



## Ms. Ossie Lee Bryson

July 12, 1939 - February 20, 2025

Mrs. Ossie Lee Bryson, 85, of Peoria, IL was called home by her Heavenly Father from Labor to Reward on the 20th of February 2025 at her home.

Ossie was born on July 12, 1939, to the late Frisco and Maggie Hill in Centreville, Alabama. Ossie was raised in Brent, Alabama along with her 4 brothers and 9 sisters. She relocated to Peoria, Illinois with her older sister, working as the Laundry Room Manager at the Pere Marquette Hotel. She was married to

Emmitt Smallwood Bryson on June 6, 1969, he preceded her in death in 1996. She had three daughters, one stepdaughter, one son, and one stepson.

Ossie dedicated her life to Christ at an early age at Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church. Ossie demonstrated her love for the Lord and lived her life as a Christian. After moving to Peoria, Illinois she joined Mount Zion Baptist Church where she was a faithful member for over 60 years. She was a member of the Usher Board and the Mother's Board. She served as the Chief Usher for most of that time. Her passion in life was being outside tending to her garden and flowers. Ossie loved her family dearly and was devoted to them. She loved cooking for her family.

Ossie was also preceded in death by her parents; her sisters Veola Jackson, Clara Sue Leverette, Brenda Russell, and Bertha Hill, as well as brothers

Jesse Hill and Richard Hill; her stepson, Emmitt Bryson Jr., and stepdaughter, Lita Bryson.

Surviving are her children, Patricia (Daniel) Austin, Killen, TX, Peggy Ann Bradley, Centreville, AL., Timothy (Angela) Hill, Midland, GA and Wanda Bryson Miles, Peoria, IL. Her surviving siblings are Rosa Chism, Rosie Dean Wilkerson, Nancy James, Gloria (Tracy) Sanders, Ollie Kesler, Bobbie (Leonard) Ward, Frisco Hill Jr, and James Hill: eleven grandchildren, twenty-five great-grandchildren, one great-great child and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Mount Zion Baptist Church Usher Board for the United Usher Board Scholarship Fund.

Funeral services will be held at 11 am on Friday, March 7, 2025 at Mt. Zion M.B. Church with a visitation beginning at 10 am. Pastor Matthew Mitchell will officiate. Ossie will be laid to rest at Lutheran Cemetery.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Lutheran Cemetery

914 S Pleasant St  
Peoria, IL 61604-5954

# Previous Events

## Visitation

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

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

## Funeral Service

MAR 7. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Ossie Lee Bryson*



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**Simons Mortuary** - March 06, 2025 at 07:28 PM



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Webcast in memory of Ms. Ossie Lee Bryson*



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**Simons Mortuary** - February 28, 2025 at 11:50 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Burial at Lutheran Cemetery*



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**Simons Mortuary** - March 07, 2025 at 03:28 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Ossie Lee Bryson.*



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March 07, 2025 at 11:30 AM



“ *Cynthia Ann Barnes lit a candle in memory of Ossie Bryson*



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**Cynthia Ann Barnes** - March 06, 2025 at 08:20 PM



“ *Cynthia Ann Barnes lit a candle in memory of Ossie Bryson*



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**Cynthia Ann Barnes** - March 06, 2025 at 08:15 PM



“ *John H Lee lit a candle in memory of Ossie Bryson*



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**John H Lee** - March 06, 2025 at 11:01 AM

BC

“ *Brenda D Cayson lit a candle in memory of Ossie Bryson*



**Brenda D Cayson** - March 02, 2025 at 09:03 PM

TP

“ *Mrs Bryson was always one of the 1st faces I would see walking into Mt.Zion always made it feel like home. Sincere condolences to the family*



**Tamara Petty** - March 02, 2025 at 02:31 PM

MR

“ *Mattie Risby sent a virtual gift in memory of Ossie Bryson*



**Mattie Risby** - February 26, 2025 at 04:33 PM

KI

“ *I'm going to miss seeing Mrs Bryson sitting on her porch in the Summer evenings and being greeted by her when I visit Mt Zion.*



**Kirsten** - February 26, 2025 at 10:42 AM

BC

“ *Brenda D Cayson lit a candle in memory of  
Ossie Bryson*



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**Brenda D Cayson** - February 25, 2025 at 11:28 AM

MT

“ *You will be missed, Rest in Peace! Love,  
Agbara & Margaret Bryson*



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**margare tbryson** - February 25, 2025 at 09:27 AM

EB

“ *EmelEmel Buckner lit a candle in memory of  
Ossie Bryson*



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**EmelEmel Buckner** - February 24, 2025 at 04:39 PM

VL

“*Ossie Bryson, was a very dear friend to my mother and former sister in law. I was a teen mom and she stepped in and helped me with my oldest so I could finish high school and attend Bradley University. I have loved her most of my life. She was a precious friend to our family. She took care of her family so well. I remember the garden and all of the fresh veggies she would share with us. She always had a hot home cooked from scratch meal daily. That is what I remembered. Whenever I came home to Peoria and would ride around the old neighborhood, I would frequently stop to get my hug from Ossie. Go get your reward, my precious friend. There's a heavenly reunion going on. My condolences to the family.*”

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**Verna Laboy** - February 24, 2025 at 04:07 PM

EE

“*Earl Jr. & Essie Ellis lit a candle in memory of Ossie Bryson*”



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**Earl Jr. & Essie Ellis** - February 24, 2025 at 03:24 PM

LD

“*Larry C Douglas lit a candle in memory of Ossie Bryson*”



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**Larry c Douglas** - February 24, 2025 at 12:58 PM