



## Ms. Ruthie Lee (Flatt) Willis

October 28, 1954 - February 16, 2015

Ms. Ruthie Lee (Flatt) Willis, 60, of Peoria, IL passed away at 10:13 AM on Monday, February 16, 2015 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center.

Ruthie was born on October 28, 1954 in Corpus Christi, TX. She was the daughter of Albert and Gloria Jean (Williams) Pollard.

Ruthie was an amazing visionary who gave life lessons, wisdom and family security talks on how to protect one's self to her family and friends. She was big on technology. Ruthie was a strong proponent of process and procedures done right; thus earning her Six Sigma Certification at Peoria Production Shop where she had worked for the past 37 years.

Ruthie will be remembered and sorely missed by her mother, Gloria Pollard of Peoria; her children, Earl Flatt, Jr. of Peoria, Deon D. (Sadie) Flatt of Rochester, MN, Steven Flatt of Peoria, Cheryl Y. (Shawn, Sr.) Mitchell of Matteson, IL and Benita R. (LaRon) Jones of Peoria; her much adored 16 grandchildren; 1 great grandchild; her brother, Martin Ray Williams and sister, Natasha (Tobias) Seiber both of Peoria; and a host of nieces, nephews, other family and friends. She is preceded in death by her father, Albert Pollard and a grandson, Benjamin Flatt.

Ruthie was a long time member of Peoria Friendship Missionary Baptist Church where funeral services will be held at 10 AM on Saturday, February 21, 2015 with a visitation beginning one hour prior at 9 AM. Rev. Dr. Claude E. Russell, Jr., will officiate. Ruthie will be entombed at Swan Lake Mausoleum. 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

FEB 21. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Peoria Friendship M.B. Church  
3828 N New York Ave.  
Peoria, IL 61614

## Funeral Service

FEB 21. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Peoria Friendship M.B. Church  
3828 N New York Ave.  
Peoria, IL 61614

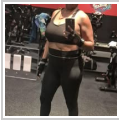
# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Ruthie Lee (Flatt) Willis*



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**Simons Mortuary** - February 20, 2015 at 05:41 PM



*Wow, unbelievably beautiful, tears of joy, no more suffering, I Love You Ruthie Lee Flat.*

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**Regina Macleod** - February 20, 2015 at 08:25 PM

DF

*My love and prayers are with the family! She was an amazing woman.*

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**Deana McCormick natasha's friend** - February 23, 2015 at 02:18 PM



“ *Ms. Ruthie Lee (Flatt) Willis*

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January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Ms. Ruthie Lee (Flatt) Willis*

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January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *Ruthie was a kind soul and a beautiful person. Our Lord has taken her to be with him, RIP. Ruthie will be missed! Love you Ruthie.*  
*Carla Clark & Family*

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**Carla Clark** - February 21, 2015 at 07:25 PM



*She love grandmother she a serious grandmother to I love granny rip*  
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**Jyair Mitchell flatt** - September 17, 2017 at 03:43 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Ruthie Lee (Flatt) Willis.*



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 February 20, 2015 at 09:21 PM

DQ

“ *Pretty Poised with a Ponytail... that's how I'll remember you.  
Loving bluntness in the things you said  
Compassion in the things you'd do*

*I loved to hear your reaction when  
You would hear of something creative I did.  
“Well all right Ms.Dee!” you'd say.  
(Embarrassingly I'd smile like a little kid)*

*One thing I remember is how you lectured me  
No I've never forgotten that day*

*I was walking by feeling sad, and hopeless  
You talked to me for at least an hour or two,  
And I didn't leave the same way. (Thank you)*

*And you knew how “funny acting “I can be  
So we'd only see each other once in a while*

*But when you did see me it was the same reaction...  
Kind words, a hug, and a smile.*

*You taught me a lesson over the years,  
Without even knowing you did.*

*No matter what you heard about me Good or bad  
You've treated me the same since I was a kid. (Thank you)*

*My heart hurts even more for your children  
I couldn't imagine the pain in losing you.*

*But I know you are so proud in who they all grew up to be  
And how your love shaped, and molded them,  
And is a part of everything they do.*

*Forgive us for the shock we all feel,*

*From suddenly having to say goodbye  
But it was just like you, to wear your strength like armor*

*And that's all we saw, so maybe that's the reason why.*

*Now that your voice is silent  
God is loudly letting us remember what we heard  
And giving us clear vision of the examples of Love through  
Your actions  
And the importance of your message through your words*

*I'm guilty of carrying grudges and staying angry  
(but you knew that)  
And even now, you are teaching a lesson.*

*That in this World, anger, arguments, pain,  
And materialistic things are just for a moment  
But time is precious, and who God says is your family  
Is a priceless Blessing...*

*Thank you for being Family  
Just thank you for BEING..  
.I'm smiling because I know I'll see you again, Dee*

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**Drucilla Quarles** - February 20, 2015 at 04:22 PM

LO

“ Lynn O. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ms. Ruthie Lee (Flatt) Willis.



