



## Mother Loretta Louise Smith

April 14, 1930 - February 6, 2024

Mrs. Loretta Louise Smith, 93, of Peoria, IL transitioned to her heavenly home at 7:53 am on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at Accolade Healthcare of East Peoria, IL surrounded by her family.

Mother Smith was born on April 14, 1930 in Mexico, MO to L'Overture "Lee" and Josephine (Woolery) Williams. She married Clarence "CW" Smith, Sr. on August 12, 1946. He passed away on August 25, 1989.

Mother Smith worked at Methodist Hospital in the dietary department for over 30 years, retiring in 1990.

Mother Smith leaves to cherish her most precious memories, three daughters, Cathy (Lonnie) Edwards of Dunlap, IL, Theresa (Richard) Walker of Peoria, IL and Judith (Richard) Lee of Leland, NC; three brothers, Joseph (Angela) Williams, Rev. Larry (Joanne) Williams and Rev. Harry (Yvonne) Williams; two sisters, Geraldine McCall and Minister Mae Lynnetta (Newell) Pegues all of Peoria, IL; two sister-in-law's, Bobbie Ashby of Peoria, IL and Margaret Kelley of Chicago, IL; 19 grandchildren; 53 great-grandchildren and a host of great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, a god-daughter (Tyra Kyles), other family and friends who dearly loved her. She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one son, Clarence Smith, Jr.; one daughter, Francesca Spears; seven siblings, Rev. Robert Williams, Rev. James Williams, Richard

Williams, John Omar Williams, Derald Williams, Alonzo Williams and Marian Purham; one grandchild and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be held at 10 am on Saturday, February 17, 2024 at New Cornerstone Baptist Church where Rev. Dr. Mark McConnell is the Pastor, with a visitation one-hour prior beginning at 9 am. District Elder Henry Bolden, II, Pastor of Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ will officiate. Mother Smith will be laid to rest at Lutheran Cemetery.

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

FEB 17. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

New Cornerstone Baptist Church  
3609 West Harmon Highway  
Peoria, IL 61604

## Funeral Service

FEB 17. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

New Cornerstone Baptist Church  
3609 West Harmon Highway  
Peoria, IL 61604

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mother Loretta Louise Smith*



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**Simons Mortuary** - February 20, 2024 at 06:47 PM



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**Simons Mortuary** - February 15, 2024 at 02:57 PM

BR

“ *Brendaldreez sent a virtual gift in memory of Loretta Smith*



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**Brendaldreez** - March 17, 2024 at 01:02 PM

DG

“ *Denise Green lit a candle in memory of Loretta Smith*



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**Denise Burns Green** - March 06, 2024 at 10:17 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Burial at Lutheran Cemetery*



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**Simons Mortuary** - February 20, 2024 at 06:47 PM

CW

“ *Charles Weldy lit a candle in memory of Loretta Smith*



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**Charles Weldy** - February 20, 2024 at 05:12 PM

“ Mother Loretta Smith

*A precious, godly soul, a woman with a contagious smile that warms your heart. One day, her smile, her laughter and sense of humor, was so captivating, it drew my husband's attention to give her a kiss on the cheek. Then responding to me "She's just a sweet and cute little old lady".*

*A woman with a genuine personality. She had many interests and possessed many things: her independence, little trinkets, hats, shoes and a warehouse of purses.*

*In her final stages of life, she kept in her heart the number one thing that would move mountains, break yokes, restore relationships, mend the broken hearted, but would say, "Just give me JESUS".*

*Her deepest, desire was focused on worshiping JESUS in spite of life's circumstances. We frequently sang one of her favorite songs of worship, "Amazing Grace". Watching her in tears of emotions as we sang.*

*"Amazing grace shall always be my song of Praise, He looked beyond my faults and saw my need. He loved me so. ..Tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home. The Lord has been so good to me, yea when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease, I shall possess, within the veil, a life of joy and peace.*

*Truly Mother Smith was an AMAZING woman.*

*God's Blessings of Comfort,  
Paul & Viola Cicciarelli*

TW

*Yes my mother was an amazing woman because of Christ . She loved her church dearly. I praise God for you Sister Viola and Brother Paul for visiting my mother before her transition . She spoken about you often . We will see my mother on the other side . God Bless you both ❤️*

**Theresa Walker** - February 29, 2024 at 02:22 PM

KA

“ *Karen Ashby sent a virtual gift in memory of Loretta Smith*



**Karen Ashby** - February 15, 2024 at 09:30 PM

TW

*Bless you Karen ❤️*

**Theresa Walker** - February 29, 2024 at 02:50 PM

VK

“ *To the Smith Family - I'm very sorry to learn of your loss. May God comfort & keep you during your time of sorrow.*



**Vickie Kingcade-King** - February 14, 2024 at 10:31 PM

JJ

“ *John and Marcella James purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Mother Loretta Louise Smith.*



**John and Marcella James** - February 14, 2024 at 07:30 AM

LH

“ Cathy, I am sorry for your loss you and your family our in my prayer. You mother was a kindhearted woman who had a golden smile. I remember us taking her shopping. She loved to shop. Cathy just is why you love to shop. Remember all the good times with your mother who loved unconditionally. Love you sister in law LaTonya Harris-Jackson

LaTonya S Harris - February 13, 2024 at 06:01 PM

CE

“ Mom thank you for always sharing your smiles, your witty sense of humor, your discipline, and your unconditional love for us and especially for God. When you would drag me (Cathy) all over the country and we had to fly, you held my hand to calm my nerves because I hated flying. Theresa & I will never forget how you so unselfishly cared for our sister, Frannie, during her decline in health. I'll never forget how before you became comatose you asked me to kiss your face at least 4 times. I'll always treasure that moment. You told us to put a huge red hat (your favorite color) on your head when they put you in the casket. It's not huge, but mom it's red. The pain of having to let you go was unbearable. However, you belonged to God first. Now you're safe and pain free in his arms. Mom, you'll always have permanent occupancy in our hearts. Your daughters  
❤️ Cathy & Theresa



Cathy Smith Edwards - February 13, 2024 at 04:46 PM

AM

“ Aunt Margaret purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mother Loretta Louise Smith.



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**Aunt Margaret** - February 13, 2024 at 10:52 AM

DP

“ Too many memories to post. My Aunt on the Williams side who always called herself the "Boss" because she was the oldest. Aunt Loretta you will be truly missed by the whole family.

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**Darryl Williams Pegues** - February 13, 2024 at 12:45 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mother Loretta Louise Smith.



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February 12, 2024 at 06:19 PM

DS

“ My most sincere condolences to Kathy and the Smith family.



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**Debra Standley** - February 10, 2024 at 08:57 AM

AW

“ I love you Retta I miss you ,I remember when I was little we use to come over to clean you use to let us have all the dollars, I use to love to come over there with you and Smitty. The funniest sh\*t ever was when you gave me my nick name black Arab 🤔 you told Big J .....what you doing with this ole black Arab 🤔😭 dang Retta I miss you....you stayed in traffic until you wasn't able to going like 20 mph 🤔 love you Retta no lie

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**Anthony Williams** - February 08, 2024 at 01:20 AM