



## Mother Thelma Lobdell

May 13, 1930 - March 5, 2021

Mother Thelma Lobdell, 90, of Peoria, IL transitioned from this life to her heavenly home at 7:45 pm Friday, March 5, 2021 at UnityPoint Health Methodist.

Thelma was born on May 13, 1930 in Tillotoba, MS to Hallie Sumlin and Joseph Kelly. Thelma's first husband, John Johnson, passed away in 1978; and to their union nine children were born. She later married John Lobdell; he also preceded her in death.

Thelma worked at Caterpillar as a Machinist. She retired in 1991 after many years of service and was a member of the UAW Labor Union. Thelma was an avid bowler and a member of the Red Hat Society. Mother Lobdell was a faithful member of Grace Baptist Church for over 60 years, serving until recently. She served on the Mothers Board, as an usher and was a member of the United Usher Board.

Mother Lobdell leaves to cherish her most precious memories two sons, Joseph Johnson and Anthony Johnson both of Peoria, IL; three daughters, Georgia Richardson of Cordova, TN, Diane Johnson Grimes of Peoria, IL and Thelma (Bradley) Culver of Hannah City, IL; one sister, Barbara Kelly of Denver, CO; 28 grandchildren; 66 great grandchildren; 37 great great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces; nephews; other family and friends who adored her. She is preceded in death by her parents; both husbands; three sons, Zebbie Johnson, John Johnson, Jr. and Bernard Johnson; one daughter, Johnette Johnson; three brothers, Willie Martin, Lonnie Owens and

L.C. Hollinghead; and one sister, Louise Daniels.

A two-hour visitation will be held from 5 pm – 7 pm on Friday, March 12, 2021 at Simons Mortuary's chapel. A Private Funeral service will be held at 11 am on Saturday, March 13, 2021 at New Morning Star M.B. Church with a visitation beginning prior at 10 am. The Host Pastor is Cleveland Thomas, Sr. Her Pastor at Grace Baptist, Rev. Claude White, Sr., will bring words of comfort and Mother Lobdell's grandson, Jonathan Grimes, Pastor of Lovelight International Ministries in Huntsville, AL, will bring the eulogy. Mother Lobdell will be laid to rest at Historic Springdale 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.

In accordance with the Illinois Department of Public Health, Funerals are limited to no more than 25% of the capacity of the or less.

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. Funerals are limited to no more than 25% of the decedent's immediate family members.

\*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 a 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 25% 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

## Historic Springdale Cemetery

3014 N. Prospect Road  
Peoria, IL 61603

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 12. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Visitation

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

New Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church  
413 W. John H. Gwynn Jr. Avenue  
Peoria, IL 61605

## Funeral Service

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MAR 13. 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM (CT)

New Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church  
413 W. John H. Gwynn Jr. Avenue  
Peoria, IL 61605

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mother Thelma Lobdell*



**Simons Mortuary** - March 12, 2021 at 05:19 PM

BU

*I do feel your pain*

**Bunny** - March 12, 2021 at 11:21 PM

LT

*So sorry for your loss 🙏🙏 that God will give you Strength. Ms Johnson, that's the name I remember her by she was my crossing guard when I in grade school, Ms. Johnson was a Beautiful Woman God inside and out. I Thank the Lord for being Bless to have known her. R.I.H 🌸💖🙏🙏*

**Lisa Turner** - March 13, 2021 at 03:15 AM

CD

*My deepest condolences to the family. Your mom was a beautiful and kind person. I'll always remember that smile. Love you guys ❤️*

**Cheryl Dismuke** - March 13, 2021 at 12:39 PM

DS

*I remember Ms. Thelma as a teenager..she was always kind and such a classy lady. May God grant the family peace during this time.*

**DEBRINA SMITH** - March 14, 2021 at 09:02 PM



“ *Mother Thelma Lobdell*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mother Thelma Lobdell*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *DEBRINA SMITH lit a candle in memory of Mother Thelma Lobdell*



**DEBRINA SMITH** - March 14, 2021 at 08:46 PM



“ *To the family of Mrs. Thelma Lobdell , my sincere condolences and prayers. She was so sweet we had such a great time at work at Caterpillar Mossville. Thelma will be truly missed. May God bless each and everyone one of you and keep you safe.*



**Shirley Abner** - March 13, 2021 at 12:05 PM



“ *Kathy Collins lit a candle in memory of Mother Thelma Lobdell*



**Kathy collins** - March 13, 2021 at 10:35 AM

JT

“ To the family of Mrs. Thelma Lobdell, I would like to extend my heartfelt condolences for the loss of your mother. I lived with my parents next door to the family on 7th Street. Diane would babysit my sister. I played with Thelma, and Johnette. Ms. Thelma was a very nice person. She treated me like one of her children. This was back in the days when all the grown folks in the neighborhood could get you in trouble. I know she will be missed by the family. I pray the Lord will keep you and comfort you during this time. May God bless you all.

