



Ms. Retha Branscumb

October 6, 1930 - August 31, 2023

Ms. Retha Branscumb, 92, transitioned to her heavenly home at 4:50 pm on Thursday, August 31, 2023 Carle Health Methodist Hospital surrounded by her family.

Retha was born on October 6, 1930 in Hughes, AR to Thomas and Lula (Dullum) Payne.

Retha worked for Caterpillar, Inc. as a machine operator retiring November 1, 1996 after 28 years of service. Retha was the oldest living member of Church of the Living God. She served as an Usher Board and the Benevolent Committee. Retha was the matriarch of her family. She enjoyed spending precious time with her children, grand, great and great-great-grandchildren.

Retha leaves to cherish her most precious memories her son, Nathaniel (Janet) Branscumb of Indianapolis, IN; four daughters, Ida (Robert) Walton of Cordova, TN, Ruth Branscumb of Peoria, IL, Valencia Hunn of Cordova, TN and Undonda (Darryl) Hightower of Peoria, IL; one son-in-law, Felix Lobdell of Peoria, IL; 35 grandchildren, 85 great grandchildren, 25 great-great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends who loved her. She is preceded in death by her parents, three sons, Robert Foster, Sr., Richard Branscumb, Sr. and Will Branscumb, Sr., two daughters, Ommie Hines and Loletha Lobdell; four brothers, Isaac, Johnny, Elmo and James

Jackson; eight sisters, Isabella Patrick, Martha Hines, Gertrude Amos-Hines, Rosie Mae Jones, Lula Bea Riggins, Rosie Jackson, Eva Lou Cross and her twin Letha Hines.

Funeral services will be at 10 am on Saturday, September 9, 2023 at Church of the Living God with a visitation beginning at 9 am. Bishop Leroy Smith will officiate. Retha will be laid to rest at Lutheran Cemetery.

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

Cemetery Details

Lutheran Cemetery

914 S Pleasant St
Peoria, IL 61604-5954

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 9. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Church of the Living God
2815 W Lake Ave
Peoria, IL 61615
(309) 688-6463

Funeral Service

SEP 9. 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Retha Branscumb*



Simons Mortuary - September 07, 2023 at 07:47 PM

IW

We love you Momma. You will be missed. Thanks for 69 years of your love. You were our Warrior!!

Ida Walton - September 10, 2023 at 07:00 PM

RH

“ *Rena Horton lit a candle in memory of Retha Branscumb*



Rena Webster Horton - September 12, 2023 at 10:24 AM

RB

“ *God bless the Family with your amazing understanding and your Gracious love 💕💕 sending my condolences and prayer to the family 🙏*



Rhonda Brown - September 09, 2023 at 02:10 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ms. Retha Branscumb.



September 06, 2023 at 12:49 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ms. Retha Branscumb.

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“ Chantay Gray lit a candle in memory of Retha Branscumb



Chantay Gray - September 03, 2023 at 01:48 PM



“ Corey Cornish lit a candle in memory of Retha Branscumb



Corey Cornish - September 03, 2023 at 01:20 PM

DP

“ *My deepest condolences to the family of Ms. Retha Branscumb. 🙏
Love you all!!!*

Darryl Pegues - September 02, 2023 at 01:19 AM