



Mr. Ralph "Ace" L. Spates

November 15, 1949 - September 3, 2016

Mr. Ralph "ACE" L. Spates, 66, of Peoria, IL passed away peacefully surrounded by his family at 4 AM, Saturday, September 3, 2016 at Unity Point Methodist Hospital.

Ace, as he was affectionately known, was born on November 15, 1949 in Decatur, IL to R.T. and Delores (Bibbs) Spates. Ace attended Stephen Decatur High School in Decatur, IL. He later served in the US Marine Corp where he received the National Defense Service, Good Conduct Medals, Marksman and Sharpshooter Badges. After the Marine Corp, Ace became a Golden Glove Champion in Decatur and Peoria . Ace retired from Archer Daniel Midland (ADM) in 2003.

Ace leaves to cherish his most precious memories his loving family; his mother, Delores Spates of Indianapolis, IN; daughter, Cozette Bradford; daughters whom he raised as his own, Sonya (the Rev. Patrick) Randall and Sareeta Howell all of Peoria; sons, Stephon Holmes of Decatur, IL, Eldridge Jarrett of Dallas, TX; and son he raised as his own, Leslie (Shirrick) Cockfield of Peoria; his significant other, Margaret Bennett of Peoria; five sisters, Beverly Pena of Aurora, IL, Inita Spates and Elonda Manney both of Indianapolis, IN, Lisa Spates and Jenelle Spates of Decatur, IL; four brothers, Nathaniel (Phyllis) Spates of Indianapolis, IN, Gary (Patricia) Spates of Decatur, IL, Kevin Spates and DeWayne (Dawauna) Spates both of Indianapolis, IN; 20 grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; his special cousin, Elonda Whitfield; his best friend, Raymond Gore and his homecare-

giver, Johnnie Smith; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He is preceded in death by his father; one son, Ralph Wilkes; one daughter, Shawana Jarrett and one sister Vonzetta Bond.

Funeral services will be held at 11 am, Monday, September 12, 2016 at Pleasant Grove M.B. Church with a visitation beginning at 10 am. Pastor Patrick Randall will officiate. Ace will be laid to rest at Camp Butler National Cemetery in Springfield, IL where Marine Corp Military Honors will be rendered.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at SimonsMortuary.com.

Cemetery Details

Camp Butler National Cemetery

5063 Camp Butler Road, RR1
Springfield, IL 62707

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Pleasant Grove M.B. Church
1536 S. Stanley St.
Peoria, IL 61605
pleasantgrovemail@yahoo.com
<http://www.pleasantgroveofpeoria.org>

Funeral Service

SEP 12. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Pleasant Grove M.B. Church
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Peoria, IL 61605
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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Ralph "Ace" L. Spates*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mr. Ralph "Ace" L. Spates*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *Shirley Barbee lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ralph "Ace" L. Spates*



Shirley Barbee - September 12, 2016 at 06:11 AM



“ *RIP Ralph, praying for the entire Spates family .*

Patrick Joyner Sr. - September 09, 2016 at 07:38 PM



“ *Evelyn Tate-Clayton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Ralph "Ace" L. Spates*



Evelyn Tate-Clayton - September 09, 2016 at 03:23 PM

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My condolences to the family and my dear friend Stephon Holmes. May the peace and love of the Lord rest upon your hearts and comfort you throughout this process. God is doing great things as you lean on Him. He blesses us when we open our doors.

Angela Scott - September 10, 2016 at 09:02 PM