



## Ms. Marilyn Lee (Grubbs) Henning

December 15, 1946 - December 9, 2023

Marilyn Lee (Grubbs) Henning, 76, of Camp Point, Illinois; formerly of Peoria, IL, transitioned to her heavenly home at 4:05 PM on Saturday, December 9, 2023 at Timber Point Healthcare Center in Camp Point, IL.

Marilyn Lee (Grubbs) Henning was born December 15, 1946 in Richmond, KY to Robert Irvine and Mary Frances (Chenault) Grubbs.

Marilyn accepted Christ at an early age (10). She attended Richmond Elementary Schools in Richmond, KY. Marilyn later graduated from Lincoln Elementary School, Roosevelt Junior High and Manual High School (Class of 1965) all in Peoria. She served in many activities, choirs and clubs while attending Manual High School, receiving a Service "M". After graduating from Manual, she attended Metropolitan Business College in Los Angeles, Calif., (now Trade Technical College) where she was in the Delta Secretaries Sorority.

Marilyn married Tyron Keith Smith of Chicago, IL in June of 1969. In their marriage one son was born Du Sean Keith Smith. She later married Robert W. Henning, Jr., in Peoria, May 1976-1980.

In Marilyn's career, she held many clerical and secretarial positions throughout the city of Peoria; Caterpillar, Cilco, Keystone, Consolidated, Inc., also Up-State in Chicago. She retired from the State of Illinois in 2003, after serving

five state agencies with 26 years and eight months of service; last serving I.D.O.T.

Marilyn was a former member of New Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church where she served as a musician. She was a member of Prince of Peace Missionary Baptist Church for many years where she served as a former church pianist and former usher. She was also the Baptist General Convention Musician for 10 years for the ushers. After leaving Peoria and moving to Quincy, IL, Marilyn found a church home at 1st Baptist Church of Quincy. There she served faithfully for many years under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Orville B. Jones, Jr.

Marilyn leaves to cherish her precious memory her loving and devoted family which includes her son, Du Sean K. Smith of Peoria, IL and her granddaughter, J'Lanae Patrice Smith; two brothers, Rev. Bobby J. (Julia) Grubbs and Cecil I. Grubbs both of Peoria. She is also survived by one uncle James (Adrian) Dade, Jr., of Chandler, AZ; three nieces, two nephews; several great nieces, great-nephews; four great-great-nieces; one great-great nephew; and several cousins. She is preceded in death by her parents, Robert Irvine and Mary Frances (Chenault) Grubbs.

Funeral services will be held at 11 am on Friday, December 15, 2023 at Prince of Peace M.B. Church with a visitation beginning at 10 am. Pastor Simon J. Holly, Jr., will officiate. Rev. Dr. Orville Jones, Jr., Pastor of 1st Baptist Church of Quincy, will bring the eulogy. Marilyn will be entombed at American Mausoleum.

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

# Cemetery Details

## American Mausoleum

7911 N. Allen Road  
Peoria, IL 61615

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

## Celebration of Life

DEC 15. 11:00 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 Ms. Marilyn Lee (Grubbs) Henning*



**Simons Mortuary** - January 26, 2024 at 01:53 PM

CW

“ *Catherine Watson lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Henning*



**Catherine Randle Watson** - January 09, 2024 at 02:21 AM

LS

“ *Marylyn and I were cheer leaders at Carver Center in our teens in the “60” she was always fun loving and kind she has been missed “RIP”* 🕊️🕊️🕊️🙌🙌🙌



**Loretta Simpson** - December 27, 2023 at 02:59 PM

DT

“ *So sorry to here about your loss, I had been knowing Marylin for many years and she was a close friend to the Trammell Family, her son was our Basketball mascot at St. Boniface/St. John....R.I.P.*

**Donald Trammell** - December 23, 2023 at 08:17 PM

EL

“ *She was a kind, friendly and special Christian.*



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**Ella Lee** - December 16, 2023 at 08:54 PM

