



## Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Rutherford

November 18, 1933 - August 21, 2015

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Rutherford, 81, of Peoria, IL, passed away at 4:15 PM on Friday, August 21, 2015, at OSF St. Francis Medical Center.

Mary was born November 18, 1933 in Myrtle, MS to Zeddie and Roberta (Johnson) Foote. She married W.L. Rutherford on August 12, 1954 in Peoria. He passed on August 31, 1997.

Mary leaves to cherish her precious memories, one son, J.W. (Virginia) Rutherford of Blue Mountain, MS; three daughters, Billie Rutherford of Irvine, CA; Gladys Tracey of Peoria; Shirley Murry of Racine, WI; one brother, William Foote of Peoria; special Caregivers, Tony and Kim Wysinger, Gladys Tracey and Cory Wysinger; 13 grandchildren, one of whom she raised, Craig Nellum of Peoria; 19 great grandchildren and other family and friends who adored her. She is also preceded in death by her husband, parents, 1 sister, Mattie Gray, 1 grandchild and 5 great grandchildren.

Mary was an excellent homemaker who enjoyed cooking and canning.

Mary was a member of Palestine Baptist Church in Blue Mountain, MS.

A funeral service will be held at 10 AM on Saturday, August 29, 2015 at Peoria Friendship M.B. Church, with a visitation beginning one hour prior at 9 AM. Rev. Dr. Claude Russell, Jr. will officiate. Mary will be laid to rest at Swan Lake Memory Gardens.

Simons Mortuary is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made to [simonsmortuary.com](http://simonsmortuary.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Swan Lake Memory Gardens

4601 W War Memorial Dr.  
Peoria, IL 61615

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **29**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Peoria Friendship M.B. Church  
3828 N New York Ave.  
Peoria, IL 61614

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Rutherford*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Rutherford*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *Ron Furness lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Rutherford*



**Ron Furness** - August 27, 2015 at 04:08 AM



“ *So many memories but I will share one..Auntie would tease me about buying her stuff and I would say Auntie give me your money and she would say Nita Carol I want you to buy it with your cheap self and would ball her fist up and shake it and laughing.. Auntie you will greatly be missed but your memories will live on...*

**Nita Gibbs** - August 26, 2015 at 03:37 PM



*I remember when my uncle use to play Santa for the community me. Charles Payton and he would go from house to house.well he went to aunt mont and uncle brut we called him and aunt mont went to the door and to her surprise. Their was Santa and she started hollering Santa pompie Santa and almost closed uncle brut in the door she was shocked. My uncle had the biggest laugh.*

**felisa barkley** - August 26, 2015 at 10:48 PM