



Mr. Rudolph "Rudy" Booth

December 1, 1943 - July 20, 2020

Mr. Rudolph "Rudy" Booth, 76, of Peoria, IL transitioned from this life to his heavenly home at 1:56 pm on Monday, July 20, 2020 at his home surrounded by his family.

Rudolph was born on December 1, 1943 in Blue Mountain, Mississippi to proud parents Wilbo and Junie Bell (Rutherford) Booth.

Rudolph moved to Peoria, IL as a young adult. He worked at Caterpillar for over 35 years. He had a strong work ethic. After retirement, he worked in the hospitality industry, last working at the Embassy Suites and the Visitors Bureau. Rudolph was a faithful member of St. Paul Baptist Church where he served as head usher, van ministry and Men's Group for many years.

Rudolph never met a stranger. He had the gift of hospitality, always greeting folk with a huge smile and hug. He loved Manual Basketball...never missing a game. Rudolph was a member of various bowling leagues over the years.

Rudolph married the love of his life, Yvonne Stenson and they celebrated 50 years of marriage on November 17, 2019. She survives. He is also survived by his children, David (Melissa) Booth of New Orleans, LA, Derrick (Jehan) Booth of Peoria, IL, Daniel (Ashley) Booth of Carbondale, IL, Devon (Tony) Booth of Peoria, IL, Alicia (Richard) Posey of Snellville, GA; eight grandchildren, Mariah, Sydney, Brandon, Chancellor, Jianna, Jaxon, DeLaney and Aden; and his beloved fur buddy, Koby. He is preceded in death by his parents; his twin sister, Ruchelle Booth Hill; his brother James Booth and grandson, Derrick "DJ" Booth, Jr.

A private funeral service will be held at 11 am on Saturday, July 25, 2020 at Victory Christian Church with a 2-hour visitation beginning at 9 am. Host is Pastor Charles Brown. Rev. Deveraux Hubbard, Senior Pastor of St. Paul Baptist Church and Bishop Mark Dubois of Judah Ministries will bring words of comfort. Rudolph will be entombed at Historic Springdale Mausoleum.

The funeral service will be live streamed on Simons Mortuary's Website or Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Simons-Mortuary-232095303487150> promptly at time of the service. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, social distancing and attendance limits will be observed. Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [SimonsMortuary.com](https://www.SimonsMortuary.com).

As the States begin re-opening in response to the Global Coronavirus Pandemic, some people are returning to their previous normal living standards. Unfortunately, we are now in our new normal as unreal and sometimes uncomfortable as the socially distancing and continuous use of protective masks may feel. *In an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, we ask that everyone in attendance: wear a face mask and refrain from hugging, kissing and shaking hands (as hard as it is to see someone you care about and not touch them). Thanks in advance for your cooperation! *It is our responsibility as a Funeral Directors, to do everything we can to advise families in order to honor our beloved Families and to keep everyone as safe as possible. The sanctuary can socially distance and seat a limit of 50 or less people. All others will be able to flow through and view prior to beginning the Celebration of Life Ceremony.

Cemetery Details

Springdale Cemetery & Mausoleum

3014 N Prospect Rd
Peoria, IL 61603-2102
<http://www.springdalecemetery.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 25. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Victory Christian Church
1003 E. Moneta St.
Peoria Heights, IL 61616

Funeral Service

JUL 25. 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM (CT)

Victory Christian Church
1003 E. Moneta St.
Peoria Heights, IL 61616

Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Rudolph "Rudy" Booth*



Simons Mortuary - July 27, 2020 at 03:03 PM



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Rudolph "Rudy" Booth*



Simons Mortuary - July 24, 2020 at 05:44 PM



“ *Mr. Rudolph "Rudy" Booth*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mr. Rudolph "Rudy" Booth*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *To the Booth Family - You have our deepest sympathy at the loss of your loved one, Rudy. We share in your loss, as he was our brother in Christ as he attended St. Paul Baptist Church. His cheeriness & smile will be missed. May God uphold you during your time of bereavement.*

James & Vickie King - August 02, 2020 at 02:22 PM



Thank you so much!!!

Yvonne Booth - November 26, 2022 at 10:12 PM

MH

“ Yvonne,
You and your family have my sincere condolences and prayers for comfort during you this time of loss.

