



Ms. Samella Benson

February 20, 1945 - December 2, 2024

Mrs. Samella Benson, 79 of Peoria, IL passed away at 6:48 am on Monday, December 2, 2024 at her residence.

Samella was born on February 20, 1945 in Tunica, MS to Sam and Della (Price) Garner. She married Eddie Charles Carves, Sr.

Samella sang in the gospel group, Queens of Harmony for many years. They were a well-known gospel group here in Peoria that performed all around Illinois and surrounding states. They even made many gospel tapes. When not on the road performing, she worked at Ponderosa Buffet as a waitress and later worked at Hometown Buffet. Although she was a singer and performer, she was a private person who loved being with her family and spending time at home watching westerns.

Samella leaves to cherish her most precious memory, the love of her life, Eddie Charles Carves, Sr., of Peoria, IL; three nephews, Antonio McDonald, JR McDonald and Martin McDonald all of Minneapolis, MN, and a niece, Barbara McDonal of St. Paul, MN; and a host other grand and great nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. She is preceded in death by parents and one son, Anthony Garner.

Funeral services will be held at 11 am on Friday, December 13, 2024 at

Simons Mortuary Chapel with a visitation beginning at 10 am. Pastor Richard Hammonds of Gospel Experience Church will officiate.

Samella will be laid to rest at Lutheran Cemetery.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at SimonsMortuary.com.

Cemetery Details

Lutheran Cemetery

914 S Pleasant St
Peoria, IL 61604-5954

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

DEC 13. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

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