



## Ms. Louise B. Cheatham

September 30, 1934 - June 6, 2015

Louise Blanch Cheatham, 80, of Peoria, IL, moved from this earthly life to her eternal home on Saturday, June 6, 2015 at 7:45 a.m. at Sharon Healthcare Elms in Peoria, IL.

Louise was born September 30, 1934, in Tchula, MS to John Young, Sr. and Florence (Jones) Young Kelly.

Louise accepted Christ at a very young age while still in Mississippi. She made Peoria her home in 1953. She was a previous member of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church later uniting with Grace and Peace Lutheran Church. After serving in several ministries she then became a Lutheran Lay Minister.

She was very active in church and she loved serving God in every way. Her mission fields were The Church Mouse, serving others and her favorite was giving away bibles and stuffed animals. Louise over the years was employed at St. Francis Hospital, Eagle Cleaners, Jim Maloof, State Hospital, Zellar Zone, Auxiliary Police and retiring from Methodist Hospital after more than thirty (30) years. She also was the proud owner operator of The Golden Chateau Beauty Salon. Louise volunteered at Tri-County Urban League, Voter Registration and the Heart of Illinois Fair First Aide with Methodist Hospital. Louise is survived by two daughters, Rosie "Nana" Johnson and Carmen Stears both of Peoria, IL; one son, Jeffery Ferguson of Galesburg, IL; three sisters, Clara Mae Young, Elma (Murvin) Mathews, Geraldine (Edward) Jackson all of Peoria, IL; one brother, John Young, Jr. of Inkster MI; many

grandchildren and great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends. Going ahead of her is her mother, father, 2 sons, 2 sisters, 2 brothers and 1 granddaughter.

A memorial service will be held at 11 am on Friday, June 12, 2015 at Grace and Peace Lutheran Church, 7611 N. Knoxville Ave., Peoria, IL 61614, with a visitation one hour prior beginning at 10 am. Rev. O. Wayne Shelksohn will officiate. Louise will be laid to rest at Bohemian National Cemetery, Chicago, IL.

Donations may be made in honor of Louise, to her church, Grace and Peace Lutheran Church.

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Grace and Peace Lutheran Church  
7611 N. Knoxville Ave.  
Peoria, IL 61614  
<http://www.graceandpeacelutheran.org>

## Memorial Service

JUN 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

Grace and Peace Lutheran Church  
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Peoria, IL 61614  
<http://www.graceandpeacelutheran.org>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Louise B. Cheatham*



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**Simons Mortuary** - June 11, 2015 at 03:17 PM



“ *Ms. Louise B. Cheatham*

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January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Ms. Louise B. Cheatham*

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January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *Mama Louise is what I called her. I never met her in person but we talked on the phone many times. She made me laugh so many times. You see, I worked with Rose at Mitsubishi Motor in Normal and whenever Rose would bug me about anything, I would threaten her by telling her that I will tell Mama Louise. Rose knew not to mess with me. Every Christmas Mama Louise would send me home made candies. When mama Louise would cook special meals and Rose would bring some to work, Mama Louise would sent me some too. Much love to the family. James Joyner.*

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**James Joyner** - June 12, 2015 at 12:53 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Louise B. Cheatham.*



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June 12, 2015 at 12:18 AM



“ *Big mama as she wanted to be called- I am so sorry I did get to see you for so many years. I hate the way things happened- you were always kind to me and Mikayla. I hope you knew that we cared for you and appreciated your love and open heart when we needed it the most. I pray you are peaceful now. Crystal.*

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**Crystal** - June 10, 2015 at 07:15 AM



“ *Louise's focus on the power of prayer was an inspiration to me. We will miss her. We are praying for comfort for all those who loved her.*

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**Hilary Shirven** - June 09, 2015 at 08:52 PM



“ *Louise was part of vbs every year. We enjoyed seeing her and volunteering next to her for many years! Sweet sweet lady! Prayers for her friends and family!*

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**suzanne fitzpatrick** - June 09, 2015 at 03:21 PM

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“ Louise loved her church family especially the children. She loved helping in anyway she could with bible school. She shared her love for her church with her grandchildren and great grandchildren , bringing them with her every chance she could.

Love her spirit and love of Jesus. I will miss seeing her at church and sharing stories with her.

Julie Smith

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**Julie Smith** - June 09, 2015 at 01:21 PM