



Mrs. Mary L. Clark

November 18, 1941 - August 19, 2016

Mary Louise Clark, 74, of Peoria, IL passed away peacefully at 6:50 pm on Friday, August 19, 2016 at Unity Point Methodist Hospital.

Mary was born November 18, 1941 in Peoria to Arthur, Jr., and Mary Elizabeth (Tyler) Crooks. She married Sammy Lee Clark, Sr., on December 20, 1980. Mary was a material control specialist at Caterpillar, Inc., where she retired after 30 years of service. She was an active member and Past Worthy Matron of the Silver Star Chapter 74 Order Eastern Star, Prince Hall Affiliated of the State of Illinois and its Jurisdiction, Past Loyal Lady Ruler of Menelik Assembly #58 Order of the Golden Circle and Past Illustrious Commandress of Kamar Court # 113 of Springfield, Illinois. She was a faithful member of New Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church where she was an usher. She was also a faithful member of the United Usher Board. Mary's passion was her family, cooking and traveling.

Mary leaves to cherish her most precious memories her loving and devoted husband of 35 years, Sammy L. Clark, Sr.; five daughters, Alisa (Robert) Hinton, Veronica Watson, Virginia Clark, Vanetta Watson and Luciana Baker all of Peoria; two sons, Curtis A. Crooks and Sammy L. Clark, Jr., both of Peoria; one sister, Eunice Crooks of Sicklerville, NJ; one brother, Tony Crooks of Glassboro, NJ; step-mother, Lillian Crooks of Glassboro, NJ; 32 grandchildren; a host of great and great-great grandchildren; nieces, nephews other relatives and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents; two brothers and two grandsons.

Funeral services will be held at 12 noon, Friday, August 26, 2016 at New Morning Star M.B. Church with a visitation beginning at 11 am. Pastor Cleveland Thomas, Sr., will officiate. Mary will be laid to rest at Lutheran Cemetery. Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at simonsmortuary.com.

Cemetery Details

Lutheran Cemetery

914 S Pleasant St
Peoria, IL 61604-5954

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **26**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

AUG **26**. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Mary L. Clark*



Simons Mortuary - August 25, 2016 at 05:35 PM



“ *Mrs. Mary L. Clark*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mrs. Mary L. Clark*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM

SC

“ Bro. Sammy Clark, Sr. and PWGM Paulette Brown - on behalf of the Eureka Grand Chapter Community Service Project Committee, you and your family are in our prayers and have our condolences.

I met Sis. Clark and Bro. Clark when we served together on Eureka Grand Chapter's Community Service Committee. She helped organize our first Community Service Project in the 3rd District during our term (at the Festival of Trees). Her determination and follow-through was awesome. She not only spreaded the word throughout her Chapter, she came out, served and made it a success! She told me that she often times could not get out as much as she would have liked, but, this day, she did not let the pain she was feeling stop her. She pushed through to serve her community that evening and, she enjoyed every minute of it. So, again, you have my condolences, you and your family are in my prayers. She left a lasting impression and will truly be missed!!!

*Sis. S. Cherry
Grand Director
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S. Cherry - September 12, 2016 at 06:35 AM

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Sis S. Cherry - September 11, 2016 at 10:27 PM

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Sis S. Cherry - September 11, 2016 at 10:25 PM

MR

“ *Mattie Risby lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary L. Clark*



Mattie Risby - August 25, 2016 at 06:40 PM

RW

“ *Renessa Watkins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary L. Clark*



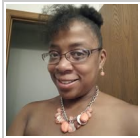
Renessa Watkins - August 25, 2016 at 05:08 PM



“ *Adoration Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary L. Clark.*



August 25, 2016 at 02:59 PM



“ *To the Clark family from a childhood friend of Mrs Marylou. Sadie Byrd Smith. Minneapolis Minnesota*

Teania Johnson - August 25, 2016 at 01:52 PM

JA

“ *Vanetta, Sam & Ginny you are in my prayers. May God give you strength and His peace not only during this time but in the days ahead.*



Janell Walker

Janell - August 25, 2016 at 08:36 AM

EB

“ *Emel Buckner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary L. Clark*



