



## Ms. Stella Louise Adams

June 9, 1943 - November 29, 2024

Ms. Stella Louise Adams, 81, of Peoria, IL entered this world on June 9, 1943, in Peoria IL to her loving parents Norman F. and Anna Mae (Lucas) Dillard. She and her siblings were raised by their eternal parents Roscoe (Dot) & Glovina (Lucas) Sydnor. The Lord ordered her steps and she entered eternal life on Friday November 29, 2024 at 11: 26 am at Carle Health Methodist Hospital in Peoria IL.

Stella was educated in the Peoria Public Schools and was a graduate of Manual High School. She received her nursing education from Methodist School of Nursing and was Licensed as an LPN in the State of Illinois. She was a nurse for many years and retired from Methodist Medical Center.

Stella did not stay retired long as she still had the drive and perseverance to help others. She continued her commitment to helping others by using her nursing skills at the American Red Cross and PCCEO Head Start.

Stella was a life member of Bethel United Methodist Church where she served on numerous committees and organizations. She served on Church Woman United, The United Women of Faith (Formerly the United Methodist Women), Secretary, Board of Trustees, Bethel Outreach Committee and served as a Representative to the Leslie Bates Neighborhood House. She was also a member of the Lilac Club and sung in the choir. As a Short-term Missionary,

Stella went on a mission's trip to Liberia, Africa.

Stella enjoyed working with the children and youth. She worked with the children's choir and the Methodist Youth Fellowship. She also worked with Bethel's Enrichment Program as a sewing instructor. She worked with the Girl Scouts Troop #687 as a Resource Person. All of these organizations were near and dear to her heart.

Stella was a faithful and active member of the Silver Star Chapter #74 of the Order of Eastern Star where she was the Past Worthy Matron and served as secretary, treasurer and other positions.

Stella enjoyed sewing, crocheting, quilting, playing cards, decorating cakes and baking. She was famous for her mouth-watering Peach Cobbler and her amazing banana bread and zucchini bread.

Stella has left a Legacy of Service!

Stella leaves to cherish her most precious memory three children, Stella "Buffy" Adams of Rockford, IL, Darryl E. Adams of Macomb, IL and James (Tiffany) Adams, III of Memphis, TN; one brother, Larry (Ginette) Dillard, Sr., of Belle Chasse, LA; one sister, Nettie Eppinger of Peoria, IL and a beloved sister-n-law, Edith Dillard of Peoria, IL; 7 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Bobbie Dillard and infant Jerry Dillard and two sisters, Delores Thompson and Sandra Jean Evans.

Funeral services will be held at 10 am on Saturday, December 14, 2024 at her beloved Bethel United Methodist Church with a visitation beginning at 9 am. Pastor Tyson Parks, III will officiate. Stella will be laid to rest at Historic Springdale Cemetery.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Historic Springdale Cemetery

3014 N. Prospect Road  
Peoria, IL 61603

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 14. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Bethel United Methodist Church  
210 N. Richard Pryor Pl.  
Peoria, IL 61605  
[http://www.peoriabethelumc.org/index.php?page=About\\_Us&ion=welcome](http://www.peoriabethelumc.org/index.php?page=About_Us&ion=welcome)

## Celebration of Life

DEC 14. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Bethel United Methodist Church  
210 N. Richard Pryor Pl.  
Peoria, IL 61605  
[http://www.peoriabethelumc.org/index.php?page=About\\_Us&ion=welcome](http://www.peoriabethelumc.org/index.php?page=About_Us&ion=welcome)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Stella Louise Adams*



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**Simons Mortuary** - December 20, 2024 at 12:03 PM



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“ *Sandra Johnson lit a candle in memory of Stella Adams*



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**Sandra Johnson** - December 31, 2024 at 11:40 PM

BI

“ *Brenda J Idreez sent a virtual gift in memory of Stella Adams*



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**Brenda J Idreez** - December 15, 2024 at 03:31 PM

KV

“ *Kirsten Vivian lit a candle in memory of Stella Adams*



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**Kirsten Vivian** - December 13, 2024 at 09:57 AM

BS

“ *Brenda Rutherford- Stewart lit a candle in memory of Stella Adams*



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**Brenda Rutherford- Stewart** - December 12, 2024 at 10:09 PM

FF

“ *From the Conner & Garcia Families purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Ms. Stella Louise Adams.*



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**From the Conner & Garcia Families** - December 12, 2024 at 10:26 AM

YF

“ Your Agilent Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ms. Stella Louise Adams.



Your Agilent Family - December 12, 2024 at 09:15 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Stella Louise Adams.



December 11, 2024 at 07:45 PM

MM

“ Rest in peace Ms. Stella. It was a pleasure knowing and working with you at Pccco. You were always kind and helpful. My heart goes out to the family. My Condolences..



