



## Mrs. Melissa L. Porch

July 22, 1927 - December 23, 2022

Mrs. Melissa Loretta Porch, 95, of Peoria, IL transitioned to her heavenly home at 10:30 pm on Friday, December 23, 2022 at Grandview Alzheimer's Special Care Center.

Melissa was born on July 22, 1927 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri to proud parents Frank and Mary (Johnson) Daniels. She married the love of her life Earl Porch on December 6, 1942; he preceded her in death in January of 1969 after 23 years of marriage. In 1962 Melissa was awarded her GED from Peoria Public Schools.

Melissa was a domestic engineer retiring from the State of Illinois Zeller Mental Health Center in 1994 after 27 years of service. During her employment at Zeller, she received certification in training regarding Abuse and Neglect and Drug Free Work Place Awareness. Melissa's past work experiences included Vonachen Junction Restaurant as a salad maker; Blackie's Archway Bar as a barmaid, the American Legion #1151 as a barmaid; Peter H. Clark, where she ran the kitchen for several years; the Harold's Club as a Hostess and also Ideal Cab as a dispatcher.

Melissa was affectionately called "Hip Hop Granny" by her grandchildren because she loved to dance.

Melissa leaves to cherish her most precious memories two loving and devoted

daughters, Loretta Ann (Charlie) Simpson and Gloria Jean (Luke) Smith both of Peoria, IL; a special niece whom she raised, Bertha Mae (David) Henderson of Peoria, IL 8 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren and 13 great-greatgrandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends who adored Melissa. She is also preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Eddie Daniel; and four sisters, Ida Moore, Rhoda Lowery, Juanita Kimber and Lucille Johnson.

Funeral services will be held at 11 am on Saturday, January 7, 2023 at New Cornerstone Baptist Church with a visitation at 10 am. Rev. Mark A. McConnell, Pastor, will officiate. Melissa will be laid to rest at Camp Butler National Cemetery with her husband on Monday, January 9, 2023.

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

The service will be live streamed on Simons Mortuary's Website or Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Simons-Mortuary-232095303487150> promptly AT THE TIME OF THE SERVICE (Central Time).

Due to Covid-19, social distancing is encouraged to be consistent with recommendations from the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA), funeral home directors have been instructed and should follow CDC guidelines on gatherings, including those directly related to funerals, visitations, or graveside services.

\*In an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, we ask that everyone in attendance: wear a face mask and refrain from hugging, kissing and shaking hands (as hard as it is to see someone you care about and not touch them).

\*It is our responsibility as Funeral Directors, to do everything we can to advise families in order to honor our beloved Families and to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation!

# Cemetery Details

## Camp Butler National Cemetery

5063 Camp Butler Road, RR1  
Springfield, IL 62707

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

New Cornerstone Baptist Church  
3609 West Harmon Highway  
Peoria, IL 61604

## Celebration of Life

JAN 7. 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM (CT)

New Cornerstone Baptist Church  
3609 West Harmon Highway  
Peoria, IL 61604

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Melissa L. Porch*



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**Simons Mortuary** - January 09, 2023 at 11:54 AM



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**Simons Mortuary** - January 05, 2023 at 05:09 PM

HW

*Love you cuz ❤️ Henrietta*

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**Henrietta Washington** - January 07, 2023 at 12:26 PM

RN

*I'm so Glad We had are last talk over the phone, a family member got a hold of me and said you were asking and worried about me I'm glad I got my number to you before you passed your conversations you no means a lot and very important to me, every conversation made me Grow in Life I will Chairsh you forever I lived by your words I may not see you but I no you are with me as well as all my Angels who helped me grow, I Loved you that much were I will never ever let you Leave my 💜💜💜 (In The Name of Mary , Joseph,and Jesus name Amen.*

Roberta Lowery her great nice. - January 07, 2023 at 12:52 PM



“ Mrs. Melissa L. Porch

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ Mrs. Melissa L. Porch

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM

JE

“ jeanellerasberry sent a virtual gift in memory of Melissa Porch



jeanellerasberry - January 24, 2023 at 10:55 PM

GR

“ Gregg Randle lit a candle in memory of  
Melissa Porch



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**Gregg Randle** - January 21, 2023 at 09:37 AM

VK

“ To Loretta A. (Charlie), Gloria J. (Luke) &  
Family - So sorry to learn of Ms. Melissa's  
passing. I still have fond memories of her from  
Taft. I pray God will bless, comfort & keep you  
as you contend with your loss.



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**Vickie Kingcade-King** - January 13, 2023 at 04:06 PM

DG

“ Denise Green lit a candle in memory of  
Melissa Porch



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**Denise Green** - January 12, 2023 at 03:08 PM

EN

“ Auntie Melissa loved and always enjoyed spending time with family. She would say Edward with a big smile on her face when Edward and I visit her. We received lots of hugs from her during our visits.