CG

“ *Cheryll Gordon lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Henning*



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**Cheryll Gordon** - December 15, 2023 at 02:36 PM

PC

“ *To the family of Marilyn Lee Henning:*

*The pastor and members of the Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ would like to extend to you and your entire family our deepest sympathy in the loss of your loved one. Although our hearts are saddened, we pray that the Lord will comfort you and bless you with endearing memories that you will always treasure. He is with you even in this time of sorrow too deep for words.*

*God be with you,*

*Pastor Henry L. Bolden II  
Lady Marcia J. Bolden  
and the PCJC Church Family*

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**Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ** - December 15, 2023 at 11:55 AM

FH

“ Prayers for the family rest in peace cuz huguely family



frances huguely - December 15, 2023 at 11:38 AM

FH

“ Prayers for the family love you'll cousin



frances huguely - December 15, 2023 at 11:25 AM

MY

“ My deepest sympathies are extended to The Grubbs family. I recall fond memories of Marilyn at New Morning Star Baptist Church.

*Please know the you are in the thoughts and prayers of many.*

*Michael Young, Washington DC*

Michael Young - December 15, 2023 at 02:09 AM

JA

“ Cuzn Marilyn, I will always remember the joy we shared when I was a young girl. The laughter and singing will be with me always. We will sing again in Heaven. You rest now and enjoy the peace. Love you Cuzn J'me💕🙏💕



Jamie - December 15, 2023 at 01:11 AM

RF

“❤️❤️❤️ Although this is a DIFFICULT time, I rejoice in knowing that my SIS is 🙏 RESTING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD..... FOR ETERNITY 🙏 PRAISE THE LORD 🙏 SHE IS FREE ❤️ 🙏..... I will ALWAYS cherish the BROTHER/SISTER LOVE we shared since Grade School. EVERYBODY LOVED MARILYN 🌹. I regret I can not attend the service, but I want the FAMILY to know my Wife and I share in your grief, and we are praying for your STRENGTH, COMFORT and PEACE. 🙏 ☐ REST ON MY SISTER and know that “YOU ARE LOVED 🤔 AND MISSED ☐

Robert & Irma Costic and Family - December 14, 2023 at 09:45 PM

RW

“ Richard Theresa Walker lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Henning



Richard and Theresa Walker - December 14, 2023 at 08:00 PM

DG

“ I went to Manual High School with Marilyn. I remember her being so nice and she was so funny. Always had a smile. My sympathies to her family.

Diana Gravat Gualandi - December 13, 2023 at 11:23 AM

AL

“ Annette Lucy lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Henning



Annette Lucy - December 13, 2023 at 01:35 AM

MC

“ ~Rest in peace cousin! Chandler family



Margaret Chandler-Bryson - December 12, 2023 at 10:00 PM

MB

“ Rest in peace cousin! -Chandler family



Margaret Chandler- Bryson - December 12, 2023 at 11:10 AM

LS

“ Loretta Simpson lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Henning



Loretta Simpson - December 12, 2023 at 02:40 AM

MB

“ Rest in peace cousin! You're with the Angels now! Give our family members in heaven a huge hug from me!❤️



Margaret Bryson - December 11, 2023 at 07:28 PM

DP

*Marilyn , i know that heaven was smiling as you entered those golden gate. Yes we will miss you coming to Kentucky and your son and brother, yes cousin you make it in but soon and very soon , I to will leave this old earth and see the king, tell my mother Clara V. Huguely Parks and my father Richard .f KNOWN AS{ frank) I AM STILL ON THE BATTLE FIELD FOR MY lord THIS I MISS THEM BUT GOD IS STILL THERE TO CARRY ME WHEN I CAN NOT EVEN SEE MY WAY,. family LOOK TO THE HILLS WHICH COMETH YOUR STRENGTH AND YOUR HELP AND STRENGTH WILL COME FROM THE LORD*

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**DEBORAH PARKS** - December 13, 2023 at 09:30 AM