



## Ms. Lustine Veronica Wellmaker

November 10, 1934 - August 29, 2020

Lustine Veronica (Hatten) Wellmaker, beloved mother, grandmother, cherished friend; and giver of words of wisdom and life advice (even when unsolicited) - died at 5:59 pm on Saturday, August 29, 2020, at the age of 85. She passed away in her home with her three remaining daughters, and a grandson, by her side.

Lustine was born in Cotton Plant, Arkansas, to Howard Hatten and Erlene Blake on November 10, 1934. She was raised in the home of her grandparents, Reverend Robert Blake, Sr. and Fannie (Greer) Blake, where she was surrounded by many aunts, uncles, and cousins. She played basketball, served as the Class Reporter for the Cotton Plant Academy High School newspaper (which was fitting since she knew everything about everyone), and graduated as salutatorian in her graduating class of 1953.

Lustine accepted Christ at the age of 12 on the mourning bench at Ash Grove Baptist Church and always proudly shared that she was baptized by her grandfather. Her faith in the Lord remained strong through many trials and tribulations. She passed this legacy of faith in Christ and strength on to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She worked at Fleming and Potter and Caterpillar until being laid off. Lustine exemplified a strong work ethic and continued working at various jobs well into her late sixties. She loved gardening, reading, and most of all - talking!

Lustine began struggling with her health two years ago, leading to the recent diagnosis of lung cancer. She declined treatment stating "I've lived a full life and I am content. I am ready to go." She knew there would be no more pain and sorrow, and often recited the 23rd Psalm and The Lord's Prayer in the nights leading to her passing.

Lustine leaves to cherish and keep her memory alive: one son, David Mckissic, Sr.; three daughters - Florence (Kelvin, Sr.) Haley, Alisha (Albert, Jr.) Huff, and Alexis Wellmaker; 19 grandchildren, and 47 great-grandchildren. Special mention is given to two of her grandchildren, Nichole Handy and Brandon Mckissic who spent much time with "Grandma" during their younger years. Lustine's sister, Wanda Hatten, is also a keeper of memories. Lustine was preceded in death by her: grandparents; parents; three daughters, Stephanie G. Mckissic-Wade, Toni R. Mckissic, and Angela L. Wellmaker; and a host of aunts, uncles, and cousins.

A graveside memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, September 12, 2020, at Lutheran Cemetery with a gathering at 9:30 a.m. Words of comfort will be shared by the family. Social distancing will be observed.

# Cemetery Details

## Lutheran Cemetery

914 S Pleasant St  
Peoria, IL 61604-5954

# Previous Events

## Gathering

SEP 12. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Lutheran Cemetery  
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## Graveside Memorial

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

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Lustine Veronica Wellmaker*



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**Simons Mortuary** - September 09, 2020 at 04:33 PM

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*Thank you to Simons Mortuary for creating a beautiful tribute video for our mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend, Lustine Veronica Wellmaker.*

*- Alexis Wellmaker, one of Lustine's seven children*

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**alynn714** - September 10, 2020 at 06:51 AM

JM

*To the beloved family of Lustine Wellmaker  
May the grace of God, His mercy and blessings surround you now and forevermore.*

*Love you and praying for you.*

*Sincerely, Aunt Jackie*

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**Jacquelyn Mitchell** - September 11, 2020 at 09:44 AM

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*Thank you, Aunt Jackie, for your love and support. It is truly appreciated. God Bless!*

*- Alexis Wellmaker*

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**alynn714** - September 13, 2020 at 12:11 PM



“ Ms. Lustine Veronica Wellmaker

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ Ms. Lustine Veronica Wellmaker

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



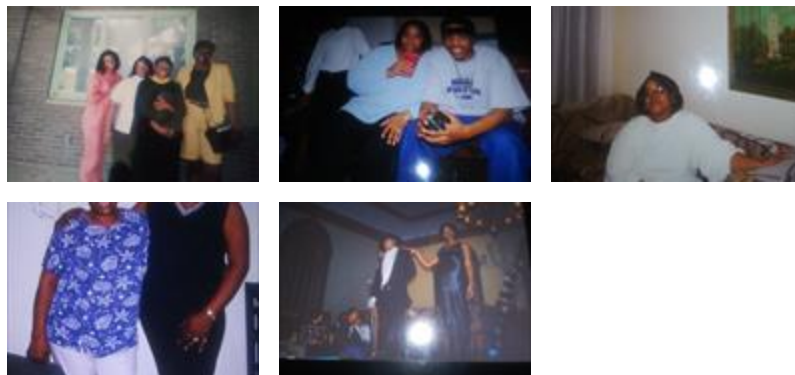
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alynn714 - September 14, 2020 at 06:07 PM



“ 11 files added to the album Family Photos



alynn714 - September 13, 2020 at 03:59 PM

JO

“ *Ms Listine will always have a special place in heart. So many memories of our families bonding together and growing up on Smith Street that will never be forgotten.* ❤️



