



## Mrs. Petronia Beatrice Tucker

October 18, 1933 - October 25, 2013

Petronia Tucker, affectionately known to her family and friends as 'Pete', Aunt 'Pete', Mom and Grandma, was born on October 18, 1933 in Milledgeville, GA. She was the 7th child of Richard P. Slater, Sr. and Essie M. (Edwards) Slater, who owned and operated Slater Funeral Home in Milledgeville.

Pete attended elementary and high school in Milledgeville, graduating in 1951 from George Washington Carver High School. She later studied Home Economics at Spelman College in Atlanta, GA, before moving to Evanston, Illinois in 1956.

Pete's early life was marked by tragedy in the loss of her first husband, Major Hammell, Jr. After moving to Peoria, Illinois and marrying Andrew Tucker, Jr., Pete launched a career as a Site Coordinator with the Peoria Community Action Agency's Chapter of Head Start. In this role, she was able to fulfill her passion for providing a true 'head start' for underprivileged children, through early childhood development and parental guidance. She nurtured countless close relationships with her 'children', their parents and her colleagues over the years, with many remaining dear to her to the very end. Despite her challenging workload at Head Start, Pete always managed to find time for one of her other passions, word games and crossword puzzles!

Pete is survived by her devoted husband of 46 years, Andrew W. Tucker, Jr. of Lewistown, IL; three children, Angela Walker (Roland) of Peoria, IL; Major Hammell, III (Carol) of Marietta, GA; and Andrew Tucker, III of Peoria, IL. She has one granddaughter, Courtney Hammell of whom she was exceptionally proud, of Indianapolis, IN; two sisters, Florence S. Johnson of Pleasant Valley, NY; and Mamie Rubye Harmon (Abelard) of Evanston, IL; and one sister-in-law, Bertha H. Slater of Milledgeville, GA. She was predeceased by her parents and her first husband; brothers, Richard, Alonzo and Frank; and sisters, Harriett and Margaret.

Pete also leaves a host of nieces and nephews to mourn her irreparable loss, several staking the claim they were her favorite...based largely on the very special relationships she nurtured with each; and many very special friends and extended family members. She will be greatly missed, but we remain thankful that she touched our lives with the gift of her love!

Funeral services will be held at 11 am on Monday, November 4, 2013 at Simons Mortuary

with a visitation one hour prior beginning at 10 am. Rev. Francis Kenon, Pastor of Cornerstone Baptist, Church will officiate. Pete will be laid to rest at Salem-Wilcoxon Cemetery off Route 78 to County Highway 4 in Liverpool Township in Rural Lewistown, IL. Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [simonsmortuary.com](http://simonsmortuary.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Salem-Wilcoxon Cemetery

County Highway 4  
Liverpool Township  
Lewiston, IL 61520

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Simons Mortuary Chapel  
912 W. John H. Gwynn, Jr. Ave.  
Peoria, IL 61605  
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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Petronia Beatrice Tucker*



**Simons Mortuary** - October 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mrs. Petronia Beatrice Tucker*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mrs. Petronia Beatrice Tucker*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *Angela Walker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Petronia Beatrice Tucker*



**angela walker** - December 05, 2013 at 09:28 PM

AH

“ Aunt Pete,

*The memories I have from when I was a young girl  
Are the times we spent together, which are as priceless as a rare pearl  
You were my 2nd mother when I would come to visit  
You even treated me as your very own...without limit  
We often surprised each other without a call  
Which was never a problem and we always had a ball  
Whether we drove to you or you to us  
We always welcomed each other without a fuss  
We are a family that loves, hugs, and kisses each other  
And I'm sad that I'll never get those things from my 2nd mother  
You will always hold a special place in my heart  
And I will truly miss our time apart  
You now rest in the arms of The Lord  
Aunt Pete, you will truly be missed and greatly adored!*

*Forever,  
Andrea*

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**Andrea Hammell** - November 19, 2013 at 01:27 PM

RA

“ Mom sorry you had to leave us so soon but God knows best. I will miss you and always love you. RIP~Your daughter Angela

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**rawalker30** - November 12, 2013 at 09:58 PM

LH

“ To Tucker, Angie, Major, Andy, Courtney and family,

*I hope each of you know what Aunt Pete meant to you. I will always love and respect her. Her love of her family was deep and unconditional. As Courtney said, "she always rooted for the home team".*

*My continued prayers for each of you as you mourn the loss. I know God will give you strength.*

*Always,  
Lynn*

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**Lynn Hammell** - November 08, 2013 at 09:56 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Petronia Beatrice Tucker.*



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November 03, 2013 at 10:45 AM