Auntie/Grandmother, your love and memories will forever be in our hearts 🕯️❤️🕯️

*Love Always Edward & Atla Norris*



Edward & Atla Norris - January 05, 2023 at 04:03 PM

ND

“ So sorry for you loss. I remember her when we lived in the Taft. Such a nice lady.

Nancy Dawson - January 05, 2023 at 02:31 PM

WM

*So sorry for your loss, she will truly be missed!!*

Willie Mitchell - January 05, 2023 at 07:54 PM

RC

“ Sorry for your loss praying for the family



Rosetta Cotton-Hardimon - January 05, 2023 at 11:21 AM

TK

“ Ms Melissa was our next door neighbor for years. We all grew up together on 7th St. Condolences and prayers to the family. ❤️❤️❤️

Tamra Kelley - January 04, 2023 at 06:57 PM

SM

“ Praying for my Cousins. My Aunt Melissa was a beautiful person inside and out. The last time we were together she wanted my address so she can come and visit me in Houston. I gave it to her. R.I.P. Aunt Melissa 🙏🙏

Sherry Mason - January 03, 2023 at 07:58 PM

RS

“ Rita Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Melissa Porch



Rita Smith - January 03, 2023 at 04:09 PM

GR

“ May you all find comfort through family and friends. W/ my sincere condolences to my whole Porch family, May The Most High be there for you all!



Gregg Randle - January 02, 2023 at 03:31 PM

RL

“ Roberta Lowery lit a candle in memory of Melissa Porch



Roberta Lowery - January 01, 2023 at 02:45 PM

EY

“ *Eleanor Young lit a candle in memory of  
Melissa Porch*



Eleanor Young - December 30, 2022 at 10:59 PM

PM

“ *Pamela Moton lit a candle in memory of Mrs.  
Melissa L. Porch*



Pamela Moton - December 30, 2022 at 06:15 AM

MP

“ *Mancy Pittman lit a candle in memory of  
Melissa Porch*



Mancy Pittman - December 29, 2022 at 01:31 AM

JB

“ *Loretta & Gloria We Are So Sorry To Hear Of  
Mrs Melissa Getting Her Wings . May She Rest  
In The Arms Of Jesus 4ever. We Will Miss Her  
Beautiful Spirit. Our Thoughts And Prayers Are  
With You At This Time* 🙏🕊️



Joanie Brown - December 28, 2022 at 05:08 PM

OT

“ Sorry to hear of Melissa's passing, she lived a long, wonderful life. Loretta my prayers are with you and your family.

Oley L Turner - December 28, 2022 at 04:25 PM

RB

“ Loretta, and GloriaJean I am so sorry to hear that your mom has received her wings may she rejoice forever with the LORD. Praying for the family love you guys.

Ruth bush - December 28, 2022 at 01:04 AM

RB

“ Ruth Bush lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melissa L. Porch



Ruth bush - December 28, 2022 at 01:00 AM

CH

Dear Loretta and Gloria Jean, you have our heartfelt sympathy and we are praying for you and your family. Gods blessings and love, Peyton & Charlene Harris ❤️🙏

Charlene Harris - December 29, 2022 at 11:31 AM

VB

DEAR LORETTA AND FAMILY I AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS, MAY GOD CONTINUE TO KEEP YOU STRONG . YOUR MOTHER LIVED A LONG AND BEAUTIFUL LIFE. STAY STRONG AND BE FOREVER BLESSED. VERNELL RICHMOND-BRADSHAW.

Vernll Bradshaw - January 04, 2023 at 07:30 PM

ES

“ *Grannie Rest In Paradise.  
Love you 4 Life!* 🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

Eric Shipp - December 27, 2022 at 10:25 PM

SB

*My deepest heartfelt condolences to the family!*

Sonja Bratcher - December 28, 2022 at 07:56 PM

EY

*Sorry for your lost Eric*

Eleanor Young - December 30, 2022 at 11:01 PM

AC

*My prayers are with the Porch family at this time. May your grief be eased and your comfort multiplied. I send my love and joy.*

*April Clark*

April Clark - January 05, 2023 at 10:21 AM

JH

*Condolences to Loretta And Gloria Praying For Your Families Joyce Howard And Katie Sturdivant Randy Rodney Kennedy*

joyce Howard - January 07, 2023 at 08:02 AM

JH

*Loretta And Gloria We The Kennedy And Sturdivant Families Sending Condolences To Your Family May God Give You Strength And May God Bless Ya,Il Love*

joyce Howard - January 08, 2023 at 09:20 PM