



Evangelist Miles "Poppa" Black

July 3, 1946 - August 9, 2014

Rev. Miles Black, 68, of Peoria, IL passed away peacefully at 9:35 AM on Saturday, August 9, 2014 at Heddington Oaks Nursing Home in West Peoria, IL.

Miles was born on July 3, 1946 in Marianna, Ark., to Osborne and Ruthdell (Jackson) Black, Sr. He married Pearlie Mae Shorty on September 26, 1976. She preceded him in death on April 19, 2004.

Rev. Miles Black became an ordained Minister in 1977 in Peoria under the leadership of Rev. John L. Gordon at St. Luke Baptist Church. He was an interim Pastor at Tabernacle Baptist Church in 2000-2001. Rev. Miles was a past associate Pastor at Christian Fellowship Church.

Miles leaves to cherish his most precious memories his devoted and loving family which includes; his mother, Ruthdell Brown of Marianna, Arkansas; one daughter, Sarah Foster of West Peoria; one son, Lamont Thornhill of St. Louis, MO; one granddaughter, whom he raised, Tammy Brooks of Peoria; six sisters, Deloris Simmons and Lela Jackson both of Peoria, Beulah (Henry) Davis, Delores Williams, Argie (Warren) Harold, Brenda Liddell and Karen (Michael) Goldman all of St. Louis, MO; four brothers, Frank (Sylvia) Vinson, Willie Vinson, Pervis Vinson and Osborne (Kim) Black, Jr., all of St. Louis, MO; two special great-grandchildren, Ne'Shawn Brooks and Cornae Coburn both of Peoria and a special mother-in-law, Signora Shorty of Peoria. He is also preceded in death by his father; one sister, Tassie Black and one brother, Melvin Vinson.

Funeral services will be held at 10 AM on Saturday, August 16, 2014 at Sovereign Grace Baptist Church, 1505 Martin Street, with a visitation one hour prior beginning at 9 AM. Pastor Alvin Riley, Sr., will officiate. Rev. Miles Black will be laid to rest at Lutheran Cemetery. Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Family and friends will be received at 2314 W. Malone Street. Online condolences may be made at simonsmortuary.com.

Cemetery Details

Lutheran Cemetery

914 S Pleasant St
Peoria, IL 61604-5954

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **16**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

AUG **16**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Sovereign Grace M.B. Church
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Peoria, IL 61605

Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Evangelist Miles "Poppa" Black*



Simons Mortuary - August 19, 2014 at 11:56 AM



“ *Evangelist Miles "Poppa" Black*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Evangelist Miles "Poppa" Black*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *Mike lit a candle in memory of Evangelist Miles "Poppa" Black*



Mike - August 16, 2014 at 12:32 AM

MN

“ Dear Sarah, Lamont, Tammy & all Family members;
We were SO saddened to hear that our neighbor Rev Miles Black went to Heaven. He was a Man of integrity, Humility, and Caring to all. The day He & Pearl accepted Christ was the turning point in their lives. He "walked the walk & talked the talk".
We have NO doubts when God called Him Home. HE said " Well done my Good & Faithful Servant." We miss his daily trips up & down Ann St. We knew his truck by it's Engine's noise. It's very sad we will not hear it again. He stopped many times to chat. He loved to walk @ the Rec Plex. Sometimes two times in one day. We remember his smile. So gentle & easy for him to display. Puttering around his yard, or working on his truck as he waved to us, is something as well we do miss.
We Pray that during this difficult times you are going through. Try to remember we will see him again. Scripeter that comes to mind is : " Blessed are they that Mourn, for they shall be comforted." We also Pray you remember His kind, loving, gentle way of his life.
May the Peace of our Lord be with you all. Until we meet again, May our Heavenly Father hold you each close in the Palm of HIS hand.
R.I.P Rev. Black. Your work on Earth is done. Sincerely with all our Love, Mike & Sue Noel, Ann St.

Mike & Sue Noel - August 16, 2014 at 12:30 AM

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“ Willie & Josie Sanders lit a candle in memory of Evangelist Miles "Poppa" Black



willie & Josie Sanders - August 13, 2014 at 10:22 PM