

Mr. Nathaniel Randle, Jr.

September 10, 1934 - October 6, 2021

Former Peoria business owner Nathaniel Randle Jr. passed away October 6, 2021 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center. The 87-year-old Randle was owner of N & R Supreme Beauty Salon & Supply House currently located at 609 S. Western Avenue in Peoria.

Nathaniel was born September 10, 1934 in Cruger, Mississippi to Nathaniel, Sr., and Lizzie Reedy-Randle. He moved to Greenwood, MS and attended Meeks School. On March 16, 1957, he married Rosa “Rosie” Lee Anderson in Peoria, IL. He was a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

“Nate” as he was so fondly called loved laughing and talking with people. He was always fixing things around the house and enjoyed working in the yard. Nate, Rosie and the family were avid bowlers and were members of several bowling leagues.

After moving to Peoria Nathaniel worked at several companies, including the Jefferson Hotel, Armour Packing House, Sealtest Dairy and Kroger Grocery Store from where he retired in 2015.

What started as a beauty salon in the basement of their Butler Street home grew into a business empire with products in Decatur, Springfield, Galesburg, Champaign, Bloomington-Normal and Danville. The late Rosie Randle was

the visionary behind the team. The couple moved the beauty salon from their home and expanded it. Their new location was just a few blocks away at 623 S. MacArthur where they added a large beauty supply store, salon and brought in a team of licensed cosmetologists. N&R Supreme Beauty Supply were major distributors to salons and stores throughout Central Illinois. Their two children, Gail and Ronnie and other relatives worked at the company and helped it become the first and largest black owned beauty supply business in Peoria. It lasted 52 years.

When asked about the secret to his success Nate often attributed it to having a dream, passion and discipline. He was a big supporter of the NAACP and a member of the Masonic Hall.

Nathaniel Randle, the oldest of 10 siblings, grew up in a family of entrepreneurs. His brothers L.A. and Frank both owned successful businesses. Another brother Robert Randle, pastored a church and owned Peoria Palace Skating Rink. Charles Randle founded Illinois Business Financial Services, a government lending group for small businesses.

On September 18, 2021, the Black Business Alliance awarded Nathaniel Randle the Business Pioneer Award. The award was given in appreciation of his contribution to the economic empowerment of the African American Community.

Nathaniel leaves to cherish his loving memory, his daughter Gail Randle of Peoria, IL; his son Ronnie Randle of Richmond, Texas; brother, Charles (Mary Ann) Randle; sisters; Nancy Murdock and Leola Randle-Jefferson all of Peoria; six grandchildren eight great grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren; host of nieces, nephews, cousins, a special friend, Kevin Lee, other friends and his Mt. Zion Baptist Church Family all who adored. He was preceded in death by his wife Rosie, four brothers, Frank "Sonny", Rev. Robert "RW", Jimmie Lee "Bo Peep", and LA, two sisters, Ruth "Doll" Sargent

and Lizzie “Tet” Lobdell.

A visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, October 15, 2021, at Mt. Zion M.B. Church. The funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, October 16, 2021, at Mt. Zion M.B. Church, with a visitation beginning at 9 a.m. Elder Mae Catherine Godhigh will officiate. Nathaniel will be laid to rest at Historic Springdale Cemetery.

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.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, 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 a 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

Historic Springdale Cemetery

3014 N. Prospect Road
Peoria, IL 61603

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **15**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

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

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Celebration of Life

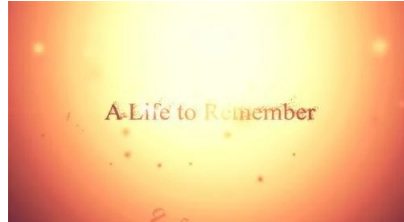
OCT **16**. 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Nathaniel Randle, Jr.*



Simons Mortuary - October 13, 2021 at 05:33 PM

GL

Beautiful memories from long ago ,I have known him all of my life and it's all beautiful,take your well deserved rest with Jesus! There's a lot of our family sharing the everlasting life with you.