*Judy (Johnson) Thomas*

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**Judy Thomas** - March 12, 2021 at 01:02 AM

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“ Sending my prayers and Condolences to Georgia Richardson and family my heart goes out to you all Ms Thelma will be missed so glad I hot to meet her several years ago. Sending love and prayers from MEMPHIS LOLA

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**Lola** - March 11, 2021 at 07:47 PM

DH

“ Gma will be dearly missed we love you Gma Jonathan and Donna

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**Donna Hausley** - March 11, 2021 at 01:31 PM

TP

“ To the Family of Ms. Thelma Lobdell sorry for your loss and May God's Angel's Wings spread around you all and bring you all comfort during this time of sorrow!! R.I.P. Aunt Thelma!!



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**The Linwood Family Peoria,IL.** - March 11, 2021 at 09:59 AM

RW

“ To the family of Ms Thelma Lobdell,  
We send our prayers and condolences she and my mother were  
friends for many years Renee Wadley

Renee Wadley - March 11, 2021 at 08:15 AM

YL

“ Yvonne Lawton lit a candle in memory of  
Mother Thelma Lobdell



Yvonne Lawton - March 11, 2021 at 03:30 AM

MC

“ 🌟❤️ MO. THELMA LOBDELL, WILL TRULY BE MISSED...I KNEW  
HER BACK IN THE DAY,, AS A CHILD,SHE WAS THE SCHOOL  
CROSSING GUARD ON JEFFERSON ST... ALSO AS THE USHER  
BOARD PRESIDENT OF GRACE BAPTIST..."A SHARP  
DRESSER",, 🕊️ MAY GOD BLESS AND COMFORT THE FAMILY  
DURING THEIR TIME OF SORROW!!! 💕🙏

Misny.Terri (Carr) Boyd LoveJoy Church - March 10, 2021 at 08:43 PM

AL

“ Arthur & Sandra Lott purchased the Lavender Re  
flections Spray for the family of Mother Thelma  
Lobdell.



Arthur & Sandra Lott - March 10, 2021 at 07:42 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mother Thelma Lobdell.



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March 10, 2021 at 07:37 PM



“ I had the honor of knowing Thelma in the early 1970's while working at Cat in E. Peoria.  
She was always upbeat and a joy to work with. Her nickname then was Thelma Lou. I was her line inspector at the time. I have many wonderful memories from talking and working with Thelma Lou.

Sincerely,  
Larry G. Custer  
Winter Haven, Florida

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**Larry G Custer** - March 10, 2021 at 12:19 PM



“ Harris, McCray, James Families purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mother Thelma Lobdell.



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**Harris, McCray, James Families** - March 10, 2021 at 09:25 AM

JB

“ Our Love ,Thoughts And Prayers To The Family . Ms Thelma Lobdell Will Be Greatly Missed . She Was A Mother In Our Community To All Of Us .Much Love And Respect Owed To Her . Take Your Rest Up Yonder And We'll Say See You LaterSweetie. 🕊️❤️🙏



Joanie Brown - March 10, 2021 at 04:31 AM

EC

“ I am so sorry for your loss. As sadden as I am by your loss I am grateful for the richness Thelma bought into my life. Thelma will be truly missed.



Evelyn Tate Clayton - March 09, 2021 at 11:31 PM

TH

“ Tafhi Harris lit a candle in memory of Mother Thelma Lobdell



Tafhi Harris - March 09, 2021 at 10:20 PM

AN

“ Annettelucy sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Thelma Lobdell



Annettelucy - March 09, 2021 at 10:34 AM

RN

“ *Rufus And Kim Nelson lit a candle in memory of Mother Thelma Lobdell*



Rufus and Kim Nelson - March 09, 2021 at 09:44 AM

JS

*Rest In Heaven*

Jerri smith - March 09, 2021 at 12:21 PM

GC

“ *Condolences to the family of Thelma Lobdell.*

Gloria Cleo Carter - March 08, 2021 at 10:24 PM

CG

“ *Ms. Thelma was a beautiful person with a good heart.always loved to see her at our RED HAT meeting. She will be missed. My PRAYERS for the family* ❤️

Carnez Garner - March 08, 2021 at 04:39 PM

BT

*She was one of my sisters many friends,now her and Geneva can hangout again* ❤️

Bessie Tory - March 08, 2021 at 05:48 PM

RB

*Our thoughts and prayers are with the family in this time of bereavement. May God's peace rest upon you and give you strength.*  
*Joe & Rose Banks*

Rose Banks - March 11, 2021 at 11:57 AM

BA

*To the Mrs. Thelma Family From the Albert family y'all have your prayers*

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**Bertha Albert** - March 12, 2021 at 08:25 PM

TP

*We are so sorry for your lose. Our prayers are with you and your family.*

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**Tim & Cheryl Placher** - March 14, 2021 at 10:35 AM