



## Mr. Malvin G. Hightower

September 16, 1949 - March 7, 2015

Mr. Malvin G. Hightower, 65, of Peoria, IL passed away peacefully surrounded by his family at 3:25 AM , Saturday, March 7, 2015 at his home.

Malvin was born on September 16, 1949 in Peoria to Marilyn (Jones) and the late Rev. Calvin Hightower. He was a 1968 graduate of Manual High School. He married Preshell Hawkins in 1969. Malvin was a decorated US Army Veteran serving during the Vietnam Conflict. He worked as an International Relations Coordinator with Caterpillar, retiring in 2009 after over 40 years of service.

Malvin is survived by his daughters, Shonda (Curt) Hightower-Hinton of Sun City, Arizona and Keva (Marcus) Hightower-Oates of Savannah, GA; his companion, Mary Page of W. Peoria; three precious grandchildren, Kyle, Kara and Ryen; two brothers, Calvin (Celia) Hightower and The Rev. Marvin (Loreece) Hightower both of Peoria; two sisters, Phyllis (Ron) Bartlett of Shorewood, IL and Robin (Jerry) Jordan of Peoria; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents, grandparents and one nephew.

Funeral services will be held at 10 AM on Saturday, March 14, 2015 at Prince of Peace Missionary Baptist Church with a visitation one hour prior beginning at 9 AM. Pastor Simon J. Holly, Jr., will officiate and the Pastor Marvin Hightower of Liberty Church of Peoria will bring the eulogy. Malvin will be laid to rest at Swan Lake Cemetery Field of Honor.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences

may be made at [simonsmortuary.com](http://simonsmortuary.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 14. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Prince of Peace Missionary Baptist Church  
711 East Arcadia Avenue  
Peoria, IL 61603

## Funeral Service

MAR 14. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Prince of Peace Missionary Baptist Church  
711 East Arcadia Avenue  
Peoria, IL 61603

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Malvin G. Hightower*



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**Simons Mortuary** - March 13, 2015 at 04:55 PM

TN

*THIS WAS DONE SO BEAUTIFULLY!! WELL DONE, WELL DONE, SERVANT WELL DONE!!!*

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**TENA NICHELSON** - March 13, 2015 at 07:26 PM

SH

*Nice*

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**shelanda** - May 27, 2015 at 08:05 AM



“ *Mr. Malvin G. Hightower*

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January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mr. Malvin G. Hightower*

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January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM

AS

“ Thinking of you on your birthday Mal. Trust you are in a world of no pain



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**Ann Sardesai** - September 15, 2019 at 05:12 PM

JP

“ I give my deepest sympathy to the entire Hightower family on the loss of Mal. Mal and I were neighbors for many years off of Willow Knolls Rd.. Mal was fun to be around and he was one of the few people I knew who kept his cars cleaner than mine! He had that beautiful white Town Car, oh it was super gorgeous. Along with one of Mal's brothers we helped Mal move into his house in West Peoria. Mal's brother was just as pleasant and fun to be around. Years later I dropped by Mal's place in my new Mach 1 Mustang. I gave Mal the ride of our lives - I dropped the hammer and we both giggled with joy like a couple of young school girls. Thanks for one of the many memories Bro. See you on the other side. Jason Patterson

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**Jason Patterson** - April 27, 2015 at 09:00 AM

RH

“ Family, The Haley's in Stockton, Ca send our prayers. May the peace of God keep you & ever be with you is our hope! We love you all!  
Russell & Sherry & Family

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**russell haley** - March 15, 2015 at 10:26 PM

KR

“ Our hearts & prayers go out to the "Hightower Family " during this difficult time . Malvin Hightower will be greatly missed. It was always a joy to be in his presence assured to encounter his beautiful smile . Heaven has gained an Angel. Be encouraged ( Phil 1:21) For Malvin to live is Christ, to die is to gain.



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**Kecia (Demetrius) Randle** - March 15, 2015 at 07:46 AM

JB

“ Malvin served as a mentor to young man in the Men of Valor program administered by PCCEO at Manual High School. He served with passion and commitment, completely giving of himself to ensure the young men he worked with would know their value. He made a difference in this community.. Joyce Banks

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**Joyce Banks** - March 14, 2015 at 01:35 PM

YF

“ Sending you my deepest sympathy. Remember those we love don't go away, they walk beside us everyday, unseen, unheard, but always near. Praying precious memories comfort you, while God has His arms around you.