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**Jeanette Jackson Owens** - September 12, 2020 at 10:12 AM

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*Thank you, Jeanette, for your kind words about Mama. She truly considered your entire family as a part of her own.*

*- Alexis Wellmaker*

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**alynn714** - September 13, 2020 at 12:07 PM

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“ *Marcus, Makyah, and Micah Harris purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ms. Lustine Veronica Wellmaker.*



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**Marcus, Makyah, and Micah Harris** - September 10, 2020 at 01:25 PM

“Everyday, since I have been away, don't think there was one moment, one hour, one day, one month, one year or decade that I didn't think about our times; where I didn't think about you! I did. Those minutes turned into hours, hours into days, days into months, months into years. Years into decades. The circumstances that led to our separation are well chronicled. As Tupac says, "Only God Can Judge Me." And for my Christian Brothers and Sisters, Luke 6:37.

*I never stopped thinking about those days on 915 W. Smith or 605 Eureka, and our short time on Villa Ridge. You were our rock, Mama! My rock! Now people often marvel at my strength in the face of overwhelming adversity. What they don't realize is I got that from you. People are amazed at my strong faith. They don't have a clue I got all that from you. I studied under some of the world's greatest preachers, teachers and theologians, but my greatest lessons of faith came from you, Mama!*

*I never thought in my wildest dreams that life and my decisions would cause us to be separated for such a long period of time. But here we are. Here I am. No more Happy Birthdays, Merry Christmas', Mother's Day. No more Christmas cards. Happy Birthday cards. That hug I've been longing for will never happen now. I missed so much of life with you, Mama. So much.*

*The last few times we talked, I poured my heart out to you and told you that I hadn't been much of a son. In pure Lustine form, "Boy, yeah, I know. But I forgive you." Hearing you say you forgave me broke my insides into pieces. And then it was my turn to make you laugh, just like I always used to when I was with you. Even near death, you dealt with it like you pretty much dealt with everything else in life, on your own terms. The very last time we talked on the phone, you showed me faith, and my heart was shattered. You were my superhero! Death was not supposed to get you! Not Mama. You were invincible.*

*I know you love me unconditionally, Mama. I, too, loved you unconditionally, always. You showed me by example that everything has a beginning, middle and end. So, this is your end on earth...the final chapter of life on this side of the cross. The last thing I told you was how much I loved you. The last thing you said to me was, "I love you more." You had never told me you loved me like that. I...love...you...more. And now, I...miss...you...more.*

*Tell Grandmother, Steph, Toni and Angie "Hi." I will see them soon.*

*I will do what you told me to do, Mama...promise!*

*Your Only Begotten...*

*Cry No More*

*<https://youtu.be/9pAT3y1EESE>*

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**Your Only Begotten** - September 09, 2020 at 06:08 PM

WB

“ *<https://youtu.be/VYqAJzxRXe4>*

*Heartbroken! Hopeful! Will miss you!*

*See ya soon!*

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**wayne and little Bro...** - September 09, 2020 at 12:52 PM

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alynn714 - September 09, 2020 at 12:38 AM

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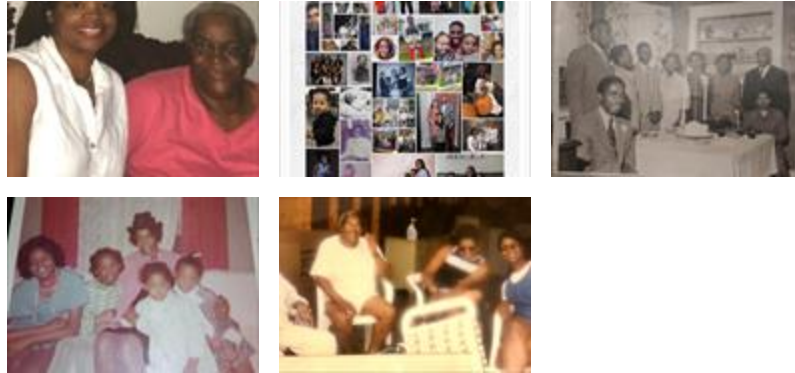


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florence.haley - September 08, 2020 at 09:11 PM

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florence.haley - September 08, 2020 at 07:43 PM

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florence.haley - September 06, 2020 at 10:05 PM



“ Evelyn Tate-Clayton lit a candle in memory of Ms. Lustine Veronica Wellmaker



Evelyn Tate-Clayton - September 02, 2020 at 03:56 PM

MY

*My love and sympathy to the family. I will always recall great memories of Mrs. Wellmaker, we were neighbors on Smith Street for years.*

*May your memories be sources of strength.*

Michael Young - September 08, 2020 at 01:20 PM



*Thank you, Michael, for your kind words about Mama.*

*- Alexis Wellmaker*

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**alynn714** - September 13, 2020 at 12:01 PM