



## Rev. John Henry Lee Sr.

April 22, 1949 - May 23, 2025

Rev. John Henry Lee, Sr., 76 of Peoria, Illinois transitioned to his heavenly home at 05:30 am on Friday, May 23, 2025, at The Loft of East Peoria, IL Rehabilitation & Nursing Home.

Rev. John Henry Lee, Sr. was born on April 22, 1949, in Peoria, IL, to proud parents Willa Mae Lee and Bruce Wade. He married Lonsetta Ann Teague-Lee on March 23, 1968, in Peoria IL. Later he married Carolyn L. Myartt-Lee on May 27, 1977, in Hanna City IL.

Rev. Lee attended Woodruff High School and received his G.E.D from Illinois State Board of Education. He belonged to the Carpenter Union 183 in Peoria IL. Also, he worked as a supervisor for PCCEO Weatherization Department for years.

Rev. Lee confessed Christ at an early age where he attended New Morning Star Baptist Church. Later in life, he rededicated his Life to Christ, and he became an Ordained Minister at Agape Baptist Church. Later, he was installed as the Pastor of Agape Baptist Church from October 1986 until he retired on October 18, 1998. In addition, he worked as a Gospel musical engineer for WPEO Gospel station.

Throughout life, Rev. Lee was well known, friendly, and enjoyed spending time

with family and friends. He enjoyed listening to music, had multiple hobbies, loved cooking, and teaching Bible Study.

Surviving to cherish his memory are five sons, John H. (Cameisha Madison) Lee, Jr. of Glendale, AZ, Richard R. (Tracy) Lee and Carlos M. (Brittney) Reyes both of Peoria, IL, Prentis J. (Mary Payton) Lee of Dallas, TX, and Donald T. (Renee) Lee of Frisco TX; one daughter, Daneil Lee of Peoria, IL; four Stepsons, James Teague, Troy (Rita) Burns and Kenny Burns, all of Peoria, IL and Robert Burns, Bentonville, AR; two Stepdaughters, Teresa L. Petty of Peoria, IL, and Carolyn Lane of Modesto, CA; four brothers, Wesley (Karen) Lee of Peoria, IL, David (Tammy) Lee and Stanley Lee both of Indianapolis, IN and Rev. Wade S. (Christine) Thornton of Peoria, IL; three sisters, Patricia Ward, Ella Lee, and Diana (Gary) Johnson all, of Peoria, IL; 70 grandchildren; 30 great grandchildren; a host great-great grandchildren; 3 special friends, Rev. James Parkman, Mr. Gary Coon and Rev. Dewayne Fisher; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Lorraine Coats; one infant brother; one sister, Wanda Thornton and two grandchildren.

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 30.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Prince of Peace Missionary Baptist Church  
711 East Arcadia Avenue  
Peoria, IL 61603

## Funeral Service

**MAY 30.** 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM (CT)

Prince of Peace Missionary Baptist Church  
711 East Arcadia Avenue  
Peoria, IL 61603

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Rev. John Henry Lee Sr.*



**Simons Mortuary** - May 28, 2025 at 06:53 PM

TL

*Glory to God* 🙏🙏

**Tonya Lee** - May 28, 2025 at 08:52 PM

EL

*What a loving tribute and memorial video, Simon mortuary. Thanks Ella Lee.*

**Ella Lee** - May 29, 2025 at 04:17 AM

DS

*Beautiful Tribute God Bless Your Family Prayers* 🙏🙏🙏

**Debbie Sazone** - May 29, 2025 at 04:04 PM



*What a beautiful tribute, praying peace and comfort to the family during this time.*

**Crystal Glasper** - May 29, 2025 at 07:00 PM

CM

*Ted and I loved John and John loved the Lord. He and Carolyn were married in our living room. So many memories from years past when the children were young and came to our farm. Hope Ted and John are rejoicing together. Blessings*

**Carol Miller** - June 03, 2025 at 11:53 AM

EL

*Hello Carol, I'm John younger sister, Ella Lee, LCPC (retired MMCI-UPH Methodist). YES, John truly loved & value his relationship with family. Thanks*

**Ella Lee** - June 06, 2025 at 01:38 PM



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Webcast in memory of Rev. John Henry Lee Sr.*



**Simons Mortuary** - May 28, 2025 at 03:38 PM

DG

“ *Denise B Green lit a candle in memory of John Lee*



**Denise B Green** - June 15, 2025 at 07:36 PM

VK

“ To the Lee Family - I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to you as you contend with the loss of your loved one. Another soldier has been called home from the battlefield. He now rests in the land of "no more". May God bless and keep you.



Vickie Kingcade King - June 02, 2025 at 05:24 PM

MR

“ Mattie Risby sent a virtual gift in memory of John Lee



Mattie Risby - May 30, 2025 at 12:41 PM

DJ

“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



Diana Carol Johnson - May 29, 2025 at 03:20 PM

PH

“ Phillip E. Hickman sent a virtual gift in memory of John Lee



Phillip E. Hickman - May 29, 2025 at 08:38 AM

AI

“ Annette Irby lit a candle in memory of John Lee



Annette Irby - May 29, 2025 at 08:13 AM

DB

“ Dorothea Banks-Burse sent a virtual gift in memory of John Lee



Dorothea Banks-Burse - May 29, 2025 at 07:34 AM

PW

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Patricia Ward - May 29, 2025 at 02:21 AM

RF

“ *Rena Webster-Horton & Family lit a candle in memory of John Lee*



**Rena Webster-Horton & Family** - May 28, 2025 at 11:28 PM

TL

“ *Blessed to have known you. My condolences to the family. Thankful we captured this moment.*



**Tracy Lee** - May 28, 2025 at 10:17 PM

DW

“ *Donna Wilson lit a candle in memory of John Lee*



**Donna Wilson** - May 28, 2025 at 07:01 PM

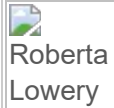
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“ *RIP Rev, John Henry! You will be truly miss! My condolence to the Lee Family!*

*Carolyn Lobdell*

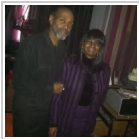


**Carolyn Lobdell** - May 28, 2025 at 02:42 PM



“ When I moved to Morton IL. He was the first one who welcomed Me to the area, We shard a lot of Religious conversations and How Much I new about and Me and My Thoughts, in GOD and why I Believe in what I Know, He was very Knowledgeable about My interest in the Reading of My Books , He would have Me text Him about things I find ,He would bring out a Great Big Laugh, I know that is what I'm going to miss the Most, I was Proud to call this Great Man, My cousin, You Rest Well My Dear Friend, You know I Loved You For Being YOU. Good By and You Gave Back To GOD What He Has Given To You,(Amen)

Roberta Lowery - May 28, 2025 at 02:39 PM



“ Got your wings cousin hug My Pops for me ☐  
☐



Latrika Cagle - May 28, 2025 at 12:55 PM



“ ADELL'S lit a candle in memory of John Lee



ADELL'S - May 28, 2025 at 12:42 PM

RH

“ Condolences to to the Lee family. You are all in my prayers my family 🙏👐



Rachel Diane Hearn - May 28, 2025 at 10:22 AM

KC

“ Kathy Collins lit a candle in memory of John Lee



Kathy Collins - May 28, 2025 at 07:42 AM

EL

“ 2 files added to the album John H. Lee, Sr. Family



Ella Lee - May 27, 2025 at 09:50 PM