



## Mr. William "Billy" Earl Lawton

February 10, 1979 - December 9, 2021

Mr. William Earl Lawton, 42, of Quincy, IL formerly of Peoria, IL transitioned from this life to his heavenly home at 7:47 pm on Thursday, December 9, 2021 at Blessing Hospital, Quincy, IL.

William, affectionately known as Billy, was born on February 10, 1979 in Peoria, Illinois to Yvonne Lawton and Robert Earl Edwards.

Billy worked at Menards as a department manager in Quincy, IL. Prior to his appointment in Quincy, he worked at the Peoria, Galesburg and Springfield, IL locations. Billy was a 1997 graduate at Peoria Central High School where he was a member of the Track and Field and Football teams. He graduated in 2001 earning his Bachelor's Degree in Finance from University of Illinois, Champaign, IL. He was baptized at an early age at Ward Chapel A.M.E. Church where he attended over the years.

Billy leaves to cherish his most precious memories his loving and devoted mother, Yvonne Lawton of Peoria, IL; his father, Robert Earl Edwards of Peoria, IL; one brother, Adrian Cox of Peoria, IL; three sisters, Erica Lawton of Gainesville, FL, Tempestt Lawton and Ariane Cox both of Peoria, IL; special aunt, Clarice (Kenny) Morris of Ackeny, IA; niece, Trinity; nephews, Jarrell, Trenton and Tristan; cousin, Avery and a host of other relatives and friends. He is preceded in death by his maternal and paternal grandparents.

Funeral services will be held at 10 am on Saturday, December 18, 2021 at Ward Chapel A.M.E Church with a visitation one-hour prior beginning at 9 am. Pastor Adrian Johnson, will officiate and Pastor Jamie Jackson of Bethel

A.M.E. Church, Jacksonville, IL will bring forth the eulogy. Billy will be laid to rest at Lutheran Cemetery.

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

\*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!

# Cemetery Details

## Lutheran Cemetery

914 S Pleasant St  
Peoria, IL 61604-5954

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 18. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Ward Chapel A.M.E. Church  
511 N Richard Allen Dr.,  
Peoria, IL 61605  
<http://www.wardchapelame.com/>

## Funeral Service

DEC 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. William "Billy" Earl Lawton*



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**Simons Mortuary** - January 03, 2022 at 06:02 PM



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**Simons Mortuary** - December 17, 2021 at 03:48 PM



“ *Mr. William "Billy" Earl Lawton*

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January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mr. William "Billy" Earl Lawton*

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January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM

LI

“ Love you all and I'm always there..Lisa



Lisa - January 20, 2022 at 11:10 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Burial at Lutheran Cemetery



Simons Mortuary - January 03, 2022 at 06:02 PM

TS

“ Our deepest condolences to the family of Will. A genuinely terrific guy who will be forever missed by all who knew him. May special memories bring you comfort through this most difficult time.

Tim & Maureen Stoneking - December 18, 2021 at 08:36 PM

LD

“ Big Will it hard to believe that your gone. You hired me at Menards in Quincy as a part time yard guy. 4mo later you asked me to be your assistant and taught me the in and out of how to be a good manager. And now from your guidance and wisdom I'm now managing at my own store. You were more than a boss you were a true friend. Until we meet again brother.

Larry Dorsey - December 17, 2021 at 06:22 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. William "Billy" Earl Lawton.*



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December 17, 2021 at 04:48 PM



“ *I will truly Miss William talking Bears football and our philosophical talks at work God puts people in our lives for reason it was my honor and privilege to work with such a man may the good Lord reach out comfort you in your time of loss Glen McGuffin*

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**Glen McGuffin** - December 16, 2021 at 03:48 PM



“ *I thought the world of Will. He was a great guy to work with and is very missed. ANN Brown*

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**Ann brown** - December 15, 2021 at 11:32 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. William "Billy" Earl Lawton.*



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December 15, 2021 at 09:54 PM

BL

“ *Billy Lovekamp lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Billy" Earl Lawton*



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**Billy Lovekamp** - December 15, 2021 at 04:42 PM

KI

“ *Yvonne & family,*

*My heartfelt condolences to you and your family. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Kim Maroon*

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**Kim** - December 15, 2021 at 10:05 AM

EM

*Our condolences to u and family. Praying for all  
Love you  
Jessie and Emma McGowan ❤️*

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**Emma McGowan** - December 16, 2021 at 12:12 AM

JS

“ *Jim Smashey lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Billy" Earl Lawton*



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**Jim Smashey** - December 15, 2021 at 04:18 AM

DW

“ Prayers for family and friends in Jesus 🙏  
name amen rip in Jesus name



Dorotha Williams - December 15, 2021 at 12:51 AM

KF

“ First, my deepest condolences. “Billiam” was  
my brother. This was a total shock. Yvonne,  
Erica, Temp... know that I hurt with you. Will  
was genuine to his core and just hilarious to  
have around. He will be greatly missed. Eric  
Hughes



King Eric The First - December 14, 2021 at 09:13 PM

CL

“ Candice Lovekamp lit a candle in memory of  
Mr. William "Billy" Earl Lawton



Candice Lovekamp - December 14, 2021 at 08:53 PM

HK

“ Always had kind words..... Gunna miss ya Will!

Hal c Koenig - December 14, 2021 at 08:49 PM