Marla Marbley - December 11, 2024 at 01:53 PM

SR

Stella will be missed by all who knew and worked with her. She dearly loved the Lord, her family, and the community. Rest in peace. 🙏❤️🎵

Sharon Samuels Reed - December 13, 2024 at 09:35 PM

RH

“ *Rena Horton lit a candle in memory of Stella Adams*



Rena Horton - December 11, 2024 at 08:49 AM

OL

“ *My heart goes out to the family. Aunt Stella was always so kind to me. She will be missed dearly!*



Ona Langford - December 10, 2024 at 10:10 PM

CC

“ *Corey Cornish lit a candle in memory of Stella Adams*



Corey Cornish - December 10, 2024 at 06:27 PM

CS

“ *Celise Shockley lit a candle in memory of Stella Adams*



Celise Shockley - December 10, 2024 at 05:58 PM

VK

“ *To Buffy & family - you have my deepest sympathy & prayers.*



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**Vickie King** - December 10, 2024 at 04:37 PM

EL

“ *Ella Lee lit a candle in memory of Stella Adams*



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**Ella Lee** - December 10, 2024 at 02:45 PM

PM

“ *Percy and Onnie Macon lit a candle in memory of Stella Adams*



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**Percy and Onnie Macon** - December 09, 2024 at 07:33 PM

AJ

“ My soul is truly grieved, you are the light that will live on forever in my heart and soul. You were my SiStar, my friend, like a mother figure. You helped grow in the order and supported me throughout in the Chapter. Your loyalty and life will live on through the planting of the Tree of Life. You will always be present and will still live on in our presence. I love you so much and just know you will always live within me. To her beautiful family and friends, condolences and prayers are lifted to our Heavenly Father. I love you all and thank you for sharing Sister Stella, PM with all of us. She brought so much joy in our lives, she walked the walk and always talked the talk. When you think of real, she was and will always remain deep within my thoughts and truly stay within my heart and soul. I love you my dearest Sister 💙💛👉💚💔 Thank you for your love and always being there for me.

April Jackson - December 08, 2024 at 10:49 AM

AJ

“ April J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Stella Louise Adams.

April J. - December 08, 2024 at 10:40 AM

KA

“ Karen Ashby sent a virtual gift in memory of Stella Adams



Karen Ashby - December 06, 2024 at 03:11 PM

YL

“ Stella was a dear friend and was also loved as family. Stella will truly be missed. Sincere condolences to the family.



Yvonne Johnson Langford - December 06, 2024 at 10:19 AM

AM

“ I'm so sorry to hear that Stella has passed. I enjoyed working with her at PCCEO. May the comfort and love of God be with her family and friends.

Anna Marks - December 05, 2024 at 04:34 PM

SP

“ Sonya Pounds lit a candle in memory of Stella Adams



Sonya Pounds - December 04, 2024 at 11:02 PM

KC

“ Kathy Collins lit a candle in memory of Stella Adams



Kathy Collins - December 04, 2024 at 03:34 PM

MR

“ *Mattie Risby sent a virtual gift in memory of Stella Adams*



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**Mattie Risby** - December 04, 2024 at 02:07 PM

MA

“ *Prayers for family. Stella was a wonderful friend and sister in Christ we served many times in services at Bethel. Rest in the arms of Jesus. Gone but never forgotten.*

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**Marva** - December 04, 2024 at 10:04 AM

ST

*Loving prayers, hugs and kisses—all go to all of you who grieve and celebrate our sister.*

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**sharon teed** - December 07, 2024 at 04:53 PM

SS

“ *Sister Stella Adam's showed me the love of Jesus at church this year as I was struggling with the side effects of cancer treatment. I could see she wasn't feeling well herself and yet she made her way to Bethel and expressed her concern for me. May God grant her family comfort and peace.*

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**Sarah Smiles** - December 03, 2024 at 08:53 PM

DP

“ *Condolences to the family*

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**Darryl Pegues** - December 03, 2024 at 08:49 PM

DP

“ *Condolences to the family!*

**Darryl Pegued** - December 03, 2024 at 08:48 PM

EE

“ *Essie Ellis lit a candle in memory of Stella Adams*



**Essie Ellis** - December 03, 2024 at 06:47 PM

KA

*I met Ms. Stella in the late 90's . She was hilarious and very passionate. Later we met up at a sewing party. Stella was the life of the party. Love you Stella! I will see you in heaven.*

**Kathy** - December 11, 2024 at 09:22 PM

MF

*After my father death, my mother moved to Peoria with me and family. Stella came to our house to welcome her to Peoria and Bethel United Methodist Church. Buffy and family, you are in our prayers.*

**Mollye Bright and family** - December 13, 2024 at 04:55 AM