Georgia “ Dimp” Little - October 14, 2021 at 12:36 PM

GW

Beautiful

Gail Waller - October 16, 2021 at 01:05 PM

DF

“ *Rest In Heavenly Peace Mr Randle and may the life you lived here on earth speak for you as a testimony of Jesus Christ of Nazareth*



Doris Jean Foster

Doris Jean Foster - August 01, 2024 at 05:25 PM



“ *Mr. Nathaniel Randle, Jr.*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mr. Nathaniel Randle, Jr.*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *Gregg Randle lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nathaniel Randle, Jr.*



Gregg Randle - November 06, 2021 at 12:44 AM



“ *Mr. Nate, rest well Sir🕊️...Prayers of peace, comfort, and love to our Randle Family🙏
With Sincere condolences,
Troy & Rita Burns Family*



Rita Burns - October 16, 2021 at 01:13 PM



“ *Marcy Cook lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nathaniel Randle, Jr.*



Marcy Cook - October 15, 2021 at 09:12 PM

CP

“ Carolyn Parham lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nathaniel Randle, Jr.



Carolyn Parham - October 15, 2021 at 06:15 PM

MH

“ Mr. Mrs. Johnnie Horton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nathaniel Randle, Jr.



Mr. Mrs. Johnnie Horton - October 14, 2021 at 10:48 PM

RW

“ Richard And Theresa Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nathaniel Randle, Jr.



Richard and Theresa Walker - October 14, 2021 at 08:01 PM

BC

“ Brenda Cayson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nathaniel Randle, Jr.



Brenda Cayson - October 14, 2021 at 06:22 PM

MR

“ *Mattie Risby lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nathaniel Randle, Jr.*



Mattie Risby - October 13, 2021 at 07:11 PM

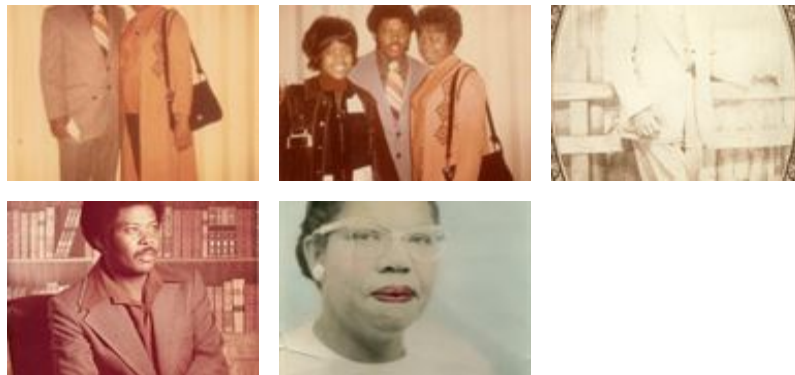
JH

Praying for you Gail and your Family that god give you strength.going to miss your dad with always smile.

Joyce Kennedy howardj - October 16, 2021 at 11:44 AM



“ *30 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Simons Mortuary - October 13, 2021 at 05:30 PM

MS

“ *just wanted to send my condolences to Gail,Ronnie and the Randle family of Nate Randle whom I have known for many years he was always a very low key quite spoken sociable guy. "Nate" you will definitely be missed may you rest in HEAVEN. Mamie Moss Smith*

Mamie Moss Smith - October 13, 2021 at 03:21 PM

SJ

“ Randle family, so sorry for your loss.

Shirley Johnson - October 13, 2021 at 11:53 AM

DW

“ Sorry for your lost prayers for family and friends
in Jesus name amen rip in Jesus



Dorotha Williams - October 12, 2021 at 05:21 PM

KA

“ Kathy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nathaniel
Randle, Jr.



Kathy - October 12, 2021 at 05:19 PM

MB

“ Mr& Mrs James Agbara Bryson lit a candle in
memory of Mr. Nathaniel Randle, Jr.



Mr& Mrs James Agbara Bryson - October 12, 2021 at 10:26 AM

MP

“ *Mancy Pittman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Nathaniel Randle, Jr.*



Mancy Pittman - October 11, 2021 at 11:03 PM