Melvina Haynes

Melvina Haynes - July 29, 2020 at 12:09 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Entombment at Springdale Cemetery



Simons Mortuary - July 27, 2020 at 03:04 PM

MD

*Rest in Heaven Mr. Booth Your life and legacy will forever be a part of our hearts.
Melvin and Marjorie Kay Douglas*

Marjorie K. Douglas - August 05, 2020 at 03:35 PM

AL

“ Annette Lucy sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Rudolph
"Rudy" Booth



Annette Lucy - July 27, 2020 at 12:44 PM

SP

“ My heartfelt condolences on the passing of Rudy. I had the pleasure of meeting Rudy at Caterpillar, a man always with a smile and a kind word. I saw him again on his visits to Rt. 91, still with a smile and kind word! He fought the good fight. Thoughts and prayers for all of you.

Susie Papanhause - July 26, 2020 at 09:07 PM

RC

“ Would like to send my sincere condolences to the Booth family. Rudy & I became very good friends at Caterpillar & continued our friendship working together at the Embassy. Rudy had a special gift communicating with everyone. Had a big heart & a wonderful personality. Roger Cramer

Roger T Cramer - July 25, 2020 at 09:35 PM

SB

“ To The Booth Family

May your fond memories of Rudy and his love keep you close to him and comfort you in your sorrow. I will miss talking to and seeing him.

With Deep and Sincere Sympathy

The Berry Family (Brown Deer, WI & Blue Mountain, MS



Sarah Berry - July 25, 2020 at 06:21 PM

NJ

“ Yvonne, our prayers are with you and the family. We love you guys and praying that God will give you comfort and peace as you go through this very hard time.

Nathan & Judy Jackson family

Nathan & Judy Jackson - July 25, 2020 at 01:16 PM

LB

Daniel you and your family are in our prayers ❤️❤️

Larry and Carol Barnett - July 25, 2020 at 08:14 PM

EK

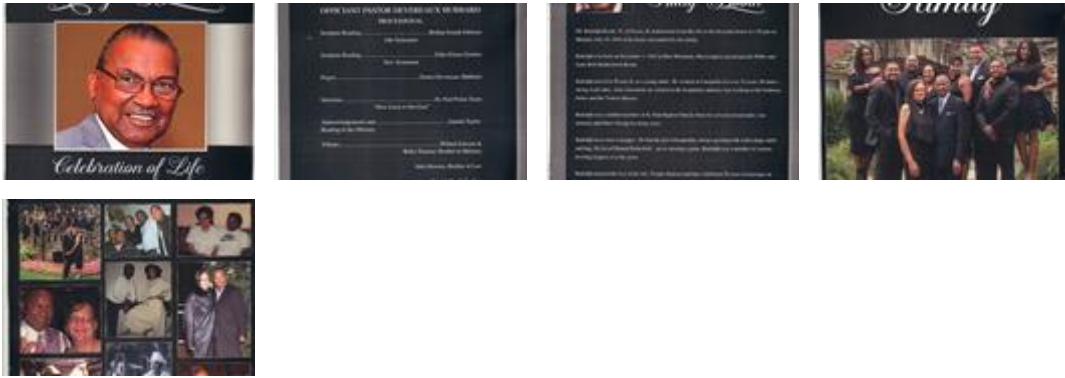
“ Elaine King lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rudolph "Rudy" Booth



Elaine King - July 25, 2020 at 12:02 PM



“ 12 files added to the album *Funeral Program*



Simons Mortuary - July 24, 2020 at 05:48 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Mr. Rudolph "Rudy" Booth.



July 24, 2020 at 02:40 PM



“ *Paul E Brown* purchased the *Love's Journey* for the family of Mr. Rudolph "Rudy" Booth.



Paul E Brown - July 24, 2020 at 01:31 PM



“ *To the family of Bro. Booth,*

We send our sincere condolences to you during this time. This man has been such a blessing in our lives, and we cherished each and every time we spent with him. Our grandson LJ loved his other "Papa" too. Our hearts are very heavy now, but we know his legacy will live on because of you. Thank you for sharing this wonderful man with us. We love you all.

*Paul and Maria Brown, Jomaria Burns, John Burns, LJ
(children, grandchildren and great-grandson of Willis Wayne Thomas)*

Maria Brown - July 24, 2020 at 01:18 PM

ST

“ We send our deepest condolences to the family. Our prayers are with you during this time of mourning. Rudy will be dearly missed by many.

Love,

Belmont, Mississippi, Chief of Police, Donald Ray Thomas

*Shelia Thomas
(brother and sister of Willis Wayne Thomas)*

Shelia Thomas - July 24, 2020 at 01:09 PM

MB

“ Booth family: My sincerest condolences.