*Yvonne Vinson Fuller*

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**Yvonne Vinson Fuller** - March 14, 2015 at 11:42 AM



“ *Ann Sardesai purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Mr. Malvin G. Hightower.*



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**Ann Sardesai** - March 13, 2015 at 11:18 PM

BB

“ *My condolence to the Hightower family and close friends. It is hard to lose a loved one. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. May Malvin's forever smile and memories of him give you peace and comfort.*



*Barbara Bradley-Caruth and Family Peoria Hgts., IL.*

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**Barbara Bradley-Caruth** - March 13, 2015 at 07:38 PM

BJ

“ *Malvin was a good friend. He always had that beautiful smile on and song in his heart. He will be missed deeply. everyone is in our thoughts and prayers. we love you all*



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**Bob Michelle RJ and Micheal Jordan** - March 13, 2015 at 11:34 AM

BC

“ *To the Family of Malvin G Hightower, may you find comfort in knowing you have an angel watching over you.*

*Brenda Cayson - Peoria, IL*

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**Brenda D Cayson** - March 13, 2015 at 11:23 AM

KS

“ *Katie Sturdivant lit a candle in memory of Mr. Malvin G. Hightower*



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**Katie Sturdivant** - March 13, 2015 at 07:27 AM

MS

“ *I worked with Mal at Caterpillar and he always had a smile and something good to say. So sorry, to hear of his passing. I know that you have a wonderful angel in heaven watching over you. Keeping all of you in prayers!*

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**Marilee Stephan** - March 13, 2015 at 07:22 AM

TN

“ *MALVIN G. I CAN'T EXPRESS HOW MUCH YOUR LOVE AND SUPPORT MEANT TO ME. I WILL SO MISS YOUR BEAUTIFUL FACE AND ENERGY. LOVE ALWAYS.*



*TENA NICHELSON*

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**TENA NICHELSON** - March 13, 2015 at 07:11 AM

RF

“ *Robert (Bob) and Julie Farquharson - Punta Gorda, Florida purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Malvin G. Hightower.*



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**Robert (Bob) and Julie Farquharson - Punta Gorda, Florida -**  
March 12, 2015 at 11:23 PM

JJ

“ It was always wonderful to see Mal at Caterpillar with his smile and kind words. Deepest condolences, Jan Juricic

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**Jan Juricic** - March 12, 2015 at 07:11 PM

JA

“ Mal and I worked together at the Cat plant in Davenport, Iowa in the early 80's. He taught me my new job and was always a good friend. His smile was radiant. May God welcome him to heaven and give comfort to his family and many friends.

*John Annis  
Washington, IL*

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**John Annis** - March 12, 2015 at 06:42 PM

RE

“ We will all miss Mal's infectious laugh, smile and zest for life. Rest in Peace!

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**Rick Edwards** - March 12, 2015 at 09:50 AM

DJ

“ One of my best friends. I will miss him. Melvin was always a pleasure to be around and he was always the same. We had a lot of good times back in the day. My prayers are with the family.  
*David Washington Jr.*

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**David Washington Jr** - March 12, 2015 at 07:57 AM

MJ

“ I will never forget when I got baptised in '07. Guess who was there? My Uncle Malvin 😊 I was so happy to see him! He was always such a happy person and very motivating. His smile was life changing and I was always excited to go over his house. If you didn't know, his house was the spot! Lol. Anyways, he will always be "My Uncle Malvin!" and I will always be his "My Marissa!"  
-Rest In Heaven ❤️ ...

Marissa Jones - March 11, 2015 at 09:24 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Malvin G. Hightower.



March 11, 2015 at 04:54 PM

AM

“ To the family my deepest sympathy. Mal's spirituality showed in everything he did. As his former boss, he proved to be a definite asset to our organization. He was a great mentor to many. May he rest in peace. Mal, may we meet again in heaven my friend. Love you! Ann March

Ann March - March 11, 2015 at 01:41 PM



“ I have always looked forward to coming in town & celebrating Thanksgiving & Christmas with you! After all these years you still couldn't get my name right! Lol Its Kelsey, not Chelsea! I miss you, Love always. xox

Kelsey Hosea - March 11, 2015 at 01:00 PM

MM

“ *Always kind. We'll miss him.*

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**melvin mcafee** - March 11, 2015 at 12:30 PM



“ *Steve and I were so sorry to hear about Malviin's passing. Every time I saw him at family reunion, he was always so wonderful. For a girl who only sees her extended family annually, that meant the world to me. He will always be remembered and loved.*  
*Greta Morgan and Steve Smiewec.*

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**Greta Morgan** - March 10, 2015 at 10:16 PM

EL

“ *Mal, you got away without saying goodbye! That's just like you. Thank you Lord for putting him in our lives. Eddie and I love you my brother, my friend. What wonderful memories we have shared in the past. What joy we will share in Heaven.*

*Eddie & Kay Ellis*

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**Ellis's** - March 10, 2015 at 06:00 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Malvin G. Hightower.*



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March 10, 2015 at 01:47 PM

TM

“ He was my foreman at Cat. When he was trying to make something of his career and I was trying to ruin mine. not until later when I read what he had written about me in my performance review that I realized the person he was, and inspired me to be a better employee and person, neither of what I was at that time. Thank you Marvin may you rest in the hands of God.

