



Ms. Symanthia Mae Van Buren

May 26, 1942 - May 22, 2018

Symanthia Mae Van Buren, 75, of Nashville, TN passed away Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at Rosewood Care Center in Peoria.

Symanthia was born on May 26, 1942 in Clarksville, TN to Annie Mae Moore. Symanthia is survived by her cousins, Donald (Diane) Moore, Ralph (Charmian) Moore, Gloria Moore, Kathleen Moore all of Chicago, and Garry (Denise) Moore of Peoria, Barbara Knox and Angel Rankin of Detroit, MI, Sheila (Lloyd) Green and Loretta Bradford of Nashville, TN, her beloved caregiver Angelia (James) Flenoy of Nashville, and a host of distant relatives. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Symanthia accepted Christ as her personal savior at an early age and graduated from Burt High School in Clarksville. She earned a degree in Vocational Home Economics from Tennessee Agricultural and Industrial State University in 1966. While a student in college, Symanthia was active in the Civil Rights movement and was a proud member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated.

Known for her graceful and charming personality, Symanthia served many years as a children's librarian at Glenville Branch Library in Cleveland Ohio and taught an adult class, "The Beauty Clinic" on hair care, hygiene, fitness, and diet. The class was a reflection of her active lifestyle that included travel, swimming, biking, decorating, and church activities. A sudden stroke curbed her activities, but she took her vibrant and engaging personality to Nashville, Tennessee where she lived with her mother until her, Ms. Buford's, death in

2013. Symanthia relocated to Peoria, Illinois in 2013 and made many friends, including the staff and residents of Rosewood Care Center. She was known as a southern belle, who often expressed a ton of gratitude for the smallest of favors.

A memorial service will be held from 4 pm to 5:30 pm on Saturday, June 23, 2018 at the Peoria Library Main Branch - Lower Level.

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

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN **23**. 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM (CT)

Peoria Main Branch Library
107 NE Monroe Street
Peoria, IL 61602
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Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Symanthia Mae Van Buren*



Simons Mortuary - June 07, 2018 at 05:25 PM



“ *Ms. Symanthia Mae Van Buren*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Ms. Symanthia Mae Van Buren*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *Evelyn Tate-Clayton lit a candle in memory of Ms. Symanthia Mae Van Buren*



Evelyn Tate-Clayton - May 30, 2018 at 06:40 PM