



## Mrs. Maxene Harris

November 6, 1949 - December 11, 2017

Mrs. Maxene Harris, 71, of Peoria, IL; passed away at 4:47 pm on Monday, December 11, 2017 at UnityPoint Health Methodist Hospital.

Maxene was born on November 6, 1949 in Peoria, IL to Mattie Mae (Johnson) Douglas Cary Matthews. She married Leroy Thomas; he preceded her in death. She later married Fred Harris; he also preceded her in death.

Maxene loved to shop, was an avid reader and educator. She was a past librarian at Valeska Hinton for many years. She loved introducing children to reading and being around them.

Maxene leaves to cherish her most precious memories, her loving and devoted sons, Timothy Thomas and Corey Thomas; one brother, Fredrick Matthews all of Peoria; two sisters, Ida Lee of Peoria and Almetter Knighten of Columbia, SC; 11 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Frazer Matthews and one sister, Phyllis Russell.

A visitation will be held at 9 am and the funeral at 10 am on Saturday, December 23, 2017 at Sovereign Grace Baptist Church. Pastor Alvin Riley, Jr. will officiate. Maxene will be laid to rest at Swan Lake Memory Gardens.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Swan Lake Memory Gardens

4601 W War Memorial Dr.  
Peoria, IL 61615

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **23**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Sovereign Grace M.B. Church  
1505 W. Martin Street  
Peoria, IL 61605

## Funeral Service

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

Sovereign Grace M.B. Church  
1505 W. Martin Street  
Peoria, IL 61605

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Maxene Harris*



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**Simons Mortuary** - December 22, 2017 at 07:34 PM

AL

*My Beloved sister. I miss you so, so much.*

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**Almetter** - March 08, 2018 at 07:58 PM



*Rest on...*

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**Charitha Matthews** - March 10, 2018 at 01:11 PM



“ *Mrs. Maxene Harris*

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January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mrs. Maxene Harris*

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January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM

RL

“ *Renee Linwood lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Maxene Harris*



Renee Linwood - January 02, 2018 at 11:54 PM



“ *My condolences to the family. Maxene was a great neighbor and friend and will be greatly missed. May God be with you all in your time of need. May Maxene RIP 🕊*



Brenda Doss Idreez - December 29, 2017 at 07:04 PM

VT

“ *I grew up, went to school with and love the Matthew family. Maxene was very kind, helpful, generous and gracious. We worked together at Valeska Hinton ECEC from the beginning. She always was very helpful and spent time teaching me things and sharing things she knew I was interested in. I will miss her dearly. Matthew family , please except my sincere condolences and prayers.  
Valerie Timmes*

Valerie Timmes - December 27, 2017 at 01:17 AM

ED

“ *Raised across the street from the Mathews on Sixth Street. Those were the good ole days!  
You will be missed by all!*



Euzetta Durlfingler - December 26, 2017 at 11:54 AM

MC

“ *Michelle Claudon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Maxene Harris*



Michelle Claudon - December 23, 2017 at 08:16 PM

JB

“ *JOANIE BROWN sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Maxene Harris*



JOANIE BROWN - December 23, 2017 at 02:44 AM

TI

“ *I remember you making breakfast before you went to work just so I could eat before school. I eat pancakes with jelly sometimes because that's how you gave them to me. I remember all the butt dials and late night calls from you. I have so many memories. I love you. You will be dreply missed.*

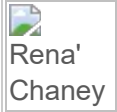
Tishawna - December 22, 2017 at 02:03 PM



“ *Charitha Matthews lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Maxene Harris*



Charitha Matthews - December 22, 2017 at 11:29 AM



Rena'  
Chaney

*Thank you for always being there when I needed to talk and a shoulder to cry on.*

**Rena' Chaney** - December 22, 2017 at 08:42 PM



*“ I remember going to my first garage and estate sales with my aunt and have been addicted every since! Luv and miss you*

**Charitha Matthews** - December 22, 2017 at 11:28 AM

KK

*“ Maxene helped all the students at Bradley University's Dietetic Department. We will miss her dearly. Peace to her family. Kim Keenan, The gitm Foundation.*




