



## Ms. Rosalind Yvette Zanders-Lowry

September 12, 1946 - March 5, 2025

Ms. Rosalind Yvette Zanders-Lowry, 78, passed away at 10:44 am on Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center surrounded by her family.

Rosalind was born on September 12, 1946 in Peoria, IL to Roy and Eula (Smith) Zanders. Rosalind was a Graduate of Manual High School and earned her bachelor's degree at Bradley University, Peoria, IL.

Rosalind served the Peoria Community, working at Caterpillar for Forty-years until her retirement. She closed that door but never stopped working for the community and church she loved.

Rosalind was a Golden member (50+ years) with honorable service to her beloved Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. In 1968, she became a Charter member of the Epsilon Eta undergraduate chapter while at Bradley University. She later served as Chapter President, Chaplain, Protocol advisor and has held other offices within the Nu Pi Omega Graduate Chapter. She also held the auspicious position with the Sorority's Central Regional Office as Cluster Coordinator.

Rosalind was a faithful member of Heaven's View Christian Fellowship Church where she served as Board President of the Jobs Partnership, Minister of the church and was active in the Women's ministry and Teaching ministry. She

had been a member from the beginning with Heaven's View Christian Fellowship since its conception when Christian Family Center co-merged with Grace Community International.

Rosalind was a dedicated and revered member of the Peoria Tri-County Urban League. She was the beloved Coordinator for the Middle School Today's Scientists Technicians and Managers (TSTM) Program and continued to serve in this capacity long after her children had matriculated through the program. Rosalind was the first to implement the overnight excursions for students. They travelled to visit Historically Black Universities and Museums. She was Middle School TSTM overseer of the scholarship committee as well. Those excursions positively impacted the futures of those students, leading them to build paths to prosperous lives. She was also past parent president of the High School TSTM Program.

Additionally, she served our community in many capacities through organizations such as CAAR (Concerned African American Retirees), Carver Center Board of Directors, Jack & Jill Peoria, Heritage Ensemble, Hope Renewed, Elite Community Outreach and many others throughout the years. In recognition of her service, she was inducted to the Peoria African American Hall of Fame.

Rosalind deeply loved her family and was a doting grandmother. She leaves to cherish her precious memory one son, Ryan (Dr. Yolanda) Lowry of Peoria, IL; one daughter, Lariya Lowry of Durham, NC; one sister, Dorothy Mooney of Kansas City, KS; five grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, other family, friends and her Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., sisters who also loved her. She is preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Ezra Smith.

Funeral services will be held at 11 am on Saturday, March 15, 2025 at Mt.

Zion M.B. Church with a visitation one-hour prior beginning at 10 am. The ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., will render a tribute ritual at 10:45 am. Rev. Dr. Matthew Mitchell is the host pastor and Pastor Tony Pierce of Heaven's View Christian Fellowship Church will officiate. Rosalind will be laid to rest at Swan Lake Memorial Gardens.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Swan Lake Memory Gardens

4601 W War Memorial Dr.  
Peoria, IL 61615

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church  
305 S. MADISON PARK TERRACE  
Peoria, IL 61605  
(309) 674-4379

## Funeral Service

MAR 15. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church  
305 S. MADISON PARK TERRACE  
Peoria, IL 61605  
(309) 674-4379

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Rosalind Yvette Zanders-Lowry*



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**Simons Mortuary** - March 13, 2025 at 05:57 PM



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Webcast in memory of Ms. Rosalind Yvette Zanders-Lowry*



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**Simons Mortuary** - March 12, 2025 at 06:09 PM



“ *Shari R Rutherford lit a candle in memory of Rosalind Zanders-Lowry*



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**Shari R Rutherford** - March 20, 2025 at 04:15 PM

RB

“ *Sending Condolences* 🌸



Rhonda Brown - March 19, 2025 at 10:19 PM



“ *My condolences to the family!* 🙏



Caad Gor - March 14, 2025 at 09:21 PM

JC

“ *Jerry \$Sarah Crayton purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Ms. Rosalind Yvette Zanders-Lowry.*



Jerry \$Sarah Crayton - March 14, 2025 at 12:12 AM

GG

“ *Gay Grant-Mclennan lit a candle in memory of Ms. Rosalind Yvette Zanders-Lowry*



