



Ms. Vanessa Peters

October 15, 1958 - March 19, 2021

Ms. Vanessa Peters, 62, of Peoria, IL passed away at 10:38 pm, Friday, March 19, 2021 at Richard L. Owens Hospice Home from complications of Breast Cancer.

Vanessa was born on October 15, 1958 in Peoria, IL to Mary Peters and Fred Rudd.

Vanessa was known in the online social media world as “The Reading Lady”. She was a lover of words. She loved not only reading and finding meaning in words, she enjoyed teaching others how to read and decode them. So much so that she developed an online step-by-step free reading class website called, sweetsoundsofreading.com. Vanessa also authored the following five teaching text books: “The Letter Sounds Instant Reading Teacher” and its companion, “Letter Sounds Students’ Workbooks”, the beginner math workbook, “Stay in Your Lane” and the math money workbook, “Cents and Sensibilities,” also the coded learning system workbook, “Roots of Spanish”. Although she was an only child, Vanessa was blessed to be the proud half-sister of ten loving and supportive siblings, their spouses and extended family members, affectionately called the Rudd Family of Smith Street.

Vanessa leaves to cherish her most precious memories, her mother, Mary Peters; her daughter, Hasani Peters, her “grand-sun”, LaMaj Washington both of Houston, TX; special aunt, Bertha “Bert” Peters of Peoria, IL; her half-siblings, Linda Turner, Marcia (Lee) Lowe, Fred (Tameka) Rudd, Theresa Gloster, Melissa (Darryl) Bailey, Frank (Brenda) Rudd all of Peoria, IL, Brenda

Cayson of Woodstock, GA, Pamela (Ken) Washington of DeSota, TX, Sharon (Michael) Collins of Las Vegas, NV, Laurie (Lloyd) Thompson of Matteson, IL, and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, other family and friends who adored her. She was preceded in death by her father and grandparents, James and Cleopatra Peters.

A private memorial service will be held at 5 pm on Thursday, March 25, 2021 at Simons Mortuary. Deacon Lee Lowe of Grace Apostolic Assembly will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, Vanessa's final request is a wish to carry on her legacy of enriching a new generation of readers with learning supplies by making a small donation by going to her website at SweetSoundsofReading.com.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at 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, funerals are limited to 50 family members of the decedents, not including the staff at Simons Mortuary.

The chapel can socially distance and seat no more than 50 or less people. All others will be able to flow through prior to beginning of the service.

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 50 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.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation!

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 25. 4:30 PM (CT)

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

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Vanessa Peters*



Simons Mortuary - March 25, 2021 at 05:10 PM



“ *Ms. Vanessa Peters*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Ms. Vanessa Peters*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *I was looking at Facebook and decided to see how Vanessa was doing. I was shocked to see she had passed. I worked with Vanessa at Reading Revolution in Oakland, California. She was one of a kind- so creative, but so organized and on top of things too. She was a lovely soul. My heartfelt condolences to the family.*

Lisa Glicksman - June 20, 2022 at 01:52 AM

SB

“ Shirley & Berlyn lit a candle in memory of Ms. Vanessa Peters



Shirley & Berlyn - May 05, 2022 at 04:54 PM

SI

“ I am just now learning of Tutor Vanessa's passing. I never met Ms. Vanessa in person. I found her online after praying for someone to help my child break the code of reading. For an entire year, our 5 1/2 year old met with her twice a week on Skype. She was our prayer answered. Today I thought of her and wanted to call her and let her know that this little girl is 12 now and was the sole recipient of a 4.0 award in the 7th grade. Tutor Vanessa not only taught her to read, she taught her to love learning, and that anything is possible with hard work. I just shared with her that Tutor Vanessa had passed from this earth. She was heartbroken, but I told her that she honors her everyday by always doing her best. You will always live on in our hearts.



Shirley I - April 21, 2022 at 05:28 PM

JG

“ Vanessa was and is one of the most loving and giving souls I have ever known. I will always remember the times of laughter and her beautiful spirit and soul. She has and will always be my friend. Her beautiful spirit will keep her alive in my mind and soul forever.

Jim Griffith - July 26, 2021 at 09:59 AM

KB

“ I just recently learned of her passing. I am so sorry for the pain she endured on earth. God has a place and time for us all, no more pain! May she, rest in peace! Love and sympathy to the rest of the family.

The book of Romans, Chapter 14 Verse 9: "For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living". KJV.

Amen!

Blessings,

Kathy Bonds

Kathy Bonds - March 31, 2021 at 07:22 PM

KB

“ Kathy Bonds lit a candle in memory of Ms. Vanessa Peters



Kathy Bonds - March 31, 2021 at 06:56 PM

MY

“ *My love and deepest sympathies are extended to The Peters Family. I remember Vanessa well from Richwood's High School. I found her to be a wonderful person with a beautiful spirit.*

May your many precious memories and faith be sources of strength for the days ahead.

*Michael Young
Washington, D.C.*

Michael Young - March 29, 2021 at 08:58 PM

MP

“ *Mancy Pittman lit a candle in memory of Ms. Vanessa Peters*



Mancy Pittman - March 26, 2021 at 02:51 AM



“ *Evelyn Tate-Clayton lit a candle in memory of Ms. Vanessa Peters*



Evelyn Tate-Clayton - March 26, 2021 at 12:09 AM

MI

“ *Mildred lit a candle in memory of Ms. Vanessa Peters*



Mildred - March 25, 2021 at 11:06 PM

VP

“ *Remembrance, love and prayers to Vanessa's family*



Vickie Hamilton Pugh - March 25, 2021 at 05:53 PM

BP

“ *Prayers for the family of Vanessa. We knew each other from way back. So sorry for your loss.*



Brenda Payton - March 25, 2021 at 01:26 PM

JO

“ *Jeanette Jackson Owens lit a candle in memory of Ms. Vanessa Peters*



Jeanette Jackson Owens - March 24, 2021 at 09:13 PM



“Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ms. Vanessa Peters.



March 24, 2021 at 03:14 PM



“Diana Duncan lit a candle in memory of Ms. Vanessa Peters



Diana Duncan - March 24, 2021 at 01:48 PM



“Condolences” to the family of “Vaness Peters” and the “Rudd” family as well from Charlie & Loretta Simpson 🙏🕊️🙏🕊️🕊️🕊️



Loretta Simpson - March 24, 2021 at 12:11 PM



“Joanie Brown lit a candle in memory of Ms. Vanessa Peters



Joanie Brown - March 24, 2021 at 03:25 AM

FP

“ *Bye for now cousin...*

Faye Peters - March 23, 2021 at 09:25 PM

DW

“ *Sorry for your lost praying for family and friends in Jesus name amen May the grace of our lord and savior Jesus Christ be with you all Amen rip in Jesus name amen*



Dorotha Williams - March 23, 2021 at 09:16 PM



“ *My dear niece Vanessa,
I will miss your beautiful smile. Our talks about any and everything
and the way you could always make me laugh, no matter what was
going on in your life. Rest In Peace until we meet again.*

*Love,
Aunt Alberta*

Alberta Peters-Herron - March 23, 2021 at 08:58 PM

CS

“ *Curtis Shumate lit a candle in memory of Ms.
Vanessa Peters*



Curtis Shumate - March 23, 2021 at 07:51 PM