Mr. Miller Ellis Jr.

August 31, 1928 - July 22, 2012

Mr. Miller “Junior” Ellis, Jr., 83, of 2113 W. Antoinette St., Peoria, IL passed away peacefully at 10:59 am on Sunday, July 22, 2012 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center.

Junior was born on August 31, 1928 in Olyphant, Arkansas to Miller, Sr., and Tyretha (Howell) Ellis. He married Estella Thomas; she preceded him in death on November 19, 1982.

Junior was a US Army Veteran serving during the Korean Conflict. After his military duty he worked for Caterpillar, Inc., and retired from there in 1992 after 36 years of service. He later became a Special Policeman with the City of Peoria specializing in Civil Defense Police Services.

Junior is survived by two sons, Jimmy Ellis and Melvin Howard both of Peoria; three daughters, Valerie Bahar of Conyers, GA, Marlo Howard of Peoria and Sharon Stevens of Decatur, GA; his loving companion for over 14 years, Dorothy Davis; one brother, J.D. (Willa Mae) Morris of Peoria; 18 grandchildren; 23 great grandchildren and 8 great-great grandchildren; and a host of other family, friends and his Mt. Zion Church family. He is also preceded in death by his parents and one son, Lewis Pate; one brother and five sisters.

Junior was affiliated with Henry Brown Lodge #22 where he was a Past Worshipful Master; KMAR Temple #56 and the Menelik Consistory #49 for many years. He was also a life member of the NAACP where he was very active in the Civil Rights Movement. He was a faithful member of Mt. Zion

M.B. Church where he was a past trustee and past president of the senior usher board.

A funeral service will be held at 10 am on Friday, July 27, 2012 at Mt. Zion M.B. Church with a visitation one hour prior beginning at 9 am. Pastor Alphonso Lyons, Jr., will officiate. Miller will be laid to rest at Camp Butler National Cemetery in Springfield, IL. Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made through the simonsmortuary.com website.

Cemetery Details

Camp Butler National Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **27**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church
305 S. MADISON PARK TERRACE
Peoria, IL 61605
(309) 674-4379

Service

JUL **27**. 10:00 AM - 11:30 PM (CT)

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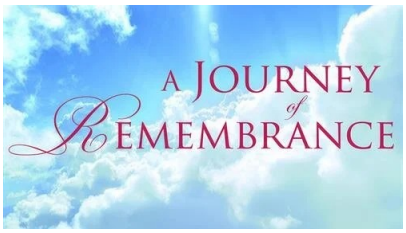
Tribute Wall

Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Miller Ellis Jr.



Simons Mortuary - July 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

Mr. Miller Ellis Jr.

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM

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January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM

MH

It's four months later since you've been gone and not a day go by I don't think about you daddy. I miss you so much but I know you're doing much better than we are down here which is comforting to know. I love you and miss you. Your baby girl

Marlo Howard - November 14, 2012 at 02:39 PM

KJ

I knew Miller from the City of Peoria police auxiliary. He was a decent, kind man who we all depended on. RIP Miller.

Ken Johnson - April 18, 2025 at 03:34 PM

SK

I personnally did not know Mr. Ellis, Jr. but have the priviledge of working with one of his many grandchildren - De Andreas at First United Methodist Church. If his grandson is a testimony to who is grandfather was - than he truly was a great man.

Prayers are with De Andreas and the family.

Sister in Christ,
Sue Koeppel

susan koeppel - July 26, 2012 at 10:45 AM

FB

Freda Briscoe purchased the Simply Elegant Spa thiphyllum for the family of Mr. Miller Ellis Jr..

Freda Briscoe - July 26, 2012 at 08:35 AM