



Ms. Mary "Whitty" Alice Hughes

April 13, 1950 - August 12, 2025

Ms. Mary "Whitty" Alice Hughes, 75, of Peoria, IL, passed away at 6:36 pm on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at OSF St. Francis Medical Center.

Mary was born on April 13, 1950, in Duncan, MS to James, Sr. and Annie (Jefferson) Hughes.

Mary worked at Komatsu as a laborer, retiring in 1996. She graduated from Job Corp in Michigan. She also attended UCLA and Denver. Mary loved her family and helped raise her nieces and nephews. Her favorite hobbies were going to watch the basketball games, listening to her gospel music and talking.

Mary leaves to cherish her most precious memory two sisters, Cherry Williams of Peoria, IL and Ann Jefferson of St. Louis, MO; and a host of nieces, grand and great nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends who loved her. She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Walter Hughes, Robert Hughes and Arthur Hughes and two sisters, Thelma Cooks and Lula Hughes.

Funeral services will be held at 10 am on Saturday, August 23, 2025 at Gilkesson Mortuary and Cremation Life Center with a visitation at 9 am. Minister Ralph White will officiate. Mary will be laid to rest at Lutheran Cemetery.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be shared at SimonsMortuary.com.

Cemetery Details

Lutheran Cemetery

914 S Pleasant St
Peoria, IL 61604-5954

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 23. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Gilkesson Mortuary and Cremation Life Center
428 W. McClure Avenue
Peoria, IL 61604

Funeral Service

AUG 23. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Gilkesson Mortuary and Cremation Life Center
428 W. McClure Avenue
Peoria, IL 61604

Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Webcast in memory of Ms. Mary "Whitty" Alice Hughes*



Simons Mortuary - August 23, 2025 at 08:42 AM

AR

*To my Hughes Family
I send my heartfelt sympathy and condolences to you in the loss of your dear love one, my God give you all the strength and comfort of his divine love during this time. I am sorry I couldn't make it, but know my love are with and prayers are with you you
Arcurtis king Russell and Family*

Arcurtis King Russell - August 23, 2025 at 10:28 PM

TM

*To the family
May God give you the peace and his arms of comfort at this time.*

Theresa Mcafee

theresa mcafee - September 12, 2025 at 02:35 PM

CD

“ *Rest in Peace Auntie* ❤️

Carmellia Devine - August 23, 2025 at 10:25 AM

YF

“ Your St. Louis, MO Family. purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Ms. Mary "Whitty" Alice Hughes.



Your St. Louis, MO Family. - August 21, 2025 at 06:22 PM

YF

“ Your St. Louis, MO Family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Mary "Whitty" Alice Hughes.

Your St. Louis, MO Family. - August 21, 2025 at 06:22 PM

ML

“ She was my favorite aunt 😊. I used to love when she came around so I could hear her great stories about money 😂. She was a great person and I'm going to miss her too 🥰

Mary Lee - August 19, 2025 at 06:04 PM

CW

“ Aunt weddy you have always been very special to me you were more than just an aunt to me you were a teacher, a basketball coach i remember the time you yell at Mr Mc Cloud during the game my teammates ask me cherry is that your aunt. And I said yes as if the car ride were everybody was always in the way LOL LOL and all the other wonderful things you have done im going to miss you aunt Love you. Cherry Williams (sister)

Cherry Williams - August 18, 2025 at 02:11 PM

RF

“ *Rena Horton & Family lit a candle in memory of Mary "Whitty" Hughes*



Rena Horton & Family - August 17, 2025 at 11:18 PM

MH

“ *Auntie Weddy I am going to miss our talks and laughs. Rest in JESUS'S arms*

Mendy Hughes - August 15, 2025 at 03:31 PM

AJ

witty i am going to miss you and all our talk and laughs. love you alway your baby sister BUG

ann jefferson - August 18, 2025 at 11:47 AM