



## Mr. Luther Funches Jr.

March 29, 1938 - June 10, 2017

Mr. Luther Funches, Jr., 79, of Peoria, IL passed away peacefully on Saturday, June 10, 2017 at his home surrounded by his family.

Luther was born on March 29, 1938 in Crystal Springs, MS to Luther, Sr., and Polly Lee (Hodge) Funches. Luther accepted Christ at an early age. He was educated in the Mississippi school system. Luther was an Air force veteran serving during the Korean Conflict where he received the National Defense Medal. After his tour of military duty, he married Ruth Mae Davis; she preceded him in death.

Luther worked for Hiram Walker Distillery for years until they closed their Peoria location. He later worked until retirement with Door-to-Door, now known as City Lift. While not working, Luther enjoyed fishing and watching game shows; his favorite was Wheel of Fortune. He also loved, sports, cooking and spending time with his family.

Luther leaves to cherish his most precious memories his loving and devoted family; four daughters, Sunday Davis, Patricia (Jeffrey) Funches-Smith and Mamie Funches, his caregiver, all of Peoria and Cornellia Davis of Springfield, IL; five sons, Johnie (Shermell) Davis, Sylvester Funches and Edward (Jorita) Funches all of Peoria, Richard Funches of Champaign, IL and Luther Funches, III of Jacksonville, FL; two sisters, Katherine "Kat" Thomas and Linda Funches both of Peoria; four brothers, Edward "Eddie" Funches, Jerry "Red" Funches, Albert "Uncle Bud" Funches and Phillip Funches, Sr., all of Peoria; 37 grandchildren; 70 great grandchildren; and a host of nieces,

nephews, other relatives and friends who all adored him. He is also preceded in death by his parents; one son, William Davis; two brothers, Courtland Funches, Sr., and Alford Funches, Sr., and a granddaughter, Alexis Westbrook.

The family wishes to give a special thank you to the Staff at Illinois Cancer Center and OSF Hospice for their great care of their father.

Funeral services will be held at 2 pm, Saturday, June 17, 2017 at New Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church with a visitation beginning at 1 pm. Host Pastor is Cleveland Thomas, Sr., and eulogist, Elder Frederick T. Morris of Abundant Life Church of Kansas City, KS. Burial will be held on Monday, June 19, 2017 at Camp Butler National Cemetery. Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to [simonsmortuary.com](http://simonsmortuary.com).

# Cemetery Details

**Camp Butler National Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

JUN 17. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

New Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church  
413 W. John H. Gwynn Jr. Avenue  
Peoria, IL 61605

### Funeral Service

JUN 17. 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM (CT)

New Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church  
413 W. John H. Gwynn Jr. Avenue  
Peoria, IL 61605

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Luther Funches Jr.*



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**Simons Mortuary** - June 16, 2017 at 04:09 PM

MF

*Missing you on today Daddy*

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**mamie funches** - June 18, 2017 at 01:53 PM

EC

*Beautiful*

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**evelyn tate clayton** - June 18, 2017 at 09:46 PM



“ *Mr. Luther Funches Jr.*

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January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mr. Luther Funches Jr.*

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January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM

BR

“ *Brendaldreez lit a candle in memory of Mr. Luther Funches Jr.*



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**Brendaldreez** - June 27, 2017 at 09:20 PM

LH

“ *Linda Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Luther Funches Jr.*



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**Linda Harris** - June 17, 2017 at 12:58 PM

JJ

“ *Johnny Lee Williams Jr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Luther Funches Jr.*



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**Johnny Lee Williams Jr** - June 16, 2017 at 10:52 PM


AL

“ *Annette Lucy sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Luther Funches Jr.*



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**Annette Lucy** - June 16, 2017 at 10:51 PM

  
Barbara  
Vinson

“ *Barbara Vinson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Luther Funches Jr.*



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**Barbara Vinson** - June 16, 2017 at 01:14 PM

CP

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Luther picked my Mom up a lot and took her to Senior World 10 yrs. ago. It was a pleasure to see him always smiling and kind words. Thanks for sharing him with us.*

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**Carla Priest** - June 16, 2017 at 10:07 AM

RM

“ *Ray And Kim Mosley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Luther Funches Jr.*



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**Ray and Kim Mosley** - June 16, 2017 at 08:49 AM



“ *Preston Young lit a candle in memory of Mr. Luther Funches Jr.*



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**Preston Young** - June 16, 2017 at 03:24 AM

JB

“ To my family as we say so long to our beloved Sonny let us think of UNITY. Every time he went to visit each home he made it his business to ask about each family member in that house hold by name or his nickname he called you and that was love. Let us remember that every time that the Sun doesn't shine that we are a family and we are a UNITY that means we are to always LOVE no matter. RIH cousin Sonny Love You 4EVER 4LIFE Joanie Brown 🌹

Joanie Brown - June 16, 2017 at 01:51 AM

EJ

“ Earline Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Luther Funches Jr.



Earline Jones - June 15, 2017 at 10:13 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Luther Funches Jr..



June 15, 2017 at 07:57 PM

JS

“ My grandpa I wasn't very close to him but I tried shortly before I guess time was against so with being said I love you grandpa say hi to grandma for me 🙌

Jacob smith - June 15, 2017 at 08:30 AM

MH

“ *Maria Hamer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Luther Funches Jr.*



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**Maria Hamer** - June 14, 2017 at 01:46 PM



“ *Sylvester Funches lit a candle in memory of Mr. Luther Funches Jr.*



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**Sylvester Funches** - June 14, 2017 at 10:19 AM

HS

“ *We The People Here A Tabernacle Of Praise Fellowship Church Located At 1917 N. Wisconsin Ave . Send You All Our Deepest Condolences Over Your Lost Of A Great Father and Friend ... As You All Move Forward In Life < Please Just Keep In Mind Your Father Is Now Home With Our Heavenly Father and His Many Loves Whom Went Home Before Him .... GOD Bless !*

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**Harold G. Smith Sr** - June 14, 2017 at 05:05 AM

EC

“ *So sorry for your loss. Take comfort in there is no more pain & he's resting in Jesus arms.*



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**evelyn tate clayton** - June 13, 2017 at 09:13 PM

JS

“ Prayers to the Funches Family  
May you all find peace and comfort during this  
time of loss. I too feel your pain, because  
"Sunbeam" was my big brother too, but God  
will see you through.  
Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.  
Love you all! 💜💜



Jones L and Michelle Douglas, Sr

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Jones and Michelle Douglas Sr - June 13, 2017 at 07:53 PM

KA

“ Karen Ashby sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr.  
Luther Funches Jr.



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Karen Ashby - June 13, 2017 at 07:13 PM

CL

“ Claude Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
Luther Funches Jr.



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Claude Lewis - June 13, 2017 at 05:52 PM

MF

Thank You Cuz'n

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mamie funches - June 13, 2017 at 08:35 PM

PS

“ *Patricia Funches - Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Luther Funches Jr.*



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**Patricia Funches - Smith** - June 13, 2017 at 04:45 PM

AL

“ *Annette Lucy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Luther Funches Jr.*



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**Annette Lucy** - June 13, 2017 at 03:16 AM

MF

*Thank you*

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**mamie funches** - June 13, 2017 at 08:36 PM