



Ms. Mary L. Hooks

October 22, 1946 - May 26, 2020

Ms. Mary L. Hooks, 73, of Peoria, IL transitioned to her heavenly home at 3:31 pm, Tuesday May 26, 2020 at OSF ST. Francis Hospital.

Mary was born October 22, 1946 in Peoria, IL to proud parents Frank Scott and Iris Geneva (Bell) Campbell. Mary was a graduate of Manual High School and Bradley University where she received both her undergraduate and Master's degrees. Mary was a Senior Rehabilitation Counselor with the State of Illinois. In addition to her full-time job and family, she was a College Advisor at Illinois Central College. Mary was a life member of the NAACP where she was past State Secretary and long-time member of the Freedom Fund Committee. She was a Golden Life member of her beloved Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated and charter member of the Peoria Alumnae Chapter. Mary had a warm personality and an amazing smile that filled a room with light. She was also an avid traveler.

Mary, known as Mimi to her grandchildren, leaves to cherish her most precious memories, her loving and devoted family which includes one son, Malcolm (Andrea) Hooks of Chicago, IL and one daughter, Lori (Malcolm) Cawthorne of Chestnut Hill, MA and her beloved sister, Joyce Edwards of Peoria, IL; her four precious grandchildren, Mariah (William) Brobbey, Nia Cawthorne, Tyson Hooks and Jordan Hooks; one great grandchild on the way; and a host of other relatives and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents.

A one and half-hour visitation from 2:30 pm - 4 pm will be held Thursday, June

4, 2020 at Simons Mortuary. Social distancing due to COVID-19 will be observed. 10 people at a time may view. The Delta Sigma Theta Omega Omega Service will be rendered from 2 pm - 2:30 pm.

Mary was a long-time member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church where a private Funeral Mass will be held at 12 Noon, Friday, June 5, 2020. Mary will be laid to rest at Resurrection Catholic Cemetery and Mausoleum. The funeral mass 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.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Mausoleum & Cemetery

7519 North Allen Road
Peoria, IL 61615
<http://www.ccapeo.org/index.cfm?load=page&page=156>

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

JUN 5. 12:00 PM - 1:20 PM (CT)

St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
6001 N University St,
Peoria, IL 61614

Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Mary L. Hooks*



Simons Mortuary - June 05, 2020 at 09:17 PM



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Mary L. Hooks*



Simons Mortuary - June 04, 2020 at 03:40 PM

CP

Beautiful tribute to a beautiful woman . ❤️

Carol Powers - June 05, 2020 at 06:43 AM

JB

A wonderful video tribute for a very special person.

JoAnn Blake - June 05, 2020 at 11:43 AM

JJ

A very special tribute of her life

June Irving - June 05, 2020 at 01:24 PM



“ *Ms. Mary L. Hooks*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Ms. Mary L. Hooks*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Mary Hooks Burial Ceremony*



Simons Mortuary - June 08, 2020 at 11:28 AM



“ *Mary was a very competitive bowler we bowled in a league on Thursday morning. One of her team mate was Jean Duren as a matter of fact that is where I met Jean. Rest In Peace Mary and condolence to your family. Her smile 😊 was fixed she always had one and always very “kind”.*



Charlie & Loretta Simpson - June 06, 2020 at 08:25 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Mary Hooks Burial Ceremony*



Simons Mortuary - June 05, 2020 at 09:24 PM

RS

“ *I was so sorry to hear of the passing of my friend Mary L Hooks. My heart goes out to the family, but many memories were made. Mary left us with many memories to treasure and from above she will be smiling down at us. Until we see each other again.*



Rosie Salazar - June 05, 2020 at 02:19 PM

CC

“ *I worked with Mary at DHS;DRS for many years. She was a wonderful Counselor and Co-worker. She shared many stories of her life, children, and grandchildren. She taught me so many things. I have never been to Vegas but her stories always made me want to visit to see the shows she loved. Mary's laugh always made me smile. When my niece Hannah came to "Take your daughter to work Day" She "interviewed" Mary. She too learned a great deal and wrote about it in her "Experience Questionnaire". These are memories we will have forever. I am very saddened by her passing, but I know her faith was strong and she sits with the Lord. My condolences to her family and friends. You will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers.*

