



## Mrs. Mary Kathryn Williams

October 8, 1946 - December 9, 2024

Mrs. Mary Kathryn Williams, 78 of Peoria, IL passed away at 7:45 am on Monday, December 9, 2024 at The Loft of Peoria.

Mary was born on October 8, 1946 in Peoria, IL to George and Josephine (Sydnor) Fortune. She was educated in Peoria District 150 schools. Mary earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology at the University of California, Berkeley. She also earned an Associate's degree in Science at Laney Community College in California. Mary met the love of her life, William "Jack" Williams in 1978 in Oakland, CA after meeting him at Montgomery Wards. They married in 1993.

Mary moved to Peoria in 1989 then moved back to California, then moved back to Peoria to care for her mother. Mary retired from a private insurance company as a Senior Workman's Compensation Claims Adjuster. She also worked with Central IL Agency on Aging in Peoria for 10 years. Her husband Jack was an amazing chef and she loved to eat his cooking. She was a faithful member of Cornerstone Baptist Church where she was the church secretary for years and was involved with all church activities.

Mary leaves to cherish her most precious memory her husband of 31 years, William "Jack" Williams of Peoria, IL; two sons, David Jackson of Peoria, IL and A'Donte Jackson of Tampa, FL; two stepsons, Jerry Davis of Castro

Valley, CA and Vance Williams of Oakland, CA; one sister, Jannice “Dolly” Oppong-Agyare of Stone Mountain, GA one brother, George “Obbia” “Will” Fortune of San Leandro, CA; 8 grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren and a host of great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other family and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents and 7 siblings, Louie Fortune, Barbara Lee, Betty Jane Fortune, Carolyn Barnes, Edward Fortune and Timothy Fortune.

Funeral services will be held at 11 am on Thursday, December 19, 2024 at Star of Hope Full Gospel Church with a visitation beginning at 10 am. Pastor Frances Kenon of Cornerstone Gospel Church will officiate.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [SimonsMortuary.com](http://SimonsMortuary.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Star of Hope Full Gospel Church  
417 W. Romeo B. Garrett Avenue  
Peoria, IL 61605

## Funeral Service

DEC 19. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Mary Kathryn Williams*



**Simons Mortuary** - December 18, 2024 at 01:51 PM

LA

*Were gonna miss you and your fun and pretty smile my Peoria Illinois Mary Katherine Fortune Williams friend.*

**Linda Hardy Avondale Az** - December 19, 2024 at 06:28 PM

VK

*To the Family of Mary Kathryn (Fortune-Jackson) Williams-you have my deepest sympathy. I've known her since Taft Homes. What a fun-loving friend. We shared a lot of laughs whenever we got together. She will be missed and fondly remembered. Her earthly labors and suffering are over. She is resting in the land of "no more" praise God!*

**Vickie Kingcade-King** - January 03, 2025 at 02:32 PM

RB

“ *Ruth Bush lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Kathryn Williams*



**Ruth Bush** - December 20, 2024 at 08:29 PM

LH

“ *Linda Hardy sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Williams*



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**Linda Hardy** - December 19, 2024 at 03:10 PM

MS

“ *Melissa Sydnor and Margarite Sydnor purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Mary Kathryn Williams.*



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**Melissa Sydnor and Margarite Sydnor** - December 17, 2024 at 11:22 PM

CC

“ *Corey Cornish lit a candle in memory of Mary Williams*



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**Corey Cornish** - December 17, 2024 at 12:26 PM

LJ

“ *Lisa Jones lit a candle in memory of Mary Williams*



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**Lisa Jones** - December 16, 2024 at 08:32 AM



BC

“ *Brenda D Cayson lit a candle in memory of Mary Williams*



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**Brenda D Cayson** - December 13, 2024 at 09:31 AM

MH

“ *R I H Mother Katherine Mendy Hughes and family*



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**Mendoria Mendy Hughes** - December 12, 2024 at 05:22 PM

RW

“ *Rena Web-Horton lit a candle in memory of Mary Williams*



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**Rena Web-Horton** - December 12, 2024 at 02:54 PM