



Mrs. Mattie Bell Buckner

September 18, 1924 - November 4, 2017

Mrs. Mattie Bell Buckner, 93, of Peoria, IL transitioned from this life to her heavenly home at 4:45 pm on Saturday, November 4, 2017 at her home surrounded by her family.

Mother Mattie was born on September 18, 1924 in Lovejoy, IL to Sam and Leona (Crowder) Sumpter. She married the love of her life, William O'Neil Buckner, Sr., in 1952; he preceded her in death in 1985. Mattie had a passion for education and an awesome work ethic. Mattie became one of the first black women hired at Caterpillar, Inc., where she worked on the assembly line. The earnings she saved from CAT were used to pay for her college education. She graduated from Poro Beauty College in Chicago, IL where she was a licensed apprentice under Madame Malone. While owning and operating Buckner's Beauty Shop, Mattie became a Psych Aid for State Hospital, working there for over 35 years. She later worked for Commercial National Bank where she retired in 1981 after many years of service. Mattie had a great love of music. She played the piano at many funerals and was the hair stylist at Goins Funeral Home and Simons Mortuary for years. She was also the pianist at her church, Zion Baptist, where she had been a member for over 70 years.

Mother Mattie leaves to cherish her most precious memories her children; sons, Willie (Ludena) Buckner of Waldorf, MD, William O. (Thea) Buckner, Jr., of New Port News, VA, Keith Buckner of Peoria, Adair (Essie) Buckner of RiAlto, CA and Kevin Buckner of Peoria; daughters, Dorothy Buckner and

Emel Buckner both of Peoria; 18 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; a host of great-great grandchildren; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. She is also preceded in death by her parents; one son, Sam Whitterspoon; four brothers, Sonny Sumpter, Alonzo Sumpter, Eddie Sumpter and Bo Sumpter; three sisters, Emel Glover, Clara Johnson and Lula Jones; one granddaughter, Nina Buckner and one grandson, Christopher Buckner. Funeral services will be held at 10 am on Saturday, November 11, 2017 at Zion Baptist Church with a visitation one hour prior beginning at 9 am. Pastor Samuel Duren will officiate. Mother Mattie will be laid to rest at Lutheran Cemetery. Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at simonsmortuary.com.

Cemetery Details

Lutheran Cemetery

914 S Pleasant St
Peoria, IL 61604-5954

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 11. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Zion Baptist Church
323 W.Martin Luther King Drive
Peoria, IL 61605

Funeral Service

NOV 11. 10:00 AM - 11:40 AM (CT)

Zion Baptist Church
323 W.Martin Luther King Drive
Peoria, IL 61605

Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Mattie Bell Buckner*



Simons Mortuary - November 10, 2017 at 07:22 PM



“ *Mrs. Mattie Bell Buckner*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mrs. Mattie Bell Buckner*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *To the Buckner family. I'm so sorry for your loss. May you all find comfort in GOD's arms. You all are in my prayers.*

Rose Jackson-Hopson - December 07, 2017 at 11:13 PM

RF

“ *Rose Jackson & Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mattie Bell Buckner*



Rose Jackson & Family - November 15, 2017 at 09:42 PM

JH

“ *James Hayden lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mattie Bell Buckner*



James Hayden - November 12, 2017 at 06:43 PM

AK

“ *Almetter Knighten lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mattie Bell Buckner*



Almetter Knighten - November 12, 2017 at 03:36 PM

DS

“ *Debrina Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mattie Bell Buckner*



Debrina Smith - November 12, 2017 at 12:02 AM

RW

“ *Richard And Theresa Walker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mattie Bell Buckner*



Richard and Theresa Walker - November 10, 2017 at 08:53 AM

LR

“ *Learline, Melva, Ollie, Anita, Albert. & Rachel purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Mattie Bell Buckner.*



Learline, Melva, Ollie, Anita, Albert. & Rachel - November 10, 2017 at 08:10 AM

PW

“ *Hi Emel and Dorothy and the rest of the family, ,my Condolences to you guys may the Lord give strength during this time and peace. Blessings and healing to your family.*

Pat Washum - November 09, 2017 at 11:12 PM

AD

“ *I will cherish my memories of singing with my aunt Mattie Bell and her singing the Lord's Prayer at my wedding. Angela (Cheatie) Davis*

Angela L. Davis - November 09, 2017 at 04:32 PM



“ TO THE EMEL, KEITH AND THE BUCKNER FAMILY,
I AM SO SORRY FOR THE LOSS OF YOUR MOM, I PRAY GOD
GIVES YOU STRENGTH. KEEP PRAYING THAT'S WHAT GOT
ME THRU WHEN MY MOM PASSED.
DIANE DOTSON-WARFIELD
BLOOMINGTON, IL

Diane Herron - November 09, 2017 at 01:22 PM

VK

“ Sis. Emel & Family - was very sorry to hear of
the loss of your loved one. Her work on earth
has been called to a halt. She has the victory
that all who know & love the Lord has been
promised. May God bless, comfort & keep
you during your time of sorrow.



Vickie King - November 09, 2017 at 12:29 PM

SE

“ Sandy Evans lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Mattie Bell Buckner



Sandy Evans - November 09, 2017 at 12:02 PM

NS

“ Sorry for you loss.



Nancy Simms - November 09, 2017 at 08:35 AM

KA

“ Karen Ashby sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mattie Bell Buckner



Karen Ashby - November 09, 2017 at 08:19 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mattie Bell Buckner.



November 09, 2017 at 08:14 AM

JB

“ JOANIE PINK BROWN sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mattie Bell Buckner



JOANIE PINK BROWN - November 09, 2017 at 07:12 AM

DT

“ Keith and family, I extend my most heartfelt condolences for the loss of your beloved Mother. May God comfort and keep you during this very difficult time. God has gained a very special Angel. Praying that you find comfort in the many wonderful memories you have. May God bless, keep, and cover your family in the days ahead.



Dyan Tyler - November 09, 2017 at 05:36 AM

AW

“ *Alesia Walker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mattie Bell Buckner*



Alesia Walker - November 08, 2017 at 11:00 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss prayer Prayer go out to family and friend in Jesus name amen rip in Jesus name amen May the grace of our Lord Jesus be with you all amen*




Dorotha Williams - November 08, 2017 at 08:37 PM

AH

“ *Annette Housley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mattie Bell Buckner*



Annette Housley - November 08, 2017 at 08:13 PM

 Barbara Vinson

“ *Barbara Vinson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mattie Bell Buckner*



Barbara Vinson - November 08, 2017 at 07:27 PM