



## Mr. James A. Little

September 18, 1930 - April 12, 2020

Mr. James Albert Little, 89, of Peoria, IL transitioned from this life to his heavenly home at 7:19 pm on Sunday, April 12, 2020 at his home.

James was the tenth of eleven siblings born to Frank Sr., and Louise (Hawkins) Little on September 18, 1930 in Keirn, MS. James was 12 years old when he accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior. He was educated in the Mississippi Public School System. The family journeyed to the small Mississippi towns of Lexington, Mound Bayou, Egypt and Greenwood before moving to Peoria, IL in the early 1950's to pursue greater opportunities. He joined the Army in 1951, fighting in the Korean War. This experience changed his life in a profound way. His heroic nature was recognized by distinguished service medals. As an outcome of his military experience he developed discipline in everything he did. As he lost many of his friends during the War, it cemented his faith in Christ. He dedicated himself to living a life that reflected his belief in the Lord. He was a man of high integrity and honesty, being direct with all that he knew and the people that he touched.

James found his life-long partner, Georgia Mae Gordon, and married her on March 27, 1955 in Peoria, IL on the front porch of Georgia's parents' home. Georgia was the love of his life and their love lasted for 65 years.

James joined Caterpillar Tractor Company in 1967. Many of his life-long friends come from almost 30 years of service as he found his life's work at the company. He retired in 1996 to spend more time with his bride and grandchildren.

He was a dedicated member of the New Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church for over 50 years. He was a member of the men's choir and was an usher. His love of Christ and church were always at the center of his life. James leaves to cherish his most precious memories, his loving and devoted wife, Georgia Little of Peoria, IL; two sons, James Little of Peoria, IL and Brian (Anise Wiley) Little of San Jose, CA and Long Grove, IL; one daughter, Barbara Jean Brooks of Peoria; daughter in law, Carla Little of Gurnee, IL; one sister, LC Watson of Memphis, TN; six grandchildren, Kristen, Kial, Kelsey, Konnor, Keralynn and Kamille; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. James is preceded in death by two sons, an infant son, Jeffery Little and an adult son, Steven Little; six brothers, Alex Shields, Robert Little, John Little, Frank Little, Jr., Willie Little and Nathaniel Little and three sisters, Anna Perry, Mae Lou Hinton and Flora Banks.

A private funeral service will be held at Simons Mortuary on with Pastor Cleveland Thomas, Sr. of New Morning Star M.B. Church will bring words of comfort to the family. James will be laid to rest at Swan Lake Memory Gardens with full Military Honors.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolence maybe made at [SimonsMortuary.com](http://SimonsMortuary.com). The private funeral service will be streamed on Facebook Live on the Simons Mortuary Facebook page on Saturday, April 18, 2020 at 11:30 am. Also will be available for viewing later on [SimonsMortuary.com](http://SimonsMortuary.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Swan Lake Memory Gardens

4601 W War Memorial Dr.  
Peoria, IL 61615

# Previous Events

## Private Funeral Service

APR 18. 11:30 AM (CT)

Facebook Live Stream on Simons Mortuary Facebook Page  
<https://www.facebook.com/Simons-Mortuary-232095303487150/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. James A. Little*



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**Simons Mortuary** - April 19, 2020 at 06:11 PM



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**Simons Mortuary** - April 17, 2020 at 05:47 PM



*An amazing couple and will always be!! Love you!!*

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**Loretta Little** - April 18, 2020 at 11:16 AM



*LOVE MY FAMILY, RIP UNCLE JAMES*

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**Leon LITTLE** - April 18, 2020 at 11:36 AM

EW

*Georgia and the family of James Little, Sorry to read of James passing. You and Jim were such gracious host at our FBC couples Sunday School socials back in the day. May the Grace of God be with you now and in the difficult days ahead.*

*Esther Webber, East Peoria*

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**esther webber** - April 19, 2020 at 06:26 PM



“ *Mr. James A. Little*

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January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mr. James A. Little*

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January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM

