



## Mr. John Lewis Moss

January 11, 1948 - July 21, 2025

Mr. John Lewis Moss, 77, of Peoria, IL, passed away on Monday, July 21, 2025, at OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home surrounded by his wife and family.

John, better known as Lewis, was born on January 11, 1948, in Peoria, IL to Jasper and Virginia (Grant) Moss. He married Jacqueline (Kirksey) Burns on June 15, 2019 in Ann Arbor, MI.

Lewis attended Lincoln Elementary School where his favorite teacher was Ms. Lavine Birditt. He also attended Roosevelt Middle School. In 1966, he and his classmates were the first to graduate from the new Manual High School. After high school, Lewis honorably served a four-year tour of duty in the US Air Force. He was a Sergeant in the Communications Center while stationed in London, England during the Vietnam Conflict. Lewis pursued his education graduating from the University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree in accounting. He worked as a Budget Accountant for Student Academic Affairs for over 25 years at University of Michigan, retiring in 2015.

Lewis was private and was his own man. He was studious and hard working. He was not a flashy guy; but a stylish gentleman. He was mild mannered and well loved by his family and friends. He loved jazz and studied photography at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in Boston.

Lewis leaves to cherish his most precious memory his wife, Jacqueline Moss of Peoria, IL; his children, Michelle Moss of St. Louis, MO, Dennis (Julie) Moss and Ansted Moss both of Michigan; two step-daughters, JenNell Lewis and Devri Burns both of Peoria, IL; two brothers, Jimmy (Rosezette) Moss and Terry Moss both of Peoria, IL; three sisters, Ethel Moss, Rose Smith and Mamie Smith all of Peoria, IL; two grandchildren; one great-grandson; a host of step grand and great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other family and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Dennis Moss, Jerry Moss and David Moss.

Funeral services will be held at 10 am on Saturday, August 2, 2025 at Sovereign Grace M. B. Church with a visitation at 9 am. Pastor Alvin Riley, Sr., will officiate. Lewis will be laid to rest at Lutheran Cemetery where full US Airforce Military Honors will be rendered.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Lutheran Cemetery

914 S Pleasant St  
Peoria, IL 61604-5954

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 2. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Sovereign Grace M.B. Church  
1505 W. Martin Street  
Peoria, IL 61605

## Celebration of Life

AUG 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Sovereign Grace M.B. Church  
1505 W. Martin Street  
Peoria, IL 61605

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. John Lewis Moss*



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**Simons Mortuary** - August 01, 2025 at 02:20 PM



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Webcast in memory of Mr. John Lewis Moss*



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**Simons Mortuary** - August 01, 2025 at 12:55 PM



“ *Brenda D Cayson (Rudd) lit a candle in memory of John Moss*



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**Brenda D Cayson (Rudd)** - August 14, 2025 at 01:17 PM

MS

“ missing my brother dearly 🥺🥺💔🥺

Mamie Smith - August 11, 2025 at 11:32 PM

EN

“ This is a very special picture of John and I. It reflects our true love for each other. Esrold



Esrold nurse - July 31, 2025 at 12:45 PM

MS

GOD KNOWS AND SEES ALL REST IN PEACE MY BROTHER

Mamie Smith - August 11, 2025 at 10:42 PM

EN

“ *Esrold and I have known John for nearly 30 years. Esrold and John worked together and over the years developed a brotherly bond. They enjoyed many inside jokes and were very supportive of each other.*

*When John was living alone he was a regular dinner guest and when he rekindled his relationship with his high school sweetheart Jackie, she too become a member of our family. We watched the change in John as he and Jackie rekindled their relationship and their romance blossomed. There was a clear rebirth in him that was wonderful to witness up close.*

*As their health started to decline it was evident that moving back to Peoria would allow them to have a large support network. When we visited them in Peoria, John's health was in decline. The wonderful loving support that Jackie provided was clearly a blessing to John and which enabled him to look forward to each day.*

*We are so very saddened by his passing. We appreciate the loving care Jackie and others provided to him in the last year. May he rest in God's arms*

*Esrold and Patti Nurse*

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**Esrold and Patti Nurse** - July 28, 2025 at 03:26 PM

MS

*do unto others as you would have them do unto you GOD KNOWS ALL AND GOD SEES ALL*

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**Mamie Smith** - August 15, 2025 at 07:01 AM

EN

“ 15 files added to the tribute wall



Esrold and Patti Nurse - July 28, 2025 at 02:59 PM

MS

“ Love Loved my brother we were very close through out our years over fifty years at any time he came to Peoria he would reside at my home and we would talk and catch up on many topics I as his sister will definitely miss him and what we had may you now rest in peace you didn't deserve to be were you are now

Mamie Moss Smith - July 27, 2025 at 11:29 AM

HM

“ My condolences to Mrs. Moss and family. My name is Hosie Mattox. John and I served in the Air Force while in England during the Vietnam War. I text John this morning informing him of my new cell number as my old phone stopped working yesterday. John and I have stayed in touch with each other since our discharge from the military and I always considered him a true friend. My wife Dwineth and I will truly miss you John.



Hosie and Dwineth Mattox - July 27, 2025 at 02:07 AM

MS

“ love love loved my brother we were very close just wished your life could have been much better than what it was

Mamie Smith - July 27, 2025 at 12:11 AM

DW

“ Donna Wilson lit a candle in memory of John Moss



Donna Wilson - July 26, 2025 at 02:30 PM

TF

“ The kirksey family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. John Lewis Moss.



The kirksey family - July 25, 2025 at 09:01 PM

TF

“ The kirksey family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. John Lewis Moss.

The kirksey family - July 25, 2025 at 09:01 PM