



## Ms. Rochelle Yvette Ballard

July 23, 1965 - February 27, 2025

Ms. Rochelle Yvette Ballard, 59, of Peoria, IL, passed away at 1:12 am on Thursday, February 27, 2025 at her residence.

Rochelle was born Chicago, IL on July 23, 1965 to Pearlina Ballard Frank Bell.

She attended Englewood High School in Chicago, IL. Rochelle moved to Peoria, IL where she gave birth to her two daughters Nia and Janell. She adored her two daughters and her two grandchildren. Rochelle readily anticipated the arrival of her third grandchild before quietly slipping into the waiting arms of Jesus.

During her 23 years stay in Peoria, IL, Rochelle mastered many occupational positions. This move made a very positive change in her life. Rochelle worked in hospitals, personal home care, restaurants and last worked at Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers as a cashier. She could always be heard when greeted "How are you today, Rochelle?" Her response would be, "Say it with me ya'll, Blessed". She recently received a tee shirt with this saying. Rochelle left lasting impressions with all that she encountered, receiving accolades and collecting profitable tips along the way. Patients loved her outgoing personality.

Rochelle accepted Christ and was baptized at Apostolic Church of God in Chicago, IL under the preaching and teaching of Bishop Arthur M. Brazier.

She loved the Lord with all her heart and soul. Rochelle could be seen as well as heard and shouting with joy as she ran around church praising and worshipping God. There was no shame in her game.

Rochelle leaves to cherish her most precious memory, two daughters, Nia Hobbs and Janell Sykes of Peoria, IL; three grandchildren; her sister, Elnora Adston of Riverdale, IL; and a host of other family and friends who loved her. Rochelle was certainly a verbal “keeping it real” kind of lady. Her presence here on earth will be certainly missed, but her welcoming in Heaven will be celebrated as she joins her parents; five brothers, James Mazique, Darnell Ballard, Kenny, Frank and Greg and three nieces, Renee Ballard, Beatrice Mazique and Kianna Ballard.

The services are pending.

# Previous Events

## Gathering

APR **25**. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Simons Mortuary Chapel  
912 W. John H. Gwynn, Jr. Ave.  
Peoria, IL 61605  
(309) 674-2638  
info@simonsmortuary.com  
<https://simonsmortuary.com>

## Memorial Service

APR **25**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Rochelle Yvette Ballard*



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**Simons Mortuary** - April 25, 2025 at 12:04 PM



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“ *MY ANGEL FACE BABY SISTER BROUGHT SO MUCH JOY TO HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS. HER JOYFUL PERSONALITY, THAT CONTAGIOUS SMILE AND OH THAT I'M BLESSED SPIRITUAL ATTITUDE. PRICELESS. NEVER GONE FROM OUR HEARTS AND MINDS. REST EASY OUR ANGEL FACE.*

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**ELNORA ABSTON/BALLARD FAMILY** - April 23, 2025 at 04:16 PM

SR

“ *Shari R Rutherford lit a candle in memory of Rochelle Ballard*



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**Shari R Rutherford** - March 20, 2025 at 04:29 PM

TB

“ *Toni Brown lit a candle in memory of Rochelle Ballard*



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**Toni Brown** - March 19, 2025 at 10:04 AM

IA

“ *Truly a lovely person 1212Madison Family were going to definitely miss u RoRo*



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**Irene Alexander** - March 14, 2025 at 02:24 PM

KC

“ *Kathy collins lit a candle in memory of Rochelle Ballard*



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**Kathy collins** - March 10, 2025 at 11:01 PM

KA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Kellie Antoine - March 09, 2025 at 11:48 PM

BS

“ Praying for the entire family and her beautiful flowers

Brittany Strickland - March 09, 2025 at 08:52 AM

PG

“ Wow...I was just saying to one of my brothers that I hadnt seen Rochelle lately & I run across this 😞 She was such a sweet woman. You really had to know her. One thing I can say is that Rochelle loved the Lord. I can just hear her making that joyful noise unto Him. Fly high girl. Gods gotchu. Sending my condolences to her girls especially & to the rest of the family.



Pam Gaston - March 09, 2025 at 12:20 AM

PA

“ Praying for the family

patricia Anderson - March 07, 2025 at 09:12 PM

TJ

“ *Tunya Johnson lit a candle in memory of Rochelle Ballard*



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**Tunya Johnson** - March 07, 2025 at 03:23 PM

CB

“ *Cynthia Ann Barnes lit a candle in memory of Rochelle Ballard*



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**Cynthia Ann Barnes** - March 06, 2025 at 08:14 PM

MC

“ *Mechell Coleman lit a candle in memory of Rochelle Ballard*



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**Mechell Coleman** - March 06, 2025 at 06:36 PM

RA

“ *Renee Adell lit a candle in memory of Rochelle Ballard*



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**Renee Adell** - March 06, 2025 at 02:50 PM

AL

“ *Annette Lucy lit a candle in memory of Rochelle Ballard*



Annette Lucy - March 06, 2025 at 02:07 PM

CO

“ *You was so funny man you will be missed sorry to the family of this beautiful woman you was one caring person and did not play about your babies you will be truly missed friend*



Cookie - March 06, 2025 at 11:40 AM

RA

“ *Renee Adell lit a candle in memory of Rochelle Ballard*



Renee Adell - March 06, 2025 at 11:33 AM

KC

“ *Kathy c lit a candle in memory of Rochelle Ballard*



Kathy c - March 05, 2025 at 10:42 PM

LI

*Linda B lit a candle in memory of Rochelle Ballard*

**Linda** - March 06, 2025 at 09:22 PM

EB

“ *EmelEmel Buckner lit a candle in memory of Rochelle Ballard*



**EmelEmel Buckner** - March 05, 2025 at 09:26 PM

YO

“ *Yolanda lit a candle in memory of Rochelle Ballard*



**Yolanda** - March 05, 2025 at 07:58 PM