



## Mr. Norman Ray Abbott

January 7, 1961 - August 13, 2019

Mr. Norman Ray Abbott, 58, of Peoria, IL passed away August 13, 2019 at his home.

Norman was born on January 7, 1961 to biological parents Sheila Brent and Emmett Brooks. He was adopted and raised by the Rev. Amos Lee Abbott and Eula Mae (Young) Abbott. Norman accepted Christ at an early age. He was educated in District 150 Public Schools. Norman worked many years with the Peoria Park District in the ground's maintenance department.

Norman was a great son, father, brother, uncle and friend. He was extremely comical, quick witted and fun to be around. He loved kids. He was a cool dude and very fashionable. Norman was known to be a very good cook.

Norman leaves to cherish his most precious memory his sisters, Stephanie Wilson of Columbus, GA, Janine Brooks Collier of Loganville, GA, Janeese Brooks of Milwaukee WI, Mary L. Hopson of Lawrence, KS and Cliffie (Michael) Lewis of Topeka, KS; his brothers, Kevin (Kathi) Gwinn of Flint, MI, Michael Brooks of Milwaukee, WI, Curtis Bond of Chicago and Henry (Suzanne) Stringer of Westerville, OH; daughter-in-law, Tamika Simms of Peoria; 4 grandchildren, Tyah Rae, Josiah, Jacob and Judah; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents; his biological parents; one son, Tyran Robertson and one brother, Demetrius Brooks.

A memorial service will be held at 12 noon Friday, August 16, 2019 at Simons Mortuary with a visitation one half hour prior beginning at 11:30 am.

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **16**. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Simons Mortuary Chapel  
912 W. John H. Gwynn, Jr. Ave.  
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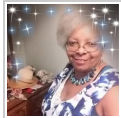
# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Norman Ray Abbott*



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**Simons Mortuary** - August 16, 2019 at 12:10 PM



*I know you're enjoying your Family Reunion above the clouds. Ray my friend & Brother-Christ Jesus will truly be missed, but we know that God does not make mistakes. God desired you to take your place with him in Heaven Above! RIP my brother. Much Love.*

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**Arnita Wade** - August 26, 2019 at 12:25 AM



“ *Mr. Norman Ray Abbott*

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January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mr. Norman Ray Abbott*

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January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM

KA

“ Karen Ashby lit a candle in memory of Mr. Norman Ray Abbott



Karen Ashby - August 17, 2019 at 12:30 PM

C.

“ Ray moved into the same Apt complex I live in a while back. It was so good to see him again after all the years I hadn't seen him, for we grew up together there wasn't a day that went by he didn't have myself and the neighbors cracking up about something. He was truly cooler than a fan... this complex is very saddened at his passing, and this place will truly never be the same without his presence in it. Flowers were placed at his door to say you'll be missed friend and so long!!!😭 my sincere condolences to the family\_loved ones . sincerely, Crystal w, and family

C.w. - August 16, 2019 at 10:16 PM

LF

“ THERE ARE NO WORDS TO SAY BUT...SORRY FOR YOUR FAMILIES LOSS!

Linda Jones and Family - August 16, 2019 at 04:25 PM

JB

“ Joanie Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Norman Ray Abbott



Joanie Brown - August 15, 2019 at 12:34 PM

MA

“ To the Abbott family, I want to say how sorry I am for your loss. Ray and my brother were good friends and neighbors. I got to know Ray and he had a wonderful personality. He called me a couple of weeks ago to see how I was doing, he would always check on me. I am so grateful that I had gotten to know Ray. I am going to miss Ray dearly, rest with my brother until I see you both again. Mattie



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**Mattie** - August 15, 2019 at 12:24 PM

KC

“ Kathy Collins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Norman Ray Abbott



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**Kathy collins** - August 15, 2019 at 10:14 AM

PC

“ To the family of Mr. Norman Ray Abbott:

*The pastor and members of the Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ would like to extend to you and your entire family our deepest sympathy in the loss of Mr Abbott. Even though our hearts are saddened, we pray that the Lord may comfort you in your time of sorrow.*

*We also pray that the Lord comfort your hearts and bless you with endearing memories that you will always treasure*

*He is with you even in this time of sorrow too deep for words.*

*God be with you,*

*Pastor Henry L. Bolden, II  
First Lady Marcia J. Bolden  
and the PCJC Church Family*

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**Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christh** - August 15, 2019 at 10:07 AM

AN

“ Annettelucy lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
Norman Ray Abbott



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**annettelucy** - August 15, 2019 at 08:59 AM

KC

“ *Kathy Collins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Norman Ray Abbott*



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**Kathy collins** - August 15, 2019 at 08:28 AM

EC

“ *Evelyn Tate Clayton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Norman Ray Abbott*



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**evelyn tate clayton** - August 15, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ *Deborah C Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Norman Ray Abbott*



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**Deborah C Taylor** - August 14, 2019 at 08:02 PM