



## Ms. Renea Ann Miller Bolden

May 5, 1956 - March 28, 2017

Ms. Renea Ann Bolden, 60, of West Peoria, IL passed away peacefully at 11:15 pm on March 28, 2017 at her home surrounded by her family.

Renea was born in Chicago, IL on May 5, 1956 to a loving father, George Hightower. She was a 1974 graduate of Woodruff High School. She married Willie Warren Miller October 29, 1988 in Peoria, he survives.

Renea was a great woman of faith. Her grandmother, Gertrude Hightower, was most influential in Renea's life; it was she who instilled those values in her. No matter her journey, she never gave up. Renea was a strong woman who had a great work ethic. As a young woman, she taught Sunday school and vacation bible study at New Morning Star under the leadership of her uncle, Pastor Calvin Hightower. She worked in the healthcare industry during her illness until she could no longer do so. She loved children and was a foster parent for many children over the years. Renea was super loving and generous to a fault. She loved to cook and take care of others. Over the years, Renea collected porcelain dolls which she loved, but were not appealing to others.

Renea leaves to cherish her most precious memory; five daughters, Gabrielle "Shanna" (David, Sr.) Heerman of Peoria; Kyie (Terrell) Hess of W. Peoria, Shekila (Willie) Roberts of Chicago, IL, Letoyia Miller of Bloomington and Delisha Bolden of Peoria; three sons, Andrew Miller, Lewis Miller and Elijah Bolden all of Peoria; five sisters, Debbie Lynn (Thomas "Tony") Gillespie of Atlanta, GA, Racine Johnson, Pearlina (Ron) Lozan and Gail Foster all of

Peoria and Joie Hightower - Thompson of Atlanta, GA; two brothers, Raymond Compton of Peoria and Jerome Compton of Lawton, OK; 23 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren; special friends, Angelita Guevara, Pam Johnson, Kathryn Dyes and Ina Brown; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. She is preceded in death by her father; her baby boy, Michael M. Miller, grandmother, Gertrude Hightower and god mother, Moulean Compton.

Funeral services will be held at 11 am on Friday, April 7, 2017 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1427 W. Lake Avenue, with a visitation at 10 am. Host Pastor William R. Dohle, Jr., and Pastor Marvin Hightower will officiate. Renea will be entombed at Swan Lake Mausoleum. Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to [simonsmortuary.com](http://simonsmortuary.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Swan Lake Mausoleum

4601 W War Memorial Dr  
Peoria, IL 61614

# Previous Events

## Visitation

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

St. Paul Lutheran Church  
1427 W Lake Ave  
Peoria, IL 61614  
<http://stpaulpeoria.org/>

## Funeral Service

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

St. Paul Lutheran Church  
1427 W Lake Ave  
Peoria, IL 61614  
<http://stpaulpeoria.org/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Renea Ann Miller Bolden*



-----  
**Simons Mortuary** - April 06, 2017 at 05:52 PM



“ *Ms. Renea Ann Miller Bolden*

-----  
January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Ms. Renea Ann Miller Bolden*

-----  
January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *Dear Sis. Deb & Family - Very sorry to learn of your loss. I pray God will grant you comfort & strength during your time of sorrow. Please know that you have my sympathy.*



-----  
**Vickie King** - April 06, 2017 at 10:53 AM

SB

“ I will miss my friend, she always called to check on me. There was very few days we didn't talk to each other, like Her daughter said she had great faith and she loved God no matter what she was going thru. I know she is in heaven praising him and shouting right now. Like I said on face book no more tears, no more pain, and no more trails. I love you Renea!!



Sophia Bates - April 06, 2017 at 09:55 AM

Kyie  
Hess

“ As I watched my mother fight her strength amazed me but her faith blow me away. My heart truly has been broken. I love you mama more than you will ever know. Rest on

Kyie Hess - April 05, 2017 at 04:50 PM

KD

“ Thank you family for allowing me to share your love and care for my sister, Renea. She has been a inspiration to many. I will always love her and keep the many prayers we shared together in my heart.. Rest on sister, I will see you again, and yes, I will be here for your children and grandchildren, that meant the world to you. your sister, Kathryn

Kathryn Dyes - April 03, 2017 at 10:48 PM

AL

“ Annette Lucy lit a candle in memory of Ms. Renea Ann Miller Bolden



Annette Lucy - April 03, 2017 at 02:30 AM

EC

“ Evelyn Tate Clayton sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Renea Ann Miller Bolden



---

**evelyn tate clayton** - April 01, 2017 at 08:23 PM

TW

“ Theresa Walker lit a candle in memory of Ms. Renea Ann Miller Bolden



---

**Theresa Walker** - March 31, 2017 at 05:15 PM

AH

“ Renea will always be missed so kind and soft spoken. Her faith and strength so impressive. RIP in the arms of Jesus. Love never dies!  
From Aunt Anita Hightower

---

**anita hightower** - March 31, 2017 at 05:13 PM

SF

“ Continued prayers and Condolences to the Family of Sis. Renea.



---

**Sherry Carter-Allen and Family** - March 30, 2017 at 06:21 PM



“ You have touched so many lives. Your memory will not be forgotten. You are at peace Aunt Renea. Love your niece...Kijuana Compto Marks and family.

Kijuana Compton Marks - March 30, 2017 at 06:05 PM



“ Calvin And Pamela Hightower lit a candle in memory of Ms. Renea Ann Miller Bolden



Calvin and Pamela Hightower - March 30, 2017 at 05:51 PM



“ Rip Renae Bolden!❤️



Emel Buckner - March 30, 2017 at 04:14 PM



To Sister Debbie and family, "I am so sorry for your loss. Praying that the HOLY SPIRIT comfort you all during this difficult time". Sister VAL Bayliss

valerie bayliss - April 02, 2017 at 12:00 AM



TO THE FAMILY WE GOING TO MISS HER .I WILL KEEP YOU IN MY PRAYER LOVE YOU GUYS . LOVE BEVERLY JOHNSON AND HER GODSON ALAN AL SMITH LOVE

BEVERLY JOHNSON - April 06, 2017 at 04:07 PM



*I MISS U ALREADY MOMMY*

---

**Delisha bolden** - January 09, 2020 at 02:18 PM