Christie Campbell

Christie Campbell - June 05, 2020 at 12:02 PM

FJ

A trip to anywhere was also very special when Mary & Joyce were with us and especially trips where their Dad was with our group. I was very happy to have been a part of that union. Our prayers are with the with the whole family. We were happy to view this Mass from Bullhead City, AZ. Frank & Jean from Peoria & Noah's Ark Travel. Frank Curtis

Frank & Jean - June 05, 2020 at 02:28 PM

CP

“ *My prayers are with Mary’s family . She always greeted you with her beautiful smile. She will be missed by so many . Richie and I have wonderful memories at Mariah and William’s wedding .*



Carol Powers - June 05, 2020 at 06:50 AM

JW

“ *Mary, you will be missed dearly, but you and your beautiful smile will always be in our hearts.
We love you
Eric, JoAnna, and Greydon Wilemon*



JoAnna Wilemon - June 04, 2020 at 02:19 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Ms. Mary L. Hooks.*



June 04, 2020 at 12:25 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Ms. Mary L. Hooks.*



June 04, 2020 at 10:03 AM



“ *Essie Thomas, a life long friend and her family. purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Ms. Mary L. Hooks.*



Essie Thomas, a life long friend and her family. - June 04, 2020 at 09:27 AM



“ *My condolences and prayers to the Family. Ms. Mary was a Joy, to have in the salon. Our time together would be talks of Family, Travels and news of what was resented in the world. She was very knowledgeable of things, that heightened my interest to seek for more. Thank You, and I appreciate our talks and your Friday ladies that you got to know will miss you as well. Lori, and Family continue to keep your heart and mind on God. He got her in a Wonderful place now. Prayers & Love to you all.*

*Marty R. Reese & Family
Sassy Looks Studio Salon*

Marty R. Reese - June 04, 2020 at 07:36 AM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Ms. Mary L. Hooks.*



June 04, 2020 at 07:23 AM



“ *JoAnn, Ellen, and Jeffery purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ms. Mary L. Hooks.*



JoAnn, Ellen, and Jeffery - June 03, 2020 at 10:12 PM



“ *Soror LS Racquel Davis (GSU 27 DI'88) purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Ms. Mary L. Hooks.*



Soror LS Racquel Davis (GSU 27 DI'88) - June 03, 2020 at 08:39 PM



“ *Areva, Ernest and Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Ms. Mary L. Hooks.*



Areva, Ernest and Family - June 03, 2020 at 07:27 PM

JI

“ *Jim and Deanna Irving purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ms. Mary L. Hooks.*



Jim and Deanna Irving - June 03, 2020 at 02:07 PM

JG

“ *Mary was an outstanding counselor at the Human Service Center. Many of our serious mentally ill patients were greatly helped and assisted by her. It was a joy and pleasure to have her as part of our team during those years. My deepest sympathies and prayers for all the members of her family. She was an outstanding woman of character and care.*

Sincerely,

John F. Gilligan, PhD

President Emeritus: Fayette Companies and Human Service Center

John F Gilligan - June 03, 2020 at 09:15 AM

VB

“ *TO JOYCE, IRIS ANN AND THE ENTIRE FAMILY, I AM SO SORRY FOR THE LOSS OF MARY. MARY WAS ONE OF THE NICEST HUMANS I HAVE EVER KNOWN. SHE WAS ALWAYS KIND TO EVERYONE. SHE HAD WONDERFUL SPIRIT ABOUT HER AND IT WAS ALWAYS A JOY BEING IN HER PRESENCE. R.I.P MARY.*

vernell bradshaw - June 02, 2020 at 07:06 PM

AJ

“ My condolences to the Hooks family. So sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Angelique Johnson



Angelique Johnson - June 02, 2020 at 06:33 PM

TF

“ We too were saddened to learn of the passing of Ms. Hooks. Our family was blessed to have met her along her life's journey and sincerely believe that her's was a life well lived. Although we are not able to be there physically we are sending heartfelt prayers of peace your way. May you find comfort in your many cherished memories and may you be strengthened by the gentle reminders of the love she had for each of you.

