



## Rev. Scottie Dean Gaston Sr.

March 25, 1951 - March 31, 2021

Rev. Scottie Dean Gaston, Sr., 70, of Peoria, IL transitioned to his heavenly home at 2:07 pm on Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at his residence surrounded by his loving and devoted family.

Scottie was born on March 25, 1951 in Hermandale, Missouri to proud parents, S.D. and Annie Mae (Lawson) Gaston. He was a phenomenal baseball and football player and track star in his community. He married the love of his life, Sandra Dean Livingston, 51 years ago in Memphis, TN on August 2, 1969.

Scottie and his wife moved to Peoria, IL in 1971. He became an ordained minister under the blessings and leadership of Pastors Amos Abbott and Calvin Hightower earning him the nick name "Lil Rev." He was so named "Lil Rev." because he was the youngest preacher in Peoria at that time. Scottie loved helping people; especially the youth in the community. They would call him "The Godfather" of the neighborhood. He also loved spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Scottie had an amazing smile and everyone knew him by his smile and his gold tooth. Scottie's favorite past-times were fishing on Banner Marsh, interacting with his neighbors' horses in the front yard and watching the Chicago Bears' games. He was a faithful member of St. Paul Baptist Church.

Rev. Scottie leaves to cherish his most precious memories his loving wife, Sandra Gaston of Peoria, IL; his children, Anthony Gaston, Pamela Gaston, Daniel Gaston and Scottie Gaston, Jr., all of Peoria, IL; one brother, Rev. David (Renee) Gaston of Peoria, IL; and one sister, Margie Abstone of Indianapolis, IN; 7 grandchildren, Anthony, Jr., Ka'Neisha, BJ, Reka, Arianna, Trinity and Myla; 3 great grandchildren, Lil Reka, Kamarius and Dallas; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents; 2 brothers, John Francis Madrid and Charles Herman Gaston; one sister, Mary Lee Gaston and one great grandchild, Torey LaMonte`.

A private funeral service will be held at 11 am on Friday, April 9, 2021 at St. Paul Baptist. No visitation. Pastor Deveraux Hubbard will officiate. "Lil Rev." will be laid to rest at Parkview Cemetery. Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [simonsmortuary.com](https://www.simonsmortuary.com).

The service will be live streamed on Simons Mortuary's Website or Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Simons-Mortuary-232095303487150> promptly AT THE TIME OF THE SERVICE.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, social distancing and attendance limits will be observed. The funeral instructions for St. Paul Baptist Church are as follows:

The funeral will be held for a maximum of one hour

There will be a maximum of 100 guest able to attend (this includes the family contact as well as direct family members)

Everyone over the age of 24 months will be required to pre-register (the family contact person has registration information)

Everyone must wear a mask throughout the entire funeral service

Everyone will be subject to a temperature scan at check-in

All attending the service MUST be registered the night prior to the service

Doors open 30 minutes prior to the funeral service for check-in

To be consistent with recommendations from the National Funeral Directors

Association (NFDA), funeral home directors have been instructed and should follow CDC guidelines on gatherings, including those directly related to funerals, visitations, or graveside services

\*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).

\*It is our responsibility as 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 50% of the capacity of the church. All others will be able to flow through prior to beginning of the service.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation!

# Cemetery Details

## Parkview Cemetery

2001 N University St  
Peoria, IL 61604  
(309) 688-0733

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

APR 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Paul Peoria  
114 W. Forrest Hill Avenue  
Peoria, IL 61604

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Rev. Scottie Dean Gaston Sr.*



**Simons Mortuary** - April 14, 2021 at 03:42 PM



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**Simons Mortuary** - April 08, 2021 at 03:01 PM

CF

*We're going to miss you Uncle BREWSTER*

**Candace & Vincent Neal Family** - April 08, 2021 at 06:09 PM

RW

*Rev Gaston was the pillars father on Smith Street man of good heart going to miss your long talks Praying for Your wife Sandra & your Children cause you was a family man miss already. Big brother*

**Renea Williams** - April 09, 2021 at 12:06 PM



“ *Rev. Scottie Dean Gaston Sr.*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Rev. Scottie Dean Gaston Sr.*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *DADDY IT HURTS SO BAD. I STILL CANT BELIEVE YOU'RE GONE 😭😭 I WILL NEVER STOP LOVING YOU.*



**PAM** - September 14, 2021 at 05:36 PM



“ *Thank you for a beautiful journey. LOVE ALWAYS & FOREVER!!! 🙏💋😊*



**Sandra** - April 24, 2021 at 03:30 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Burial at Parkview Cemetery*



**Simons Mortuary** - April 14, 2021 at 03:48 PM

JC

“ *To Sandra & Family  
It was a blessing to have met you & Scottie,  
that smile is one I'll never forget!!!!  
Our condolences and prayers are with y'all, during this time of  
bereavement.  
We love you, Beather, & J.W.Cannon*

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**J.W. & Beather Cannon** - April 11, 2021 at 10:06 AM

JC

“ *J.W. & Beather Cannon lit a candle in  
memory of Rev. Scottie Dean Gaston Sr.*



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**J.W. & Beather Cannon** - April 11, 2021 at 09:55 AM

ZB

“ *Zerlyna Burse-Taylor lit a candle in memory of  
Rev. Scottie Dean Gaston Sr.*



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**Zerlyna Burse-Taylor** - April 09, 2021 at 05:30 AM

GR

“ *Gregg Randle lit a candle in memory of Rev.  
Scottie Dean Gaston Sr.*



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**Gregg Randle** - April 08, 2021 at 11:37 PM

PW

“ *Rev. Gaston had a kind smile and loving way for everyone on Smith Street. We will miss you summer, winter, spring and fall. Love and prayers for the family, especially my buddy Scottie Jr.*

*Pam Adams and Adam Ware*

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**Pam Adams & Adam Wars** - April 07, 2021 at 04:40 PM

RW

*The pillared father on Smith st.RevGaston was my big brother going to miss you already do prayers Goes out to your wife and all your children.*

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**Renea Williams** - April 09, 2021 at 11:57 AM

YD

“ *NEVER FORGOTTEN. I LOVE & MISS YOU SOOOOOOO MUCH MY LOVING DADDY.*



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**YOUR ONLY DAUGHTER** - April 07, 2021 at 01:09 PM

ZB

*I am so very sad to hear that Mr. Gaston passed away. He was a very kind and loving man. Prayers to you and your family Pam...❤️❤️*

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**Zerlyna Burse-Taylor** - April 09, 2021 at 05:48 AM

MP

“ Mancy Pittman lit a candle in memory of Rev. Scottie Dean Gaston Sr.



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**Mancy Pittman** - April 07, 2021 at 03:28 AM

JH

“ Sending condolences to sandra and family we All Are Going To Miss Rev Gaston He was A Man Of God and would Help Everybody On Smith St Cutting Grass Shoveling Snow Working On Cars And What You was Working On Rev Was There to Help Rest On Rev Praying For The family.

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**Joyce Howard** - April 06, 2021 at 10:37 PM

JH

“ Joyce Howard lit a candle in memory of Rev. Scottie Dean Gaston Sr.



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**Joyce Howard** - April 06, 2021 at 10:22 PM

EC

“ Evelyn Tate Clayton lit a candle in memory of Rev. Scottie Dean Gaston Sr.



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**evelyn tate clayton** - April 06, 2021 at 09:47 PM

AC

*Sorry for your loss. Scottie always had a welcoming smile and good advice. He will be missed by family and friends. May God help you through at this time. God Bless Anthony & Carol Curtis*

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**anthony curtis** - April 09, 2021 at 12:01 PM