



## Rev. Robert Edward Costic

January 20, 1947 - December 13, 2024

Rev. Robert Edward Costic, 77, of Peoria, IL, departed this life on Friday, December 13, 2024, at 5:33 PM at his home, surrounded by his loving wife, sons, and family members as he entered his heavenly home.

Robert was born on January 20, 1947, to Henry L. and Mary Jane (Costic) Welch and was raised by his grandmother, Annie McDonald. He married the love of his life, Irma Spotts, on September 27, 1975.

Robert leaves behind cherished memories with his wife of 49 years, Irma Costic; two sons, Jason and Jerame Costic; two extended sons, Shane (Shielondria) Parker and Mike (Jennifer) Albert; two brothers, Jerome (Lynne) Costic and Michael Welch; three sisters, Jacqueline McKinley and Joann Coats, all of Peoria, IL, and Bernice Anderson of Forney, TX; sister-in-law, Barbara Cagle-Welch of Peoria, IL; foster sisters Denise Vachonn (Fred) Davison of Belleville, IL, and Sandy Houston of Denver, CO; and special nephew Anthony Washington of California.

Robert graduated in 1965 from Manual High School. After graduation, he was drafted into the United States Army, serving two years and receiving an Honorable Discharge. He attended Midstate College, earning an Associate's degree in Business Administration, and then went on to attend Bradley University, completing courses in Sales and Marketing.

Although he held various positions, he was most proud of his employment with the Peoria Housing Authority, where he worked for over 24 years. He began his career as an Occupancy Specialist and advanced to the position of Property Specialist retiring in 2005.

Robert was a great man of faith, a leader, an exemplary teacher, and a man of many talents. He was ordained as a deacon under the late Rev. Calvin Hightower of Morning Star Church. Robert had a passion for working with the young people of Morning Star. He will always be remembered as "Uncle Robert."

Robert was instrumental in aiding Pastor R.W. Randle in establishing Higher Dimension Praise & Worship Church, where he was also a chartered member. After the death of Pastor Randle, Robert served on the committee to search for a new pastor to lead the church. Robert was ordained as a minister under the late Pastor R.W. Randle in 2008. His ministry was evangelism; he loved teaching and preaching the Word of God. Robert was never shy in proclaiming his love of the Lord, and if you did not know Jesus for yourself, he would tell you about the goodness of being a child of God and let you know what you needed to do to be saved. Throughout the years, Robert was a dedicated Sunday School teacher and taught classes at the Central District Congress. He cared about people and was passionate about wanting to help make a difference in lives.

Robert was the proud playwright and producer of the religious play "Don't Let It Be Said Too Late." Robert was involved in the Prison Ministry and was dedicated to reaching out to those incarcerated. He wanted them to know they were not forgotten and sought to encourage them through letters.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Mary Jane Welch; grandparents Annie McDonald and LaGrande (Odie) Welch; brothers George

A. Welch and Henry (Sonny) Welch Jr.; sister Eddie Mae Harris; brother-in-law James Coats; foster brothers Aaron Houston and Wilbur Smith; and foster sister Charlotte Houston.

Robert loved his wife, sons, and his family. He will be missed.

Funeral services will be held at 12 Noon on Friday, December 20, 2024 at Prince of Peace MB Church with a visitation one-hour prior beginning at 11 am. The host Pastor is Rev. Simons Holly, Jr. The Officiant will be Rev. Harold Webster of Higher Dimensions Praise and Worship Church. Robert will be laid to rest at Lutheran Cemetery with full US Army Military Honors.

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

“Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge shall give me on that day.”

2 Timothy 4:13

# Cemetery Details

## Lutheran Cemetery

914 S Pleasant St  
Peoria, IL 61604-5954

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 20. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Prince of Peace Missionary Baptist Church  
711 East Arcadia Avenue  
Peoria, IL 61603

## Celebration of Life

DEC 20. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Prince of Peace Missionary Baptist Church  
711 East Arcadia Avenue  
Peoria, IL 61603

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Rev. Robert Edward Costic*



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**Simons Mortuary** - December 23, 2024 at 12:20 PM



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**Simons Mortuary** - December 19, 2024 at 02:02 PM

MJ

*To the Family of Robert Costic  
Robert definitely will be missed! I had a very short opportunity to work  
with him and he was so pleasant and funny.  
Pray your family finds rest and peace!*

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**Michelle Jones-Douglas** - December 20, 2024 at 01:13 AM

TF

“ Tracy Fondren-Lusk lit a candle in memory of Robert Costic



Tracy Fondren-Lusk - November 28, 2025 at 07:28 PM

DG

“ Denise Burns Green lit a candle in memory of Robert Costic



Denise Burns Green - January 04, 2025 at 03:09 PM

LM

“ Leonard and Marilyn Mosley lit a candle in memory of Robert Costic



Leonard and Marilyn Mosley - December 24, 2024 at 09:54 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Burial at Lutheran Cemetery



Simons Mortuary - December 23, 2024 at 12:20 PM

RT

*Rev. Robert Costco will be miss, he was always a good brother to work with in the church. I loved his charisma always. Irma it also good knowing you at Caterpillar. You were always a well respected sister in Christ. Wish I could have been there in Peoria. God bless you my sister in Christ!*

Rev William Taylor - February 11, 2025 at 08:07 PM

JD

*“ Robert and Irma were both very influential in my early Christian Life. They used to have Bible Studies at their house every week. It really helped shape my life. Stay strong sister Irma...see you soon Brother Rob ...!*