Gay Grant-Mclennan - March 12, 2025 at 08:30 PM

MR

“ *Mattie Risby sent a virtual gift in memory of Rosalind Zanders-Lowry*



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**Mattie Risby** - March 12, 2025 at 12:41 PM

PW

“ *Her smile was infectious and she was a kind soul. She will be truly missed by everyone she touched. Take your rest now Sister Lowry. My condolences to the Zanders-Lowry family.*



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**P. Williams** - March 10, 2025 at 07:19 PM

CT

“ *Ms. Rosalind was always so kind whenever I saw her. My heart is deeply saddened by the news of her passing. She touched many lives and will be greatly missed. To the family, if you let him, Jesus will stick closer than a brother to you. I pray that you let the Lord uphold you and wrap his Loving Arms around you during this difficult time.*



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**Cheryl Thomas** - March 10, 2025 at 10:13 AM

 John H Lee

“ *John H Lee lit a candle in memory of Rosalind Zanders-Lowry*



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**John H Lee** - March 10, 2025 at 07:52 AM

BC

“ *Brenda D Cayson lit a candle in memory of Rosalind Zanders-Lowry*



**Brenda D Cayson** - March 09, 2025 at 08:11 PM

RH

“ *Rosetta Cotton Hardimon lit a candle in memory of Rosalind Zanders-Lowry*



**Rosetta Cotton Hardimon** - March 09, 2025 at 12:01 AM

VI

“ *Vivian lit a candle in memory of Rosalind Zanders-Lowry*



**Vivian** - March 08, 2025 at 11:52 PM

DG

“ *Denise Green lit a candle in memory of Rosalind Zanders-Lowry*



**Denise Green** - March 08, 2025 at 04:57 PM

KC

“ *Kathy collins lit a candle in memory of Rosalind Zanders-Lowry*



Kathy collins - March 08, 2025 at 03:20 PM

BM

“ *The Marks Family sends our condolences to The Zanders family & friends. Rest in peace, comfort, and care, Ms. Rosalind.*

Brenda Marks - March 07, 2025 at 12:41 PM

FL

“ *Sending Hugs and Love out to the family. My condolences to each of you.* 💜🌸

Felita Lawrence - March 07, 2025 at 12:32 PM

 Rita Parker

“ *MY DEAR AND PRECIOUS FRIEND, AND MY ELDEST SON'S (R.I.P.) GODMOTHER, ROZ, WE WON'T EVER FORGET YOU, YOUR LOVE FOR YOUR FAMILY, AND YOUR LOVE FOR GOD! R.I.P. MY BEAUTIFUL FRIEND!*

Rita Parker - March 06, 2025 at 10:51 PM

CM

“ *My deepest condolences go out to the family she was a beautiful woman and will be greatly missed. My prayers to her family* 🙏🙏💕

Cotisha McNair - March 06, 2025 at 09:57 PM

JL

“ I am sending heartfelt condolences to the Family. I was a good neighbor of Rosalind. She will be truly missed

Justina Wright Lynch - March 06, 2025 at 07:22 PM

PE

“ My my lovely friend and sister in Christ I will forever cherish our friendship. You blessed me every time we fellowshipped together. My condolence to the family.

Patricia Ellis - March 06, 2025 at 05:54 PM

SM

“ Ms. Rosalind you were such a beautiful person inside and out had a heart of gold I'm truly going to miss you so very much R.i.h.P beautiful queen 🕯️🙏🏻🙏🏻



Siobhan Morris - March 06, 2025 at 05:12 PM

DJ

Beautiful Queen. You were such a beautiful, gracious, God fearing woman's with such a great heart. Rest easy Ms Roz!

Deborah Johnson - March 08, 2025 at 07:50 PM

CA

Sending prayers to the family of Rosalind, God's Comfort and Encouraging. I will miss my Beautiful Friend

Carol Adams - March 11, 2025 at 02:55 PM

GG

Appreciate all you've done for me and daughter! She's was such a beautiful person in and out!

Gay Grant-McLennan - March 12, 2025 at 08:28 PM

CH

*Walk peacefully through Heaven' gates my dear friend. You have fought a good fight and it is time to rest. My deepest sympathy to the family.*

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**Chester** - March 14, 2025 at 09:18 PM