



## Mr. Mark Anthony Crooks

September 5, 1956 - May 17, 2020

Mark “Klink” Anthony Crooks, 63, of Peoria, IL passed away at 6:30 pm on Sunday, May 17, 2020 at OSF St. Frances Medical Center.

Mark was the youngest of twelve children born to Clarence James and Ada (Warmack) Crooks, Sr. He was a life long resident of Peoria where he was educated in the Peoria District 150 School System. He was a 1974 graduate of Manual High School where he was a track and field Star. Mark received a track scholarship to Western Illinois University where he attended. He also attended Illinois Central College. He worked as a Correctional Officer many years and later worked as a fork lift driver a contractor at Caterpillar Tractor, Inc., before a company downsizing took place. Shortly after the downsizing, Mark became ill and was unable to go back to work. Later he would do volunteer work for Mt. Zion Baptist Church when he was able.

Mark was a weekend warrior as a member of the 182 Air National Guard.

While he was sometimes a rough talking person with his friends and family; he was basically a kind hearted person. He admired his older brothers, Zakee and Byron and often tried to emulate some of their behaviors. Mark was an avid reader. He also had a love for historical movies, board games, and spirited conversations with friends. He loved his family. Mark had a green thumb and love gardening and his plants.

Mark is survived by his only child, Shakira Hayden of West Palm Beach, FL; seven grandchildren, Alexis, Toni, Tonya, Antonio, DeMario, Eric and Erica; 16 great grandchildren; two brothers, Shahid Zakee “Danny” Crooks of San

Francisco, CA and Roger (Lourdes) Crooks of Panama City, FL; three sisters, Patricia Day of Hazel Crest, IL, Barbara (Cornell) Wright of Peoria, IL and Candice Crooks of Country Club Hills, IL; also surviving is Mark's special friends, Gwendolyn Mullins; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Clarence Crooks, Jr., Walter Crooks and Byron Crooks and two sisters, Charlotte Crooks and Frances Hole.

A private Funeral will be held at 12 noon, Thursday, May 28, 2020 at Simons Mortuary with a visitation one-hour prior beginning at 11 am. Pastor Alphonso Lyons, Jr., will bring words of comfort. The funeral service will be live streamed on Simons Mortuary's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Simons-Mortuary-232095303487150/>

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 28. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Simons Mortuary Chapel  
912 W. John H. Gwynn, Jr. Ave.  
Peoria, IL 61605  
(309) 674-2638  
info@simonsmortuary.com  
<https://simonsmortuary.com>

## Funeral Service

MAY 28. 12:00 PM - 1:15 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Mark Anthony Crooks*



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**Simons Mortuary** - May 28, 2020 at 01:51 PM



“ *Mr. Mark Anthony Crooks*

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January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mr. Mark Anthony Crooks*

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January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *While thinking of Mark, I can't help but have fond memories of the Crooks Family as we grew up in the Old Mt. Zion! I think of Mrs. Ada Crooks and her beautiful smile and my best Friend Candace "Candy" Crooks. Please know our prayers are with you all with heartfelt condolences...* 🙏❤️🙏

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**Sherry Carter-Allen** - May 28, 2020 at 04:43 PM



“ 4 files added to the album Funeral Program

**Mr. Mark "Kink" Anthony Crooks**  
 Born: 1954, CA  
 Passed: May 27, 2020  
**Funeral Service**  
 Thursday, May 28, 2020  
 12:00 Noon

**Remarks** Family, Friends, Clergy  
 Selection: Mr. Louis Mosley  
 Eulogy: Pastor Aphonso Lyons, Jr.  
 Committal: Pastor Aphonso Lyons, Jr.  
 Receptional: Ministers & Family

**Mark** was a weekend warrior as a member of the US Marine Corps. While he was sometimes a rough looking person with the family and family, he was basically a kind hearted person. He admired his older brothers, Eddie and Kevin and often tried to emulate some of their behaviors. Mark was an avid reader. He also had a love for historical movies, board games, and spent considerable time with friends. He loved his family. Mark had a great sense of humor and loved working with his clients.

**Mark** is survived by his only child, Shantea Houston of West Palm Beach, FL, sister granddaughters, Wendy, Tami, Tanya, Melissa, Tashara, Lisa and Lynn. He great granddaughters, Kaye, Tashara, Shantea, Shantea "Shante" Gonsky of San Francisco, CA and Roger (Joseph) Gonsky of Paradise City, CA. There are many more.

Remember that our faith will help make our Mark, deep, bright.

From the family

Simons Mortuary - May 27, 2020 at 04:48 PM



“ Mark thank you for the smiles and kindness in high school. My condolences bto his loved ones.  
Fly high with the Angels brother.



Sue Owen - May 27, 2020 at 07:27 AM



“ Rest in Paradise Dear Friend



Neda Hayes - May 27, 2020 at 01:00 AM

CS

“ Curtis Shumate sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Mark Anthony Crooks



Curtis shumate - May 24, 2020 at 01:55 PM

MR

“ Mattie Risby sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Mark Anthony Crooks



Mattie Risby - May 24, 2020 at 01:08 PM

JB

“ Joanie Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Mark Anthony Crooks



Joanie Brown - May 24, 2020 at 12:59 PM

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Joanie Brown - May 24, 2020 at 12:59 PM



“ No words can describe how sorry I am for your loss. Weeping man endure for a night but joy comes in the morning.



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**Evelyn Tate-Clayton** - May 22, 2020 at 12:33 PM

TS

“ I was saddened to hear of Marks transition. Please accept my sincere condolences Shakira and family. May God give you peace and comfort during this night of grieving, but joy will surely come in the morning.

Love you Shakira 💕

Your Cousin , Tonie Bradley Stephens, Phoenix,AZ

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**Tone Bradley Stephens** - May 22, 2020 at 08:42 AM

JD

“ To The Crooks Family

May God bless and keep you in this time of loss. Mark was a quiet. but funny person to be around. If you could get him to smile you were doing something; cause he would always show his manly exterior ways! He will be missed. Keep your mind stayed on God for peace and strength to get you through the hard times and smile and remember the good times as they were yesterday.



Love.

Jones L and Michelle Douglas. Sr

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**Jones Douglas** - May 21, 2020 at 09:16 PM