



## Ms. Martina Rutherford

August 24, 1953 - September 23, 2021

Ms. Martina Rutherford, 68, of Peoria, IL transitioned to her heavenly home at 10 am on Thursday, September 23, 2021 at Washington Senior Living in Washington, IL.

Martina was born on August 24, 1953 in Blue Mountain, MS to Randle, Sr., and Ella Mae (Collins) Rutherford. As a child, she and her family moved to the Peoria, IL area where she received her elementary education and graduated from Woodruff High School.

Martina was a driver for Country Care Van Service for many years. She also was a former worker at Starcrest Cleaners. In her spare time, she was an avid bowler and member of a bowling league. She was a seamstress and enjoyed crocheting. Her family referred to Martina as an expert laundry person who washed clothes every day; even washing clothes for her family. Martina had a beautiful smile that could light up a room when she entered. She loved to travel and spend time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Martina leaves to cherish her most precious memories her loving and devoted family; 4 daughters, Marcina "Marcy" (Corey) Lee of Peoria, IL, Rasonya L. (Michael) Smith of Peoria, Monica Rutherford of Nashville, TN and Nicole Ocon of Peoria, IL; two brothers, Jimmy (Cathy) Rutherford of Sturdivant, WI and Randle, Jr. (Pat) Rutherford of Greensboro, NC; four sisters, Brenda

(Charles) Stewart of Peoria, IL, Geraldine (Pastor Harvey) Burnett of Peoria, IL, Marinda Shipp of Peoria, IL and Vanessa (Louis) Farmer of Peoria, IL; a son-n-law, Javier Ocon of Peoria, IL; five grandchildren, Enya Shorty, Alexis Bryant, Moteo Ocon, Katalina Ocon and Cruz Ocon; two great grandchildren, Ci'Veah and Jae'Lani; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents; her life partner, Willie C. Morris; one sister, Dorothy Mae Davis and one brother, Andrew Rutherford and three infant siblings.

A Private Funeral service will be held at 11 am, Saturday, October 2, 2021 at Simons Mortuary with a visitation for family one-hour prior beginning at 10 am. Pastor Harvey Burnett will bring words of comfort.

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

The service will be live streamed on Simons Mortuary's Website or Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Simons-Mortuary-232095303487150> promptly AT THE TIME OF THE SERVICE.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions and to be consistent with recommendations from the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA), funeral home directors have been instructed and should follow CDC guidelines on gatherings, including those directly related to funerals, visitations, or graveside services

\*\*In an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, we ask that everyone in attendance: wear a face mask and refrain from hugging, kissing and shaking hands (as hard as it is to see someone you care about and not touch them).

\*\*It is our responsibility as Funeral Directors, to do everything we can to advise families in order to honor our beloved Families and to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation!



# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Martina Rutherford*



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**Simons Mortuary** - October 02, 2021 at 10:44 AM

DP

*Condolences!!*

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**Darryl Pegues** - October 02, 2021 at 11:49 AM



“ *Ms. Martina Rutherford*

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January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Ms. Martina Rutherford*

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January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM

MB

“ *Mildred Baldon lit a candle in memory of Ms. Martina Rutherford*



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**Mildred Baldon** - November 14, 2021 at 08:49 AM

JB

“ Our Condolences So Sorry For Your Loss  
Nikki And Family. Sending Prayers 🙏🙏🙏💕  
💕💕💕.  
God Will See You Through This Difficult Time.  
He's A Keeper In Our Darkest Hour. RIH MS  
Martina Rutherford GBNF 💕🕊️



Joanie Brown - October 08, 2021 at 12:04 AM

GR

“ Gregg Randle lit a candle in memory of Ms.  
Martina Rutherford



Gregg Randle - October 07, 2021 at 09:24 PM

RW

“ Rena Webster-Horton lit a candle in memory  
of Ms. Martina Rutherford



Rena Webster-Horton - October 07, 2021 at 12:41 AM

CA

“ Oh Lord have mercy I am so sorry I just found  
out at 5:00 something in the morning I'm  
getting ready to go to work it was just looking  
and seeing it you all have my deepest  
condolences Carolyn 💕💕💕🙏🙏



carolyn - October 06, 2021 at 06:13 AM

TF

“ *Tim and Sonya Farmer and Family.  
Prayers and thoughts to the Rutherford family. Sorry for your loss.*

