



## Mother Mary Lee Strong

March 5, 1952 - April 17, 2021

Mrs. Mary Lee Strong, 69, of Peoria, IL passed away at 4:38 pm on Saturday, April 17, 2021 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center.

Mary was born on March 5, 1952 in Tutwiler, MS to Diane Byest and Simon Lane. She married Gregory Strong, Sr., on December 21, 1979 until his death on November 10, 2007.

Mary was a woman of great faith. She was always reading her bible and praising the Lord. Mary had a great spirit, was outspoken and was a jokester. She cared for others and left an indelible mark on all she met. She loved cooking for her family; she stayed at the stove!

Mary leaves to cherish her most precious memories her loving and devoted family; six sons, Gregory Strong of Peoria, IL, Edwinn (Brandi) Strong of Brimfield, IL, Ramon Strong, Maurice (Shauna) Strong of Peoria, IL, Terrence Strong also of Peoria, IL and Bryon Strong of Lafayette, IN; four daughters, Kimberlee Strong of Wyoming, IL, Joynell (James) Douglas, Angelia (Trubity, Sr.) Strong-Johnson and Tiffany (Devon) Williams all of Peoria, IL; one brother, Bernard (Mary) Lane of West Memphis, TN; a special God Daughter, Siobhan Mason and a host of grand and great grandchildren; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents, one son, D'Andre Strong and two granddaughters.

A funeral service will be held at 11 am on Saturday, May 1, 2021 at Morning Glory Community Church with a visitation beginning at 10 am. Marlon Young, Sr., will bring words of comfort to the family. Mary will be laid to rest at Camp

Butler National Cemetery, Monday, May 3, 2021, with her beloved husband, Gregory.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [SimonsMortuary.com](https://www.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, social distancing and attendance limits will be observed.

In accordance with the Illinois Department of Public Health, Funerals are limited to no more than 50% of the capacity of the or less.

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. Funerals are limited to no more than 50% of the decedent's immediate family members.

\*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 a 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. The sanctuary can socially distance and seat 50% of the capacity of the church. All others will be able to flow through prior to beginning of the service.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation!

# Cemetery Details

## Camp Butler National Cemetery

5063 Camp Butler Road, RR1  
Springfield, IL 62707

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

MAY 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

Morning Glory Community Church  
2906 N. Twelve Oaks Drive  
Peoria, IL 61604

## Burial

MAY 3 (CT)

Camp Butler National Cemetery  
5063 Camp Butler Road, RR1  
Springfield, IL 62707

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mother Mary Lee Strong*



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**Simons Mortuary** - June 15, 2021 at 05:36 PM



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**Simons Mortuary** - April 30, 2021 at 05:31 PM



“ *Mother Mary Lee Strong*

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January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mother Mary Lee Strong*

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January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM

DA

“ Sorry for your loss from the Jackson family praying for everyone we loved mother Mary and her family dearly and she's truly in heaven's arms love Jackson family

Danny - April 28, 2021 at 11:39 PM

MC

“ SUCH A BEAUTIFUL LADY WITH A GREAT SMILE GOING TO MISS SEEING U AT CHURCH MGCC LOVED U BUT GOD LOVE U MORE...TAKE YOUR REST ANGELS IN HEAVEN HAVE SIGNED YOUR NAME.

Maxine Clash - April 28, 2021 at 04:52 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mother Mary Lee Strong.



April 28, 2021 at 04:19 PM

MH

“ Although I wasn't her actual daughter, she sure made me feel like one, for she had that momma to all vibe about her No specific memory comes to mind, but her beautiful smile lit up and brought a positive energy to any room she was in and made me feel happy and positive. RIP momma to all!!! My deepest condolences and prayers to the entire Strong family.

Monica Hill - April 25, 2021 at 10:46 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Mother Mary Lee Strong.*



April 23, 2021 at 06:54 PM



“ *Momma u will be missed. She was a good woman & took care of her family 🧑🏻‍🧑🏻. So blessed 🙌🏻 to be in her family. I miss u calling & FaceTime. I can still here ur voice. 💙 u always.*

Jessine - April 21, 2021 at 12:37 PM



“ *RIH Ms.Mary*

Vicky Gagliardi - April 20, 2021 at 10:51 PM



“ *The first time I met my future mother in law. The first thing she said to me was you have a beautiful smile ..and hugged me. Then made me a huge huge plate of roast and I ate every single bite.. When in 2006 we were in hospital doing the kidney transplant she came in my room to check on me and whispered in my ear Thank you for saving my son ..I have never ever forgotten how welcome she made me feel to become part of the family ..rest in heaven mama ...xoxo*

Shauna strong - April 20, 2021 at 08:51 PM



“ *My dear cousin was very sweet always wanted to whip us never did, thank God.*

vivky mcdaniel - April 20, 2021 at 06:13 PM

SJ

“ I remember the first time I meet when she had to come to the school and snap.and then I meet her again when I was date one of her son .. very sweet and loveable person every. Gone but never forgotten Love u Ms Strong..

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**Shewona jones** - April 20, 2021 at 02:43 PM