



Ms. Maxine Jenkins

June 22, 1945 - July 30, 2024

Ms. Maxine Jenkins, 79, of Peoria, IL passed away at 11:28 pm on Tuesday, July 30, 2024 at her residence.

Maxine was born on June 22, 1945 in Tchula, MS to Josephine Whitaker and Doyal Banks.

Maxine last worked as a recruiter for Department of Children and Family Services at the Tri - County Peoria Urban League, retiring in 2012. She also worked many years at the Children's Home Association of Illinois and at Good Beginnings state program for teen mothers. Maxine was a license foster parent, parenting children in the Peoria community for over 30 years. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in 1988 in early education from Mississippi Valley State University. Maxine was a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She was an amazing cook and loved being around her family. Maxine was a member of Gospel Experience Church, serving as an usher.

Maxine leaves to cherish her precious memory two sons, Darren (Ketra) Cross and Jeffery Jenkins both of Peoria, IL; one daughter, Daphne Cross-Sephus of Peoria, IL; two brothers, Roy Whitaker of Peoria, IL and Ernest Whitaker of Country Club Hills, IL; one sister, Deborah Whitaker of Peoria, IL; 13 grandchildren; 23 great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews,

cousins, other relatives and friends who loved her. She is preceded in death by her parents; one son, Willie Jenkins; four brothers, Clarence Whitaker, Robert Greer, L.C. Whitaker and McArthur Whitaker.

Funeral services will be held at 11 am on Friday, August 9, 2024 at Gospel Experience Church with a visitation one-hour prior beginning at 10 am. Rev. Dr. Richard Hammonds, Pastor will officiate. Maxine 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

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

Gospel Experience
3101 NE Madison Avenue
Peoria, IL 61603
info@gospelexperience.org
<http://gospelexperience.org/>

Funeral Service

AUG 9. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Gospel Experience
3101 NE Madison Avenue
Peoria, IL 61603
info@gospelexperience.org
<http://gospelexperience.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Maxine Jenkins*



Simons Mortuary - August 08, 2024 at 03:03 PM

DG

“ *Denise Burns Green lit a candle in memory of Maxine Jenkins*



Denise Burns Green - October 05, 2024 at 07:53 PM

MP

“ *Mancy Pittman sent a virtual gift in memory of Maxine Jenkins*



Mancy Pittman - September 17, 2024 at 09:44 PM

TW

“ *Maxie and I worked together at Tri-County Peoria Urban League years ago . She was one of the special people who worked there . She would always give me good advice whenever I needed someone to listen. Well my friend I will see you on the other side one day .* ❤️



Theresa Walker - August 08, 2024 at 07:52 PM

DH

“ *Corrections.. Maxine Jenkins / Whitaker family*

DARLENE HORTON - August 06, 2024 at 05:00 PM

DH

“ *I offer my sincere condolences to the family of Ms. Whittaker*



DARLENE HORTON - August 06, 2024 at 04:56 PM

MR

“ *Mattie Risby sent a virtual gift in memory of Maxine Jenkins*



Mattie Risby - August 06, 2024 at 01:32 PM