



Ms. Kathy LaVerne Kirkman

October 26, 1952 - January 31, 2023

Ms. Kathy LaVerne Kirkman, 70, went home with God peacefully at 5:11 pm on Tuesday, January 31, 2023 at Accolade Healthcare.

Kathy was born on October 26, 1952 in Peoria, IL to Bessie Holiday and Thomas Taylor, Sr. She graduated from Manual High School in 1971. She later received an Associate of Science in Business Administration from Colorado Technical University in June 2013.

Kathy was a strong, kind loving, and determined person! She always kept a smile on her face! She volunteered as a parent at St. Patrick's Day Care Center in the late 70's. She, later on, would become a teacher at PCCEO Head Start for over a decade. She also kept a side job at Blue Shadows & Scorpio's Night Club. In addition, she worked at Walmart for several years.

Kathy was a one-of-a-kind special lady.

Kathy leaves to cherish her most precious memories her mother, Bessie Williams of Indianapolis, IN; her three children, Cornelius (Daniela) Taylor of Stiigart Germany, Chitoya (Breonne, Sr.) Dailey of Peoria, IL and Laquanah Harris of Glenpool, OK; two brothers, Thomas Hugan and Timothy Hugan of Peoria, IL; three sisters, Beverly Jones of Indianapolis, IN, Olivia Lindsay and Tanya Hugan both of Peoria, IL; five grandchildren, Breonne Dailey, Jr., Arieon

Harris-Costic, Chionne Dailey, Cheynne Taylor and Bryson Dailey; one great grandson, Kyreigh Dailey and host of other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. She is preceded by her father; one sister, Juanita Bush; one step-sister, Melody Anderson and one nephew, Rolandro Jones, Sr.

Funeral services will be held at 11 am on Saturday, February 18, 2023 at Richwoods Christian Church with a visitation one-hour prior at 10 am. Pastor Marty Hunt will officiate.

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

The service will be live streamed on Simons Mortuary's Website or Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Simons-Mortuary-232095303487150> promptly AT THE TIME OF THE SERVICE (Central Time). Due to Covid-19, social distancing is encouraged to be consistent with recommendations from the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA), funeral home directors have been instructed and should follow CDC guidelines on gatherings, including those directly related to funerals, visitations, or graveside services.

*In an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, we ask that everyone in attendance: wear a face mask and refrain from hugging, kissing and shaking hands (as hard as it is to see someone you care about and not touch them).

*It is our responsibility as Funeral Directors, to do everything we can to advise families in order to honor our beloved Families and to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation!

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Richwoods Christian Church
8115 N. Knoxville Ave.
Peoria, IL 61615

Funeral Service

FEB 18. 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM (CT)

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8115 N. Knoxville Ave.
Peoria, IL 61615

Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Kathy LaVerne Kirkman*



Simons Mortuary - February 21, 2023 at 01:42 PM



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Kathy LaVerne Kirkman*



Simons Mortuary - February 17, 2023 at 10:45 AM

VH

Rest in peace Kathy. You will truly be missed 😭!!
Vickie Harris

Vivian Harris - February 18, 2023 at 06:19 AM

PH

“ *Pamela Harris lit a candle in memory of Kathy Kirkman*



Pamela R Harris - March 30, 2023 at 09:51 PM

PH

“ *Wow Wow I'm Lost I Didn't Know You Were Sick. Any Way I'm So Heart Broken. You Were An Awesome Auntie You Watch Me Grow Up You Seen Me Go Through Things I Didn't Have To Go Through. You Tried To Talk To Me And You Always Loved All Of Your Nieces and Nephews. I'm So Sorry Auntie You Will Always Be My Aunt Kathy. I Love You And You Will Be Missed Dearly. RIH Until We Meet Again.*

Pamela R Harris - March 30, 2023 at 09:49 PM

AL

“ *Annette Lucy lit a candle in memory of Kathy Kirkman*



Annette Lucy - February 19, 2023 at 01:42 AM

KO

“ My prayers and condolences to the beautiful family of cousin Kathy Kirkman. My only regret is that we only got to meet in person once. Your mom Bessie was so instrumental in helping to bring together remnants of our scattered families descended from your grandmother Ada Lambert and her older siblings. I am so grateful to have met you even though it was only once. You were such a beautiful, wonderful soul. I pray God's comfort and peace overshadow Kathy's children, siblings and mother Bessie in this sad occasion. 'Til we meet again. Your cousin Kathleen Olakunle from Edina, MN.

Kathleen Olakunle - February 18, 2023 at 12:59 PM

WL

“ OUT OF BOTH OF OUR 70 YEARS ON THIS EARTH, I HAVE NEVER KNOWN A SWEETER, KINDER AND LOVING LADY ON THIS EARTH. WE MET AT DOUGLAS GRADE SCHOOL, AND EVEN THEN SHE WAS HAPPY GO LUCKY AND ALWAYS HAD A SMILE ON HER FACE. WITH HER PASSING I FEEL LIKE I HAVE A GREAT VOID IN MY LIFE. KATHY THE LORD HAS A PLAN, GO AND GET YOUR WINGS. R.I.P

WESLEY LEE - February 18, 2023 at 08:43 AM

CE

“ Curtis Deborah Easley lit a candle in memory of Kathy Kirkman



Curtis and Deborah Easley - February 17, 2023 at 10:15 AM

CH

“ *Carmen Hines lit a candle in memory of Kathy Kirkman*



Carmen Hines - February 16, 2023 at 06:35 PM

NB

“ *Nettie Banks. lit a candle in memory of Kathy Kirkman*



Nettie M Banks. - February 15, 2023 at 12:50 PM

KC

“ *The family of Kathy Kirkwood , I've known Kathy for a long time I was truly sad to hear of her home going I was her daughter Quana's teacher and then was Kathy's co-worker as she became a teacher at Head start herself to the family; :
Kathy was a strong woman she fought a good fight and she finished the course .May you all get strength from the Lord because he will carry you through. Love you all Ms. Kathy Collins*

Kathy Collins - February 13, 2023 at 02:18 AM

NB

“ *Nettie Banks lit a candle in memory of Kathy Kirkman*



Nettie Banks - February 11, 2023 at 04:45 PM

MR

“ Mrs. Kathy was my kids Head Start Teacher she loved her kids she will truly be missed



Mattie Risby - February 09, 2023 at 11:10 AM

MR

“ Ms Kathy was my Son & Daughter Head Start Teacher wonderful lady loved her kids Praying for her Family



Mattie Risby - February 08, 2023 at 03:55 PM

ZB

“ Zerlyna Burse-Taylor lit a candle in memory of Kathy Kirkman



Zerlyna Burse-Taylor - February 08, 2023 at 01:26 AM

CF

“ My friend Kathy what a beautiful soul she had a heart of gold. I will always cherish our friendship enjoying our Village Green days on McReynolds Court.
GONE BUT TRULY NOT FORGOTTEN
R.I.H and R.I.P My Beautiful Sistah



Constance Faulkner - February 06, 2023 at 11:53 PM

LK

“ *Lura Kramer lit a candle in memory of Kathy Kirkman*



Lura Kramer - February 06, 2023 at 07:06 PM

RB

“ *Awww ! Kathy, on my retirement Day you left me and shocked my whole heart !!! It was a pleasure in being a part as your caregiver and your dietary aide provider. I'm gonna miss those conversations and laughs we shared. May God gives grace Mercy and to your loved ones. The Accolade of Peoria IL sends our deepest sympathy to you and your loved ones ❤️🙏 I Love you all so very much Mrs. Roslyn Bond and family*

Roslyn Bond - February 06, 2023 at 02:37 PM