Mildred Baldon - July 24, 2020 at 12:45 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Rudolph "Rudy" Booth.



July 24, 2020 at 11:54 AM

KH

“ To David, Derrick, Devon, Daniel and Grandma Booth. We send our deepest condolences and an abundance of love. Heaven gained an angel this week. Words can't express how much we will miss Mr. Booth who the kids affectionately called "papa". We will forever hold dear to us all the memories we shared. The laughs, hugs, words of wisdom, and support. Thank you for sharing him with us! God bless ❤️

Kutisha, Eric and Family

Kutisha Hazel-Hughes - July 24, 2020 at 11:34 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mr. Rudolph "Rudy" Booth.



July 24, 2020 at 10:06 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of Mr. Rudolph "Rudy" Booth.



July 24, 2020 at 09:54 AM

DS

“ *DEBRINA SMITH* lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rudolph "Rudy" Booth



DEBRINA SMITH - July 24, 2020 at 01:21 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mr. Rudolph "Rudy" Booth.



July 24, 2020 at 01:09 AM

KS

“ *Katrina Simmons* lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rudolph "Rudy" Booth



Katrina Simmons - July 23, 2020 at 09:54 PM

JB

“ My Thoughts And 🙏 Prayers To The Family Of Mr. Rudolph (Ruddy) Booth . May The Comfort Of The Knowing That He Is Resting In The Arms Of Jesus Where's There's Peace, No More Darkness Only Pure Sunlight Of Beautiful Days Of The Masters Place...Heaven 🙏 AMEN RIH 4ever 💕💕



Joanie Brown - July 23, 2020 at 09:32 PM

JB

“ Joanie Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Rudolph "Rudy" Booth



Joanie Brown - July 23, 2020 at 09:22 PM

MD

“ To the Booth and Stenson Family

Another angel has taken his wings to heaven. He will be missed by one and all, but God and the angels needed him now.

Keep the strength and don't give up time will heal the loss.

May God send blessings and peace to every family and friend 🕊️.

*Love,
Michelle and Jones Douglas Sr*



Michelle Douglas - July 23, 2020 at 07:52 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Rudolph "Rudy" Booth.



July 23, 2020 at 05:26 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Rudolph "Rudy" Booth.*



July 23, 2020 at 05:14 PM

TS

“ *The Admin Team at Carbondale Community High School purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. Rudolph "Rudy" Booth.*



The Admin Team at Carbondale Community High School - July 23, 2020 at 03:36 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Rudolph "Rudy" Booth.*



July 23, 2020 at 03:33 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Rudolph "Rudy" Booth.*



July 23, 2020 at 02:39 PM

RW

“ *Renessa Watkins sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Rudolph "Rudy" Booth*



Renessa Watkins - July 23, 2020 at 02:03 PM

BG

“ Uncle Rudy thank you for always taking time from your family to come to grandma Ada's to check on us as kids; I did not understand then but as an adult, looking back on memories you stepped up to care and lend a hand; thank you and auntie Yvonne for being there when our parents could not. You are a world class father and supporter; I will always be grateful.



Belitha Green
Physkie Green
La-France Green
Tony Green

Belitha Green-Niece - July 23, 2020 at 09:57 AM

RP

“ To the Booth Family sorry for your loss and May God's Angel's Wings spread around you all and bring you all comfort during this time of sorrow!! R.I.P. Mr. Booth!!



Renee Linwood Peoria,IL. - July 23, 2020 at 07:27 AM

NS

“ I am going to miss hearing Rudolph call me sister-in-law.. in return I would say hey brothers-in law. He was truly a loving person, good father, husband and grandfather. He fought a good fight and won. To my Booth family, your California family and friends send their love and prayers. My God's peace fall upon you during this time. We love you... Naomi Stenson and family

Naomi Stenson - July 23, 2020 at 03:50 AM

JO

“ My condolences to the family and my prayers are with you all.



Jeanette Jackson Owens - July 22, 2020 at 10:37 PM

PT

“ Keith & Phyllis Thomas



P Thomas - July 22, 2020 at 10:14 PM

CM

“ May this sorrowful time allow you to reflect upon all the joy that you once shared with your departed loved one, Family we will be praying for you.

With Love and Sympathy

*David & Cora Mackey
Lexington, TN 38351*

Cora Mackey - July 22, 2020 at 09:19 PM

DC

“ God bless Rudy Booth...great guy and am sure will be missed by many! Raised great family and deepest sympathies to all the Booth family!