*Thinking of you during this difficult time,
The Simms Family*

The Simms Family - June 02, 2020 at 05:51 PM



“ I met Mary in 1994 at a memorial service for my grandmother. While we did not have many opportunities to talk, I was grateful for her quiet, unwavering strength during a difficult time. The next time I saw Mary was for a much happier occasion - Mariah's second birthday. That was when I discovered Mary's sense of humor. She had a mischievous glint in her eye that said "no one tells me what to do!" Mary was a gift to our family and this world. I treasured her. My heart is with her sister Joyce, daughter Lori, son-in-law Malcolm, son Malcolm, daughter-in-law Andrea, and grandchildren Mariah and William, Nia, Tyson, and Jordan.

Maya Eeson - June 02, 2020 at 03:13 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Ms. Mary L. Hooks.*



June 01, 2020 at 08:51 PM



“ *The Simms Family, Washington, D.C. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Ms. Mary L. Hooks.*



The Simms Family, Washington, D.C. - June 01, 2020 at 05:50 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Ms. Mary L. Hooks.*



June 01, 2020 at 02:47 PM



“ *Barbara Jones purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Ms. Mary L. Hooks.*



Barbara Jones - June 01, 2020 at 12:03 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Barbara Jones - June 01, 2020 at 11:53 AM



“ It has been a blessing and honor to know Mary and her family and share life's journey with her. Always more than my Soror and Ship, a true & loving Sister!

Love, Doris B McDonald, DST-TE

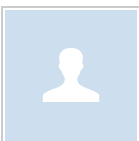
Doris McDonald - May 31, 2020 at 09:17 PM



“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Ms. Hooks will live on in all those who loved her and I know she was very loved. Gentle hugs. Please know that you are in my prayers. The Kuris Family



Gloria Kuris - May 31, 2020 at 09:07 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ms. Mary L. Hooks.



May 31, 2020 at 09:05 PM

CM

“ *Mary's family was her highst priority. I learned a lot working for her at HSC. Please be gentle with yourselves in your grief.*

Chris Mitchell

Chris Mitchell - May 31, 2020 at 08:53 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Mary L. Hooks.*



May 31, 2020 at 08:16 PM

LF

“ *Mary and I have not worked together for quite a few years, but she was always kind, level headed, and patient with her clientele and I doubt that changed over the years. Mary had a way of making everyone feel warmly welcomed and accepted. Whenever I would happen to run into her in Peoria - mostly TJ Maxx(!), wed have a good catch up visit. What a loss of such a sweet lady. My deepest sympathies to her family.*

Laurie Forden - May 31, 2020 at 02:36 PM

VK

“ *To Joyce & the Hooks Family-I was very saddened to discover Mary had passed! It was a pleasure to have known over the years. She will be missed. May God grant you peace that surpasses all understanding. Please know that you have my sympathy & prayers.*



Vickie King - May 31, 2020 at 01:44 PM

KH

“ *My condolences to the Hooks family I am sorry for your loss my prayers are with you Malcolm and Lori on the loss of your mother.*

Karen Gingher Hermann

Karen Gingher Hermann - May 31, 2020 at 01:35 AM

JB

“ *Joanie Brown lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mary L. Hooks*



Joanie Brown - May 30, 2020 at 09:10 PM

MH

“ *Will miss running into Mary and her sister Joyce while out shopping - a sweet and great person to know - God Bless the family - you're in my heart*



Marcia Hinton - May 30, 2020 at 07:22 PM

DE

“ *Don and Ernestine purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ms. Mary L. Hooks.*



Don and Ernestine - May 30, 2020 at 03:02 PM

DJ

“ Don & Ernestine Jackson purchased the Mrs. Fields Nibblers® and Brownie Bites Sympathy Basket for the family of Ms. Mary L. Hooks.



Don & Ernestine Jackson - May 30, 2020 at 02:44 PM

PC

“ To the family of Ms. Mary L. Hooks:

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. Even though our hearts are saddened, we pray that the Lord will bring comfort to you and your family.

We also pray that the Lord will comfort your hearts and bless you with endearing memories that you will always treasure. He is with you even in this time sorrow too deep for words.

God be with you,

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

Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ - May 30, 2020 at 10:56 AM

GC

“ My condolences to Mary’s family and friends.
I remember her from our days back to McKinley School.

Gloria Cleo Carter - May 29, 2020 at 06:54 PM

LC

“ *LaVerne Cawthorne purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ms. Mary L. Hooks.*



LaVerne Cawthorne - May 29, 2020 at 06:42 PM