Emel Buckner - August 24, 2016 at 07:55 PM

BA

“ *TO THE FAMILY SHE IS AT HOME NOW, ALTHOUGH SHE WILL BE MISSED, WE ALL HAVE MANY GOOD MEMORIES OF MARY LOU, OF HOW SHE LOVED LIFE ,FAMILY, LAUGHTER, AND OF COURSE, DANCING THESE ARE THE THINGS YOU CAN HOLD ON IN YOUR HEART. YOU ARE NOT ALONE, GOD WILL MAKE SURE TIME WILL HELP YOU GET THROUGH SOME OF YOUR HURT.MY PRAYERS ARE WITH ALL OF YOU AT THIS TIME.*

BARBARA MITCHELL-BEASLEY

BARBARA - August 24, 2016 at 12:36 PM

KS

“ *Katie Sturdivant lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary L. Clark*



Katie Sturdivant - August 24, 2016 at 10:52 AM

KS

We extend to the family our deepest sympathy in the passing of Mary. Cast your cares on him for he sees and cares. Love and prayers to the family. Katie Sturdivant & family.

Katie Sturdivant - August 24, 2016 at 10:54 AM

AI

“ *Annette Irby lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary L. Clark*



Annette Irby - August 24, 2016 at 08:33 AM

SH

“ *To all Mary's families, I'm praying for your peace and comfort in this trying time. We will miss Mary's smile and loving care.*

*Shirley Willis Hinton
Stone Mountain, GA*

Shirley Jean Hinton - August 23, 2016 at 05:39 PM

TA

“ *Sam and the entire family we love you and are praying for you!!
James and Tammi Faulkner*

TAMMI - August 23, 2016 at 12:16 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary L. Clark.*



August 23, 2016 at 11:08 AM



“ Sam and entire family prayers to you all Mary was always sweet with beautiful smile now she is whole again God is in control

Daisy Adams - August 23, 2016 at 10:42 AM



“ Tyrone Hobson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mary L. Clark



Tyrone Hobson - August 23, 2016 at 10:11 AM



“ When I was little I loved the smell of her perfume- I could smell her hug all day. Beautiful woman with the sweetest voice.

Stephanie Crooks-Lowery - August 23, 2016 at 09:47 AM



“ Stephanie Crooks-Lowery lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary L. Clark



Stephanie Crooks-Lowery - August 23, 2016 at 09:45 AM

MA

“ *Mattie lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary L. Clark*



Mattie - August 23, 2016 at 09:15 AM



“ *MRS MARYLOU WOW I THANK GOD FOR KNOWING YOU MY NEW MORNING STAR DAYS AS A CHILD GROWING UP AND TEASING ME ABOUT MY HEAVY VOICE!!! YOU WERE A INSPIRATION TO ME!! I'M GONNA MISS U . I THANK GOD FOR YOU !! LOVE YOU!! MS TEANIA JOHNSON TO THE FAMILY IM PRAYING FOR YALL!!! LOVE YOU ALL!!!*

Teania Johnson - August 23, 2016 at 07:58 AM

EL

“ *Although it's difficult today to see beyond the sorrow, may looking back in memory help comfort you tomorrow.*



Evelyn LClayton - August 22, 2016 at 10:54 PM

JB

“ *I was wondering where Mrs Mary was, I always looked for her shopping at Walmart. She was one of my favorite Smiling, beautiful hairdo always cute customers. I had been missing her. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. She was always so sweet to me. I'm going to miss her so much. RIH in the arms of Jesus where there's peace. GBNF ❤️ 🙏*

Joanie Brown - August 22, 2016 at 10:43 PM

PB

“ *Mary Louise, We will always have you in our Hearts and on our Mine. We shared many memories together. We grew up knowing and loving each other. Your Mom was a beautiful person also, she will always be remembered to.*

Say Hello to your Mom, Mary, My Mom Ruby, and to all who you will meet in Heaven.

Cousin Paulette & RC Brown, Jr

Paulette Brown - August 22, 2016 at 09:42 PM

JT

“ *I met Mama (that's what I always called her) at Salon Suites 5 years ago. Every Friday I looked forward to her arrival because I loved to get her going lol she'd laugh so hard at me acting a fool. I loved that laugh I'll miss it terribly . Please look after us Mama ❤️ Love Joshua*

Joshua Thomas - August 22, 2016 at 06:43 PM

JT

“ *I met MaMa (that's what I always called her) at Salon Suites 5 years ago. From that moment on every Friday I looked forward to seeing her and getting her laughing mostly at me acting a fool but I loved to hear and see her laughing . Then I'd go get her a pepsi out of the machine. Lol I'll miss you MaMa look after us . Love Joshua*

Joshua Thomas - August 22, 2016 at 06:34 PM