DB

“ *Georgia Del & I are so sorry to hear about James passing. We are keeping you and your whole family in our thoughts and prayers. Rest in peace James.*

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**Del & Mary Brooks** - April 20, 2020 at 12:53 PM

JK

“ *To The Little Family - You have our sympathy & prayers for the loss of your loved one James. May God bless, comfort & keep you during your time of loss.*



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**James & Vickie King** - April 19, 2020 at 07:42 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Swan Lake Memory Gardens Burial Service*



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**Simons Mortuary** - April 19, 2020 at 06:22 PM

LS

“ *LINDA SANDERS sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James A. Little*



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**LINDA SANDERS** - April 19, 2020 at 08:31 AM

LS

“ *AUNT DIMP MAY THE LORD GIVE YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN AND THE ENTIRE LITTLE/RANDLE FAMILY THE PEACE AND COMFORT N STRENGTH TO GET THROUGH THE LOSS OF YOUR LOVED ONE. MAY MR. JAMES REST IN HEAVEN SAFE IN THE LORDS ARMS. SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. YOU ARE IN OUR PRAYERS ALWAYS 🙏 LINDA SANDERS AND FAMILY OF ETHELENE HEARN 🙏*

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**LINDA SANDERS** - April 19, 2020 at 08:29 AM

JB

“ So Sorry To Hear Of Mr James Little's Passing . Our Condolences To The Entire Family. May The Peace Of God And The Love That You Hold So Dear In Your Heart For Him Give You Strength In The Days To Come Until You All Meet Again In Jesus . RIH ❤️🙏



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**Joanie Brown** - April 18, 2020 at 10:11 PM

CB

“ To Georgia and family, May God comfort you during this time of sorrow. Let God's deep love and understanding help you in your grief.  
"Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me." John 14:1,  
from: Bro. Charles and Sis. Falecia Bruton, Glenn Heights, Texas

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**Charles & Falecia Bruton** - April 18, 2020 at 02:11 PM

VY

“ Rest in heaven cousin James. I will always remember you singing in the choir and now you join the heavenly choir with the many that welcomed you into the gates of heaven. To cousin Georgia I love you and know that this has been a difficult season of loss. God will take care of you. Love Vachon and Thaddeus Young.

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**Vachon Young** - April 18, 2020 at 11:10 AM

EL

“ God bless the memory of My Dad Mr. Little. He was a legend in every aspect of the word. The world is a much better place because he passed and will always live in our lives. I mourn his transition; but I rejoice in his Legacy. I am personally going to miss his Gospel singing voice and the awesome love and dedication he had for his Family. Well done God's Good and Faithful Servant James A Little. You will be missed but Never forgotten. Loving you and your memories always💔💔💔🙏🙏🙏

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**Elizabeth Dunn Little** - April 18, 2020 at 09:17 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Brian Little** - April 17, 2020 at 07:23 PM

MN

“ Dear Georgia and Jimmy (Jr.), May Our Good Lord welcome James into his loving arms and comfort you during this time of grief. My prayers are with you. I am a Bergan High School friend of Jimmy (Jr.) aka "JL". We played football together. We were undefeated freshman and sophomore years! Jimmy was a football star! James is a Star as well as I read from his obituary. James is quite a man. Now he is in heaven praying for you and his loved ones. May our Good Lord Jesus bless and comfort you and all of us who mourn the earthly loss our your loving husband and Jimmy's father. Peace be with you.

*Marty Nelson  
Bergan High School Class of 1974*

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**Marty Nelson** - April 17, 2020 at 06:32 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. James A. Little.



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April 17, 2020 at 03:47 PM

JH

“ Joyce Kennedy Howard lit a candle in memory of Mr. James A. Little



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**Joyce Kennedy Howard** - April 17, 2020 at 02:57 PM

YF

“ Your brothers, Sonny & Sylvester & families purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Mr. James A. Little.