**Kim Keenan** - December 22, 2017 at 09:35 AM

JB

*“ JOANIE BROWN sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Maxene Harris*



**JOANIE BROWN** - December 22, 2017 at 09:07 AM

  
Barbara  
Vinson

“ *Barbara Vinson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Maxene Harris*



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**Barbara Vinson** - December 21, 2017 at 03:09 PM

TJ

“ *Tena Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Maxene Harris*



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**Tena Johnson** - December 21, 2017 at 12:29 PM

DW

“ *I'm loving memories of Maxine Harris whom I know that was so loving, caring and always had a smile. Prayers for the family: Dorothy Harris Williams, Deltona, Fl*



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**Dorothy Harris Williams** - December 21, 2017 at 12:09 PM

SH

“ *Stephanie Hines-Green lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Maxene Harris*



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**Stephanie Hines-Green** - December 21, 2017 at 10:13 AM



“ *Maxine was always so thoughtful and kind when I worked with her at Valeska. My condolences to her family.* ”

Susan McCabe - December 21, 2017 at 09:29 AM



“ *Youlanda Montgomery lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Maxene Harris* ”



youlanda montgomery - December 20, 2017 at 08:58 PM



“ *Rest in Heaven, my friend. Thoughts and prayers to the family. Maxene was a great woman in so, so many ways. I feel her loss, deeply.* ”

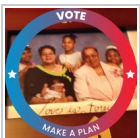
Anna Brown - December 20, 2017 at 08:00 PM



“ *Sonya Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Maxene Harris* ”



Sonya Wilson - December 20, 2017 at 07:57 PM



“ *Sincere condolences to the family. May her memories sustain you during this difficult time* ”

Evelyn Tate-Clayton - December 20, 2017 at 11:14 AM

PU

“ Sorry for your loss she always had a beautiful smile on her face and stayed positive....



Punkin - December 20, 2017 at 08:43 AM

PW

“ She was one of the sweetest and helpful ladies I met at Valeska. I enjoyed her company each time I visited there when she was there. Her spirit will be truly missed. Sending prayers to her family for comfort on their time of sorrow.

Phyllis Williams - December 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Sending Condolences and Sympathy to the family. Maxene shared some beautiful times with Jimmy and I in Chicago, and some wonderful moments here in Memphis. May the Lord Bless and Keep you. Loretta and Jimmy Harris

Loretta K Harris - December 19, 2017 at 08:50 PM

FH

“ I had major lung surgery. Maxene and her two sons took me into there home 75 miles away. I can never forget how they cared for me until I was able to return home. She and I stayed in touch. My last talk with her was Saturday, Dec. 9, 2017. I will miss her but will never forget her. I have so many memories working on special school projects. Praying for family. Frankie "Pudden" Harris

Frankie Mae Harris - December 19, 2017 at 05:03 PM

PG

*To the family of Maxene Harris, please know you are in our thoughts & prayers. She is missed, however the legacy of her life will always be remembered. May you feel the comfort of God's Love & presence at this difficult time. Pastor Johnnie Trammell Goodson & family*

**Pastor Johnnie Trammell Goodson** - December 22, 2017 at 03:59 PM

JB

*I'm going to miss her friendly face at Wal-Mart where she shopped every week faithfully. She was such a sweetheart, always smiling and so kind . I've known Maxene for many years along with the rest of her family. She will truly be missed. GBNF May she rest in the arms of Jesus forever AMEN. ❤️*

**JOANIE BROWN** - December 23, 2017 at 03:12 AM

AM

*To each person that sent prayers and condolences may GOD bless you. Our family appreciate the kind words @ this difficult time in our lives. Thank you very much and keep us in your prayers.*

**Almetter Matthews-Knighten** - December 25, 2017 at 09:59 PM

MH

“ *Ms.Alberta Hall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Maxene Harris*



**Ms.Alberta Hall** - December 18, 2017 at 11:34 PM

KA

“ *Karen Ashby sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Maxene Harris*



**Karen Ashby** - December 18, 2017 at 11:24 PM

JS

*My prayers goes out to my cousin and family. Maxene got her wings. She's at peace. May God give you all peace. Love you all*

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**Joann Stokes** - December 22, 2017 at 06:25 PM