John Davis - December 20, 2024 at 03:50 PM

RF

*“ Rena Horton & Family lit a candle in memory of Robert Costic*



Rena Horton & Family - December 20, 2024 at 02:12 PM

DH

*“ Meeting the Costic family from day one was like meeting close family members you didn't know you had. We clicked like white on rice. The fun laughter and don't forget Robert snapping that camera ever second. You had to run fast cause he was quick. Robert will be miss by many but he's in heaven now. Yes Irma taking photos. The Hunter family sends all love to the Costic family and want you to know we will always be here for you all.*

doristine hunter - December 20, 2024 at 01:21 PM

KN

“ *Kim and Rufus Nelson lit a candle in memory of Robert Costic*



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**Kim and Rufus Nelson** - December 20, 2024 at 09:03 AM

GJ

“ *Glispon Owens Je lit a candle in memory of Robert Costic*



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**Glispon Owens Je** - December 20, 2024 at 04:03 AM

RB

*The Best Sunday school Teacher to study under a man who truly loves the LORD amen . Sleep on my friend*

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**Ruth Bush** - December 20, 2024 at 08:27 PM

LF

“ *Linda Faulkner lit a candle in memory of Robert Costic*



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**Linda Faulkner** - December 19, 2024 at 06:00 PM

LA

“ Robert Costic was one of a kind Instrumental in all of Peoria and Morning Star children and young adult lives. Gonna miss him. Lighting this candle of prayer ❤️ Irma Costic and family.



Linda Hardy Avondale Az - December 19, 2024 at 05:52 PM

CB

“ Charles E. Bruton lit a candle in memory of Robert Costic



Charles E. Bruton - December 19, 2024 at 03:32 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rev. Robert Edward Costic.

December 19, 2024 at 01:56 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Robert Edward Costic.



December 19, 2024 at 01:56 PM

RR

“ *Robin Redding lit a candle in memory of Robert Costic*



Robin Redding - December 19, 2024 at 10:55 AM

EL

“ *Ella Lee lit a candle in memory of Robert Costic*



Ella Lee - December 19, 2024 at 12:32 AM

KA

“ *Karen Ashby sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert Costic*



Karen Ashby - December 18, 2024 at 10:11 PM

CF

“ *Corey/Aliesha Hosea & Family lit a candle in memory of Robert Costic*



Corey/Aliesha Hosea & Family - December 18, 2024 at 02:17 PM



“ *LEOLA RANDLE JEFFERSON lit a candle in memory of Robert Costic* ”



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**LEOLA RANDLE JEFFERSON** - December 18, 2024 at 10:38 AM



“ *Georgia Butler lit a candle in memory of Robert Costic* ”



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**Georgia Butler** - December 18, 2024 at 07:42 AM



“ *Pamela Farmer lit a candle in memory of Robert Costic* ”



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**Pamela Farmer** - December 17, 2024 at 10:38 PM



“ *Corey Cornish lit a candle in memory of Robert Costic* ”



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**Corey Cornish** - December 17, 2024 at 10:56 AM

PH

“ *Phillip E. Hickman lit a candle in memory of Robert Costic*



Phillip E. Hickman - December 17, 2024 at 08:26 AM

FP

“ *Frank Parker lit a candle in memory of Robert Costic*



Frank Parker - December 17, 2024 at 03:09 AM

RH

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Rachel Hearn - December 16, 2024 at 07:27 PM

RA

“ *Renee Adell lit a candle in memory of Robert Costic*



Renee Adell - December 16, 2024 at 06:33 PM

PG

“ Pam Gaston lit a candle in memory of Robert Costic



Pam Gaston - December 16, 2024 at 04:30 PM

PA

“ Mr. Costic wow. I am at a loss for words. We have run into each other so many times after not seeing each other for years. You was such a funny yet kind individual. I remember the sweet conversations we had about your wife. Such a beautiful woman. My condolences to the entire family. May God provide you all with mighty strength comfort & peace. Rest well Mr. Costic



Pam - December 16, 2024 at 04:28 PM

SH

“ My heartfelt condolence to the family. We had lots of fun times growing up together in Peoria.

Sly Hughes - December 16, 2024 at 03:44 PM

KC

“ Kathy collins lit a candle in memory of Robert Costic



Kathy collins - December 16, 2024 at 02:47 PM

ML

“ I am saddened to hear this news...but am grateful that I knew Robert as a child growing up in Peoria. He is family. He is one of the best, kindest, most thoughtful humans I have ever known. His love for EVERYONE, and especially family, was unmatched and we KNEW it. If there is a Heaven, Robert will surely have a room reserved.



Mark Lampkin - December 16, 2024 at 11:36 AM

CH

“ Calvin & Pamela Hightowerr sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert Costic



Calvin & Pamela Hightowerr - December 16, 2024 at 09:53 AM

RH

“ Uncle Robert, you will be dearly missed. My heart aches, but I'm so glad that you are not suffering here on this earth anymore. Praise Dance your way to his glory, and know that you will be forever in our heart & memories.  
You Made It Over 🙌🙏🙏🙏  
Your Loving Niece  
Rachel D. Carroll Hearn 💜💜



Rachel Hearn - December 16, 2024 at 08:41 AM

RB

“ Sincerest condolences to all whom had the pleasure of knowing Robert. He will wear his crown well!!🕊️



R Burns - December 15, 2024 at 09:31 PM

LD

“ Larry c Douglas lit a candle in memory of Robert Costic



Larry c Douglas - December 15, 2024 at 08:21 PM

DP

“ Condolences to the family. My mom, Lynn Pegues, always called Robert her brother.

Darryl Pegues - December 15, 2024 at 08:00 PM

 John H Lee

“ John H Lee lit a candle in memory of Robert Costic



John H Lee - December 15, 2024 at 05:11 PM