Tim Farmer - October 02, 2021 at 09:51 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for  
the family of Ms. Martina Rutherford.*



October 02, 2021 at 08:50 AM

DF

“ *My condolences and prayers goes out to the family R.I.P. my friend*  
🙏

Diane Foster - October 01, 2021 at 09:36 PM

SF

“ *Stephanie Williams & Family purchased the Lovin  
g Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Ms.  
Martina Rutherford.*



Stephanie Williams & Family - October 01, 2021 at 08:44 AM

NG

“ MY heart is broken over the lost of my dear friend. 40 years of friendship, and she never changed. Always had a smile and a kind word. Always there when I needed her. Straight and to the point. A true friend. My heart goes out to your beautiful daughters and you siblings. I love you all. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult time. Sending Blessings and Love. Always



Nancy

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**Nancy Gray** - September 29, 2021 at 07:21 PM

JG

“ Condolences to the family. I pray God grant you all continued strength during this hard time. "Mot" was a sweetheart

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**Joanne Gray** - September 29, 2021 at 07:02 PM

CW

“ Martina was like an aunt to me. She had always opened her home to us, and she was very down to earth and a fun person. I have many wonderful memories of her, from the the Harrison Holmes and beyond. She will be missed. May warm thoughts comfort the family, and much love to her children and family.

Crystal Burch White

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**Crystal Burch White** - September 29, 2021 at 10:20 AM

DS

“ Our most sincere condolences to the family of  
Martina Rutherford.  
Debra Standley and Ann Purnell



Debra Standley - September 29, 2021 at 09:03 AM

RW

“ Rena Webster-Horton lit a candle in memory  
of Ms. Martina Rutherford



Rena Webster-Horton - September 29, 2021 at 12:53 AM

CP

“ Carolyn Parham lit a candle in memory of Ms.  
Martina Rutherford



Carolyn Parham - September 28, 2021 at 11:13 PM



“ 3 files added to the album Life Tributes



Simons Mortuary - September 28, 2021 at 07:10 PM

RS

*Mom I Love you so much and the heartache is so unbearable 🌹💔...*

**Rasonya Shorty** - September 29, 2021 at 09:12 PM

EL

“ *Martina \_\_\_ will always be in my heart. and I will never forget the fun times spent together. at our grandparents house went we was children or the laughter we shared as adults To my family you all Have my deepest sympathy I love y'all*



**Elaine** - September 28, 2021 at 06:36 PM

JO

“ *My condolences to the family 🙏❤️*



**Jeanette Jackson Owens** - September 28, 2021 at 12:36 PM

WL

“ *TO MY FRIENDS THE RUTHERFORDS FAMILY. WE ARE VERY SORRY FOR THE LOSS OF MARTINA. SHE WAS A SWEET AND KIND LADY. AS I REMINISCE ABOUT OUR IRVING SHCOOL DAYS, I CAN STILL SEE HER BIG SMILE. AN ANGEL HAS TURNED IN HER WINGS FOR PEACE AND TRANQUILITY.*

**WESLEY AND KAREN LEE** - September 28, 2021 at 12:09 PM

VM

“ *What a loss...Martina was full of sunshine and kept me smiling even when I was mad. She will be missed immensely. To her kids and family May you find peace and comfort knowing suffering is no more.*

*Friend,  
V Michelle Jones*



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**VMJ-D** - September 28, 2021 at 11:56 AM

AS

“ *Anita Scott lit a candle in memory of Ms. Martina Rutherford*



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**Anita Scott** - September 28, 2021 at 10:13 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Ms. Martina Rutherford.*



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September 27, 2021 at 09:51 PM