Dan & Eriece Colbert & family

dan colbert - July 22, 2020 at 08:17 PM

TC

“ My deepest Condolences and Prayers go out to the Booth Family and Friends!
Sincerely,
Trenton B. Carter

Trenton Carter - July 22, 2020 at 05:40 PM

LS

“ “Condolences” to the Booth family from the Simpson family
“Charlie & Loretta



Loretta Simpson - July 22, 2020 at 05:16 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Rudolph "Rudy" Booth.



July 22, 2020 at 03:28 PM



“ My condolences go out to the Booth & Stenson families. i am so sad to hear of Rudy's passing. Please know that I will keep you all in my prayers. To Yvonne, I know how hard it is to lose your soul mate, but each day trusting in God will get you thru.

My sincere & deepest love for this family.

Diane Dotson-Herron

Bloomington,IL

Diane Herron - July 22, 2020 at 11:53 AM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Mr. Rudolph "Rudy" Booth.



July 22, 2020 at 11:35 AM

JB

“ I had the pleasure of serving as an usher with Rudy at St. Paul Baptist Church for several years. Brother Rudy had the kindest spirit and server's heart. He always had a kind word, smile, and a willing to help in any way he could. He would often drive the transportation van after serving as an usher. I always enjoyed our conversations. He was truly a Good Man. We love Rudy and will miss him. Rest in Peace.

Jim Billups

Jim Billups - July 22, 2020 at 09:32 AM

DK

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Rudy and worked together at Cat in the 70's. We rode work together while working on 2nd shift. Some days before work we play pool and go bowling, he was a good man and friend. My prayers are with you, Dave Krause

Dave Krause - July 22, 2020 at 09:17 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Rudolph "Rudy" Booth.*



July 22, 2020 at 08:55 AM

VB

“ *Our condolences to the Booth Family. We are praying your strength in the Lord during your time of sorrow.*

Frank & Veronica L. Ball, former Peorians, Frank is a Manual Alumni, and I knew Mrs Booth through Zion Baptist Church.



Veronica L Ball - July 22, 2020 at 07:28 AM

MB

“ *Always a smile and big hug when I would see Rudy. Worked with him for over 20 years at Caterpillar. My condolences to the family. He will be missed!!*

Mike Burns - July 21, 2020 at 11:36 PM

BT

“ *Yvonne and family, my condolences and heart reach out to you and your family. I transferred from Peoria over 45 years ago and haven't seen you all in that time. May Rudolph Rest In Peace and you and family cherish your wonderful memories. My regards to you and your family. Beverly Leatherwood Travis, your former babysitter. 🙏*

Beverly Leatherwood Travis - July 21, 2020 at 10:01 PM

MH

“ *Ms. Darlene Horton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rudolph "Rudy" Booth*



Ms. Darlene Horton - July 21, 2020 at 08:54 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Rudolph "Rudy" Booth.



July 21, 2020 at 08:44 PM



“ Deloris Turner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rudolph "Rudy" Booth



Deloris Turner - July 21, 2020 at 08:42 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Rudolph "Rudy" Booth.



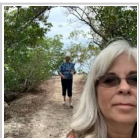
July 21, 2020 at 07:53 PM



“ Sincere condolences to family and friends. May God give you strength during this time. Prayers & hugs.



Evelyn Tate-Clayton - July 21, 2020 at 07:41 PM



“ He flies in the wings of angels. Condolences to your family. Belinda Hill

Belinda Hill - July 21, 2020 at 06:34 PM

BW

“ Bobby And Sandra. Walker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Rudolph "Rudy" Booth



Bobby and Sandra. Walker - July 21, 2020 at 06:28 PM

BC

“ My Condolences and Prayers to the Booth Family and Friends!



Brenda D Cayson - July 21, 2020 at 04:46 PM

CG

My Condolences to a childhood friend. I always was so glad to see you when you came home to Mississippi. You will be truly missed. RIP my friend.

Columbus and Tonnie Gray - July 21, 2020 at 09:16 PM

AW

“ He had a smile everytime I saw him, which was mostly while he was ushering ~ he will be missed. My condolences to his family and friends.



Angela Walker - July 21, 2020 at 02:06 PM

AM

Bro. Rudy was a great person always smiling a faithful USHER he will be missed by the USHER Ministry. Rest in HEAVEN. CONDOLENCES to the family. ❤️🙏🏿✌️

Anna Moredock - July 21, 2020 at 03:12 PM

JA

A face that gave me strength when I needed it RIP

JohnnieMc afee - July 21, 2020 at 04:20 PM