



## Mr. Juan Eugene Belle

December 1, 1949 - August 12, 2024

Mr. Juan Eugene Belle, 74, of Peoria, IL passed away at 2:13 pm on Monday, August 12, 2024 at his residence surrounded by his family.

Juan was born on December 1, 1949 in Providence, KY to Donald and Joyce (Woolfolk) Belle. His early education began in Kentucky and was a graduate of Providence High School.

After high school, Juan was inducted into the US Army, honorably serving during the Vietnam Conflict from 1969 to 1971. During his tour of duty, he received several awards including: the National Defense Service Medal, Marksman Badge, Vietnam Service Medal and an Overseas Service Bar. Upon the end of his tour of duty, Juan also served in the US Army Reserves terminating in 1975.

Juan moved to Peoria, IL where he met and married the love of his life, Helen Gordon. They married on February 17, 1974. To their union one son was born, Aaron.

Juan worked as an Assembler at Caterpillar, Inc.; retiring in 2013 after 37 years of service. He was an avid fisherman. He lived for fishing with his son, Aaron, who was his best friend. He was a hell of a father and his son wanted all to know that he would not be the man he is if it wasn't for his father. Juan

was an amazing family man who adored his wife, son, daughter-in-law, Aly and granddaughter, Aaliyah and his entire family. He prided himself on spending quality time with them. He was a man of great spiritual strength. Juan was a faithful member of St. Luke M.B. Church where he served as a member of the Laymen's.

Juan leaves to cherish his precious memory his loving and devoted wife of 50 years, Helen Belle of Peoria, IL; one son, Aaron (Aly) Belle of Rancho Mission Viejo, CA; siblings, Donna (Bill) Stafford of Madisonville, KY, Wayne (Anita) Belle of Providence, KY, Reba Lawrence of Providence, KY, Myra Belle of Providence, KY, Carlos (Jennifer) Belle of Bloomington, IL and Leah Grayer of Peoria, IL; one grandchild, Aaliyah Belle and a host of other relatives and friends (including his best friends Bobby Walker and Joseph McLeod) who loved him. He is preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Michael Belle and Ronnie Belle.

Funeral services will be held at 11 am on Saturday, August 24, 2024 at Prince of Peace M.B. Church with a visitation one-hour prior beginning at 10 am. The Host Pastor is Rev. Simon J. Holly, Jr. Pastor Benjamin Nicks, Jr. of St. Luke M.B. Church will officiate. Juan will be laid to rest at Resurrection Cemetery with Military Honors.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Mausoleum & Cemetery

7519 North Allen Road  
Peoria, IL 61615  
<http://www.ccapeo.org/index.cfm?load=page&page=156>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 24.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

## Celebration of Life

**AUG 24.** 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM (CT)

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Peoria, IL 61603

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Juan Eugene Belle*



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**Simons Mortuary** - August 26, 2024 at 12:10 PM



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**Simons Mortuary** - August 23, 2024 at 01:35 PM

LE

*I loved all the happy moments of my cousin.*

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**Leda** - August 26, 2024 at 01:44 AM

JR

“ Jeanelle Rasberry lit a candle in memory of Juan Belle



Jeanelle Rasberry - December 28, 2024 at 11:15 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Burial at Resurrection Cemetery



Simons Mortuary - August 26, 2024 at 12:09 PM

JR

“ Jane &Greg Russell purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Juan Eugene Belle.



Jane &Greg Russell - August 24, 2024 at 02:38 PM

MJ

“ Mr. Virgil C. Gordon Jr. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Juan Eugene Belle.

Mr. Virgil C. Gordon Jr. - August 23, 2024 at 08:07 AM

MJ

“ *Mr. Virgil C. Gordon Jr. purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Mr. Juan Eugene Belle.*



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**Mr. Virgil C. Gordon Jr.** - August 23, 2024 at 08:07 AM

JC

“ *A life well done cousin. Blessings to you and Cousin Helen and the rest of our family as we offer condolences. You are in a much better place now.  
Lil' John and Rhonda.*

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**Johnny Carter** - August 23, 2024 at 12:48 AM

LS

“ *Lots of love, Todd and Gina Strand planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Juan Eugene Belle.*

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**Lots of love, Todd and Gina Strand** - August 22, 2024 at 10:27 PM

LS

“ *Lots of love, Todd and Gina Strand purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Mr. Juan Eugene Belle.*



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**Lots of love, Todd and Gina Strand** - August 22, 2024 at 10:27 PM

JP

“ *Jerlene Powell lit a candle in memory of Juan Belle*



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**Jerlene Powell** - August 21, 2024 at 11:28 AM

MR

“ *Mattie Risby lit a candle in memory of Juan Belle*



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**Mattie Risby** - August 19, 2024 at 09:56 AM

JO

“ *Helen, we are so very sorry for your loss. The Hampton's of Chicago extend our most sincere condolences to you and Aaron.*

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**Jeannette Oden** - August 16, 2024 at 05:02 PM



“ *My sweet cousin got his wings on my birthday. Sending much love to my Peoria fam. My deepest condolences...*

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**Lailah Hampton** - August 15, 2024 at 09:41 PM

CG

“ Aunt Helen & Aaron! Hunch y & I send our deepest sympathy to you guys. If I would have know this July would of my last time seeing Uncle Juan, I would of hugged him a little tighter. "to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord." We love you guys & praying for you all as well❤️

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**Chere' Gordon** - August 14, 2024 at 11:09 PM

RM

“ Rochelle Moore lit a candle in memory of Juan Belle



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**Rochelle Moore** - August 14, 2024 at 10:22 PM

RM

“ Sorry for your loss Helen, we are praying for you and the family, Love you.

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**Rochelle Moore** - August 14, 2024 at 10:21 PM