



Mrs. Vadie Bell Abner

April 2, 1919 - January 4, 2018

Mother Vadie B. Abner, 98, of Peoria, IL peacefully transitioned to her heavenly home at 7:12 pm on Thursday, January 4, 2018 at her home surrounded by her family. Mother Abner was born on April 2, 1919 in Chidester, Arkansas to Asberry and Plummer (Tatum) McGhee. She married Joseph Nathan Abner May of 1942. They were married 22 years before his passing on October 4, 1964. Mother Abner leaves to cherish her most precious memories her loving and devoted family; four sons, George (Faye) Box, Joseph Abner, Jr., Michael (Sharon) Abner and Leon Abner all of Peoria; two daughters, Shirley Abner and Evelyn Abner both of Peoria; one brother, Hesley (Frances) McGhee of Atlanta, Ga; two sisters, Mable Smedley of Chidester, AR and Berlene Purifoy of Peoria; 14 grandchildren; 42 great grandchildren; 20 great-great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. She is also preceded in death by her parents; two daughters, Gloria Hopson and Stella Wallace; 7 brothers and 3 sisters. Mother Abner was a faithful member of Friendship M. B. Church under the leadership of Pastor Willie Williams, Sr., where she served on the Choir and Mothers Board before her illness. Funeral services will be held at 10 am on Saturday, January 13, 2018 at Morning Glory Community Church, 2906 Twelve Oaks Rd, with a visitation beginning at 9 am. Host Pastor Marlon Young, Sr., will officiate and Rev. Larry Williams will bring the eulogy. Mother Abner will be laid to rest at Historic Springdale Cemetery. Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at

simonsmortuary.com.

Cemetery Details

Historic Springdale Cemetery

3014 N. Prospect Road
Peoria, IL 61603

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 13. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Morning Glory Community Church
2906 N. Twelve Oaks Drive
Peoria, IL 61604

Funeral Service

JAN 13. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Morning Glory Community Church
2906 N. Twelve Oaks Drive
Peoria, IL 61604

Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Vadie Bell Abner*



Simons Mortuary - January 12, 2018 at 04:51 PM

BE

Aunt vate....we will certainly miss you!

bettye - January 12, 2018 at 05:19 PM

CM

Prayers & Condolences From The Mcghee Family

CHARLES & ROXANNE MCGHEE - January 15, 2018 at 10:46 PM

PW

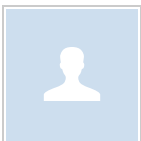
My condolences to the Abner Family! Praying God's strength for you all! 🙏

Pamela Rudd Washington - January 18, 2018 at 09:11 PM



“ *Mrs. Vadie Bell Abner*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mrs. Vadie Bell Abner*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM

AM

“ Charles (Tony) McGhee family send their
Condolences,
Sorry we didn't make it we just now founding
out about her passing



Arianna McGhee - January 14, 2018 at 03:05 PM

BE

“ Bettye sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs.
Vadie Bell Abner



bettye - January 12, 2018 at 04:40 PM

JA

“ To my cousins, "The Abner family." Of all the beautiful things in life, the most beautiful is character. He or she who possesses a beautiful character is worthy of notice. A beautiful life is the fruit of a beautiful character. Aunt Vadie possessed a beautiful character and lived a beautiful life. Aunt Vadie was not just my aunt, and my mother's older sister, she was my friend. When I lived in Peoria and was in my mess, there were times I needed a friendly smile. Aunt Vadie always welcome me in her home. She would meet me at the door and go in her karate stand. She would call my name, "JOHN HENRY, COME ON IN HERE BOY." I left Peoria 32 years ago. I have been back to visit several times, never have I come without coming to see my Aunt Vadie. I love Aunt Vadie because she was my aunt, but more because of her character. Aunt Vadie always had positive things to say about people, she never spoke negatively. Aunt vadie is my hero. To my mind the highest tribute that can be paid to any man or woman is that he or she was loved by his fellowman. Truly, this is the sentiment of all who knew Aunt vadie. Very few people you can say this about.