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**tom mattson** - March 10, 2015 at 12:51 PM

AB

“ I worked with Mal the year prior to his retirement, and he was cheerful most of the time. I saw him a couple years ago at my church, and he kept Christ in his heart. May the Spirit of the Lord comfort his family... Blessings.  
*Banegas Family*

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**Antonio Banegas** - March 10, 2015 at 09:18 AM

CH

“ Calvin And Pamela Hightower lit a candle in memory of Mr. Malvin G. Hightower



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**Calvin and Pamela Hightower** - March 10, 2015 at 07:33 AM

FL

“ My sincere condolences to the family, may the God of comfort and peace be with you all during such a loss.  
*The Lamb's, Augusta Georgia*

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**flowersp@yahoo.com** - March 10, 2015 at 06:58 AM

AS

“ Feel terrible that I did not write to Mal an email after I received his thank you card in response to my Christmas greetings in 2014.. Am in shock! I will miss you heaps, but will celebrate your memories everyday. Your smile, your smart dress code and your positive attitude, will be remembered. Heartfelt condolences to the family. I feel the pain of your loss, but am sure heaven is rejoicing your arrival. Will meet you when I get there. Thanks to Bob Farquharson for informing me, I would not have known otherwise. Lots of love....Veena and family, Sydney, Australia



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**Ann Sardesai** - March 10, 2015 at 03:31 AM

JH

“ Malvin has treated me as family since I moved to Peoria 36 years ago. The first day I met him he said lets go and he took me to a baseball game and then showed me the town. That was the type of person he was. He always had a smile on his face and a kind word to say.

*Malvin I will miss that.*

*James Howard*

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**James Howard** - March 09, 2015 at 10:54 PM

JH

“ James & Genevieve Howard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Malvin G. Hightower



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**James & Genevieve Howard** - March 09, 2015 at 10:29 PM

CH

“ *May God surround with His love and strength in this time of bereavement. You are in our prayers. Much love Curtis & Faye Hightower*

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**Curtis &Faye Hightower** - March 09, 2015 at 08:37 PM

CT

“ *Charisse Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Malvin G. Hightower*



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**charisse Taylor** - March 09, 2015 at 04:02 PM

DG

“ *To my family,  
In this time of sorrow and for me, disbelief but I can smile & say that Malvin was :Mr. Cool" to me. He was always a cool dresser and had confidence in himself always. He was a cool cousin, who knew what he wanted. He loved to travel he loved his sibilings, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins. When we were collaborating on something for the family, I would call him up or he would call me up and say hey!!! Mrs,Gillespie, whats poppin.. I would always reply, you Mr. Cool..!! .. Shonda, Keva, Robin, Rennie, Marvin, Phyllis we know where he is, you just cant see, hear or touch in flesh, but he is cradled in Gods arms, and I know he is going to remain Mr. Cool.*

*Malvin, I love you Mr. Cool. See you on the other side..  
Debbie Gillespie*

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**debbie gillespie** - March 09, 2015 at 11:16 AM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Mr. Malvin G. Hightower.*



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March 09, 2015 at 10:38 AM



“ *Praying for my cousins that God will comfort and strengthen you on the passing of your father and brother. Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal and just know he's resting in the arms of Jesus now. I love you all and may God continue to heal your hearts.*



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**Rose Hightower,Latchison** - March 09, 2015 at 10:22 AM



“ *A guy whom I've known for over 50 years and who was always positive about life. I met Malvin thru his cousin Michael Burrell. I know that he lived a remarkable life and enjoyed being a family man. How sad when beautiful people have to leave. May GOD rest his soul in eternal peace, and may GOD'S peace and blessings be with Malvin's family.*

*Michael A. Stapleton*

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**Michael A. Stapleton** - March 09, 2015 at 10:02 AM

JH

“ *Joyce&Walter Howard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Malvin G. Hightower*



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**Joyce&Walter Howard** - March 09, 2015 at 09:49 AM

SH

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



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**Shonda Hightower-Hinton** - March 09, 2015 at 09:05 AM

BC

“ *Shonda, praying for you and your family. I'm so sorry.*



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**Bonny Cail** - March 09, 2015 at 08:50 AM

SH

“ 4 files added to the album *Various Photos*



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**Shonda Hightower-Hinton** - March 09, 2015 at 07:52 AM

AS

*Lovely. Was always so proud of his girls!*

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**Ann Sardesai** - March 10, 2015 at 04:00 AM

JH

“ *John Hinz lit a candle in memory of Mr. Malvin G. Hightower*



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**John Hinz** - March 08, 2015 at 04:30 PM