Your brothers, Sonny & Sylvester & families - April 16, 2020 at 07:34 PM

AS

“ May God’s love bring you comfort and peace during this difficult time. Remembering James as a giving and loving neighbor and friend. I will miss him at the RiverPlex ... just waving and saying “Hi, neighbor”  
Annette Smith and Family

Annette Smith - April 16, 2020 at 03:58 PM

GG

Mrs Georgia and family our sincere condolences from Arlington TX. Your husband and yourself were known as the best dressed couple of Morning Star. May the Lord comfort you and the Family 🙏🙏.  
Geraldine & Ted Godfrey Arlington TX (former Peoria's)

Geraldine Godfrey - April 17, 2020 at 04:39 PM



“ I know you are in amazing hands with your family. I hope I can also offer my support and love to you as you have always graciously done for me. I know this is a difficult time. I am truly sorry for your loss of James to you , his sons, daughter & grandchildren.



Evelyn Tate-Clayton - April 15, 2020 at 08:43 PM

CS

“ Charlie & Loretta Simpson lit a candle in memory of Mr. James A. Little



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**Charlie & Loretta Simpson** - April 15, 2020 at 07:35 PM

MI

“ Sorry about your loss. You and the family are in my prayers

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**Minnie** - April 15, 2020 at 06:09 PM

PJ

“ I'm so very sorry. He was such a nice, gentle man. I know he will be dearly missed by all. Praying for comfort and peace for Ms. Georgia Little and family.

*Love you.*

*Darnell and Pat Jones & Family.*

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**Patricia Jones** - April 15, 2020 at 04:27 PM

CS

“ Cathy Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. James A. Little



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**Cathy smith** - April 15, 2020 at 03:38 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. James A. Little.*



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April 15, 2020 at 02:42 PM



“ *Dear Georgia,  
We send our heartfelt sympathy to you and your family. We know he will be greatly missed.  
Sincerely,  
Jerry & Karan  
Parmele*

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**Jerry & Karan Parmele** - April 15, 2020 at 02:39 PM



“ *Georgia and sons, I am so sorry for the loss of James. I enjoyed talking to him when I came to your house so many years ago. Love and prayers, Cindi Razo*

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**Cindi Razo** - April 15, 2020 at 01:16 AM



“ *Pamela Farmer lit a candle in memory of Mr. James A. Little*



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**Pamela Farmer** - April 15, 2020 at 12:04 AM

DS

“ *DEBRINA SMITH lit a candle in memory of Mr. James A. Little*



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**DEBRINA SMITH** - April 14, 2020 at 07:19 PM

BC

“ *After high school, I worked at Armour with James and his brothers. They were wonderful to me. Then later, after the Army, I rode with James to Cat Morton. He always stayed until the work was done! He was the first person I knew who put a crease in his work pants! He was an exceptional man; quiet, thoughtful, and patient. I also had the honor of working with Georgia Little. Our sincere condolences to you, Georgia, and your family. I will never forget the many kindnesses.*  
*With love, Bill Clark*

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**Bill Clark** - April 14, 2020 at 02:34 PM

TW

“ *Theresa Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. James A. Little*



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**Theresa Walker** - April 14, 2020 at 12:12 PM

NB

“ *Nettie Banks lit a candle in memory of Mr. James A. Little*



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**Nettie Banks** - April 14, 2020 at 12:03 PM

PC

“ *To the family of Mr. James A Little:*

*The pastor and members of the Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ would like to extend to you and your entire family our deepest sympathy in the loss of your loved one. Although our hearts are saddened, we pray that the Lord will comfort your hearts and bless you with endearing memories that you will always treasure.*

*He is with you even in this time of sorrow too deep for words. God be with you.*

*Pastor Henry L. Bolden II  
Lady Marcia J. Bolden  
and the PCJD Church Family*

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**Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ** - April 14, 2020 at 11:32 AM

DE

“ *Praying for strength and encouragement to Mrs. Georgia and the Little Family in the loss of your loved one*



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**Deborah and Curtis Easley** - April 14, 2020 at 10:13 AM

CS

“ *Curtis Shumate lit a candle in memory of Mr. James A. Little*



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**curtis shumate** - April 13, 2020 at 10:46 PM