I love you all, you are in my Prays. John Henry Allen

John Henry Allen - January 12, 2018 at 04:32 PM

RA

“ Renee Adell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vadie Bell Abner



Renee Adell - January 11, 2018 at 09:18 PM

CA

“ To the Abner Family, We are so blessed to have our parents live out their days. We were able these past two years to honor your Mom at the Heights reunion. Two years ago she was able to attend. We thank God for a wonderful life well lived and pray for your family during your time of bereavement. May God continue to bless and keep you as he walks you through this journey. We love you, The Lilly Family, Mr. Jim, Pam, Cheryl, Bonita, and Tim.

Cheryl Lilly Anthony - January 11, 2018 at 09:06 PM

TW

“ Theresa Smith Walker



Theresa Smith Walker - January 11, 2018 at 08:27 PM

CF

“ To My Dear First Cousins, GL, Joe, Shirley, Evelyn, Mike, and Leon. Sending all my love and thoughtful prayers to each of you with grace and mercy. Your Beloved Mother My Auntie Vadie My Dad's(Earley Lee Mc Ghee sister was a beautiful lady with a heart full of so much love for her children and family. Auntie never said a unkind word she always held her head up high and she carried her beautiful ❤️ heart with Gladness. Auntie would come out to our house on Sunday mornings and her and Our mom (Mary Dell McGhee(R.I.H) myself my sons Carlos and Darrick would walk to church and we always did same after church walk up to mom and daddy"s house for Sunday dinner Auntie, Daddy and Moma would talk about old times living in Chidester, Arkansas how life was. I really enjoyed the conversations me and Auntie would have I loved the way she never judged. She would always called our mom sister and I could feel the love of family between them both. Auntie had such a kind and giving spirit she was a True Angel. Auntie will Truly be Missed We Love You Auntie Rest In Peace and in the Heavenly Arms JESUS CHRIST. She May Be Gone But Truly Not Forgotten. Love Always Your Niece, and Great Nephews Constance Faulkner(Connie))McGhee) Carlos McGhee and Darrick McGhee

Constance D. Faulkner - January 11, 2018 at 12:19 PM

JB

“ Joanie Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Vadie Bell Abner



Joanie Brown - January 10, 2018 at 11:18 PM

JC

“ *Condolences to the Abner family from the City of Peoria Community Development.*



Joe Cayson - January 10, 2018 at 10:56 AM



“ *SENDING MY CONDOLENCES TO THE ABNER FAMILY, SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS.
DIANE DOTSON-HERRON
BLOOMINGTON, IL*

Diane Herron - January 10, 2018 at 10:38 AM

RF

“ *Ronnie Furness sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Vadie Bell Abner*



Ronnie Furness - January 10, 2018 at 07:28 AM



“ *Michaela George-Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vadie Bell Abner*



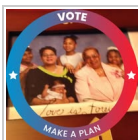
Michaela George-Williams - January 09, 2018 at 02:09 PM

RF

“ *Ronnie Furness lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vadie Bell Abner*



Ronnie Furness - January 09, 2018 at 08:52 AM



“ *Evelyn Tate-Clayton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vadie Bell Abner*



Evelyn Tate-Clayton - January 07, 2018 at 10:55 PM

JS

“ *Sorry Mike and Sharon for your loss and pray peace and comfort for the Abner Family!* 🙏🙏
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Jones and Michelle Douglas, Sr. - January 07, 2018 at 05:36 PM

DA

“ *Donald Ashby sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Vadie Bell Abner*



Donald Ashby - January 06, 2018 at 05:08 PM

KA

“ Karen Ashby sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Vadie Bell Abner



Karen Ashby - January 06, 2018 at 05:08 PM

PC

“ Pastor Joseph Cherry lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vadie Bell Abner



Pastor Joseph Cherry - January 06, 2018 at 10:35 AM

AG

“ Angela Greene lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vadie Bell Abner



Angela Greene - January 05, 2018 at 06:13 PM