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**Lynn O.** - February 19, 2015 at 07:33 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ms. Ruthie Lee (Flatt) Willis.*



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February 19, 2015 at 05:20 PM



“ *Loving you from Minnesota and Arizona purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ms. Ruthie Lee (Flatt) Willis.*



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**Loving you from Minnesota and Arizona** - February 19, 2015 at 10:54 AM



“ *Love all of your families in Minnesota and Arizona purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Ms. Ruthie Lee (Flatt) Willis.*



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**Love all of your families in Minnesota and Arizona** - February 19, 2015 at 10:54 AM



“ *Catherine Watson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Ruthie Lee (Flatt) Willis*



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**catherine watson** - February 19, 2015 at 05:00 AM

SW

“ I will always remember Ruthie's kind spirit and humble nature. She was a good friend that I have always loved. You will be missed my dear. I love you always....Sadie Willingham

SADIE WILLINGHAM - February 18, 2015 at 08:23 PM

NJ

“ My condolences goes to Ruthies family and also friends. I didnt know her very well except meeting her at my mother Evelyn's work, Peoria Production Shop. My mother sat with her every day at lunch and always enjoyed talking with her. I only met her a few times and she was soo sweet and nice. She was always a happy person... She will truly missed by many! God gained him a beautiful angel. †Rip Ruthie.

Nichole J - February 18, 2015 at 05:29 PM

CT

“ Terri Cannon



Cannon Family/ Terri - February 18, 2015 at 05:24 PM

CF

“ Cannon Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Ruthie Lee (Flatt) Willis



Cannon Family - February 18, 2015 at 05:18 PM

WS

“ *Willie & Josie Sanders lit a candle in memory of Ms. Ruthie Lee (Flatt) Willis*



**Willie & Josie Sanders** - February 18, 2015 at 04:01 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Ruthie Lee (Flatt) Willis.*



February 18, 2015 at 03:13 PM



Becky Williams

“ *Becky Williams lit a candle in memory of Ms. Ruthie Lee (Flatt) Willis*



**Becky Williams** - February 18, 2015 at 12:04 PM

LL

“ *We met as classmates in High School, both very shy not knowing we would ever become Sister In Laws. We both became mothers and married at an early age, from then on we had an bond only us two understood. You will truly be missed. Rest assure that I will be here for your children if they or whenever they need me. Rest in peace in the bosom of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Love you Ruthie Lee (Flatt) Willis.*

**Loretta Little** - February 17, 2015 at 11:07 PM

LS

“ *My heart felt condolences to the family*



Leon Little Sr. - February 17, 2015 at 10:52 PM

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“ *To a strong, wonderful woman I will miss you and thank God for you my favorite auntie....I love you.....*



LaTanza Criss (Williams) - February 17, 2015 at 10:02 PM



“ *The model that saw the beauty in EVERYONE. She laughed, she talked, she listened, she yelled. But she never left our presence without a life changing question to think about.*

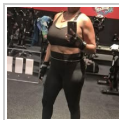


Jacolby Knox - February 17, 2015 at 04:18 PM



“ *This woman...my mom is and will always be a woman of love, wisdom, and hope. My mother will be truly missed. I love you mom!!*

Cherryl Mitchell - February 17, 2015 at 03:52 PM



*I will miss you dearly, but I know I will see you again, you are truly home now, may you rest in peace*

Regina Macleod - February 17, 2015 at 04:56 PM

MB

*Cherryl, we are praying for you and your family!! If you need me call me!!*

**Monica Benton** - February 17, 2015 at 08:16 PM

LH

*I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Ruthie, she was my classmate from grade school through high school. RIP Ruthie, Heaven has called home another Angel.*

**Linda Hoskins** - February 17, 2015 at 09:44 PM

LL

*Sister In Law, I first met you as a classmate, we both were gentle, kind and very quiet. Never knew you would become the wife of my brother Earl, I was so happy when you entered into our family. We were oh so young when we married and started our families, we've shared some interesting conversations from that bond. You have always had a spot in my heart. I will be here for your children whenever they need me. You rest peacefully in the bosom of our Lord Jesus Christ. Love you Ruthie Lee (Flatt) Willis*

**Loretta (Flatt) Little** - February 17, 2015 at 09:52 PM

LS

*She will be truly missed . She was a beautiful Mother and a great sister-in law.....R.I.P.*

**Leon Little Sr.** - February 17, 2015 at 10:41 PM

GW

*I'll miss u forever💔😭 your life was a window that I look through as a child to see a glimpse of unconditional love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, meekness, gentleness faithfulness and self control. Well done good and faithful servant. You have fought the good fight, you have kept the faith, you have crossed the finish line. Receive your crown beautiful soul.....until I see you again I'll miss you forever 😭💔*

**Gloria A Williams** - February 18, 2015 at 12:09 AM

JA

*Love you auntie. You will be truly missed. James Banks*

**James** - February 18, 2015 at 01:00 PM

AD

*My prayer to our heavenly father is to help my cousins get through this time. May your mom's spirit live on thru you all. She has not left you. She is still gluing the family together thru each and every one of you. May peace be upon your heart.*

*Adrean*

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**Adrean** - February 18, 2015 at 01:56 PM