May 18, 2016 at 03:35 PM



“ *Please know that Uncle James was a beacon of light each time we visited you all. He was a man of very few words, but he had a heart of profound wisdom and love. May God bless you all. Please be encouraged. He will be missed, but we will indeed see him again!*

Reed/Oliver Family - May 16, 2016 at 10:05 PM

AB

“ *Abigail Barnett sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James Henry Little, Jr.*



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**Abigail Barnett** - May 12, 2016 at 11:53 AM

DS

“ *My tribute, a man of faith, honor, much integrity, Uncle James love people, his family and he loved God, people loved him, his family loved him, God loves him the most.*

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**Debra O ' Steen** - May 10, 2016 at 11:07 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. James Henry Little, Jr..*



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May 10, 2016 at 06:14 PM

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“ *Zee I am so sorry for your loss of your grandfather. It is hard but in time it gets a little easier. Tomorrow will be 7 years that my mother passed away and it seems like yesterday. Just remember the wonderful time you had together and best believe he will be watching over you. Continued prayer for the family. Love ya!*

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**Twana Harris** - May 10, 2016 at 05:46 PM

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“ The day I received a call to say that you had journeyed to the other side, the hymn of "I'm a Soldier in the army of the Lord" played over and over in my head. Truly you loved the Lord and served him with all your heart. You will be missed as you were loved and gave love all your life. May your memory and your legacy live on through your family and friends. Sad I didn't have the chance to say goodbye, but one day we shall meet again! Love cousin Maury 🙏

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**Maury Williams-Mourning** - May 10, 2016 at 04:43 PM

CS

“ To my family, my sincere Condolences. As I just discovered he was my family, I'm sadden that I have not been able to meet him. May he rest in peace along side his Heavenly Father. May you all find peace in knowing he is in heaven. Connie Little- Sanders

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**Connie Little - Sanders** - May 10, 2016 at 03:43 PM