



Mr. William Lee Bonds

July 27, 1933 - October 19, 2024

Mr. William Lee Bonds, 91, of Peoria, IL, transitioned to his heavenly home at 2:50 am, Saturday, October 19, 2024 at his residence surrounded by his family.

William was born on July 27, 1933 in Henning, TN to Maggie Lou Jones and Emmett Bonds.

William moved to Peoria, IL in 1949 when he was 16 years old. He had a strong work ethic working hard all his life to provide for his family. He worked as a Boiler Maker at Keystone Steel and Wire. He was also a handyman that always helped others in the community. William met the love of his life, Lee Petty and were married on August 31, 1952. William and Lee's union was blessed with two daughters, Sherry and Sandra. Lee preceded William in death on May 13, 2018 after more than 65 years of marriage.

William loved to travel and was a Chicago Cubs fan. Before his health failed, he was a faithful and active member of New Morning Star M.B. Church where he served as a trustee, hall monitor and member of the Helping Hands Committee.

William leaves to cherish his precious memory two daughters, Sherry McCullough of St. Clair Shores, MI and Sandra (Keith) McDaniel of Peoria, IL; one niece, whom they raised, Erin Petty of Dallas, TX; seven brothers, Willie

Bonds and Roy (Emma) Bonds both of Ripley, TN , Bobbie Bonds of Spring Hope, NC, J.C. (Debra) Bonds, Frankie Bonds, Kenneth (Trenice) Bonds and Stevie (Suzette) Bonds all of Ripley, TN; one sister, Carolyn Bonds of Ripley, TN; five grandchildren, Shaniece (Lamont) Dowell of Lemon Grove, CA, Jasmin McDaniel of Peoria, IL, Brian (Ashley) McCullough of Clawson, MI, Blake (Tracie) McCullough of St. Clair Shores, MI and Brianna (Gabriel) Weah of Minneapolis, MN; 10 great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends who loved him. He is also preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Mason Campbell, Jr., George Barnes and Emmett Bonds, Jr., and two sisters, Lillie Mae Wright and Anna Ruth Davis.

Funeral services will be held at 11 am on Saturday, November 2, 2024 at Mt. Zion M.B. Church with a visitation one-hour prior at 10 am. Rev. Dr. Matthew Mitchell is the Host Pastor, Rev. Calvin McLemore, Associate Pastor of New Morning Star M.B. Church, will officiate and Rev. Joseph Cherry, Pastor of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, will bring forth the eulogy. William will be laid to rest Monday, November 4, 2024 at Parkview Cemetery alongside his wife, Lee.

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

Cemetery Details

Parkview Cemetery

2001 N University St
Peoria, IL 61604
(309) 688-0733

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (cst)

Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church
305 S. MADISON PARK TERRACE
Peoria, IL 61605
(309) 674-4379

Celebration of Life

NOV 2. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (cst)

Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church
305 S. MADISON PARK TERRACE
Peoria, IL 61605
(309) 674-4379

Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. William Lee Bonds*



Simons Mortuary - November 04, 2024 at 11:05 AM



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. William Lee Bonds*



Simons Mortuary - November 01, 2024 at 03:05 PM

MM

Deepest Sympathy, Michelle M.



Michelle Malone - November 02, 2024 at 01:52 PM

MT

“ Although I didn't get to meet you in person, I got to meet you via FaceTime. It was an honor to have met you and speak to you in that short period of time, after hearing so many great things about you.

May you rest in peace Mr. William Lee Bonds. ❤️

Mary Mason,
Houston, TX

Mary Mason - Houston, TX - November 02, 2024 at 11:14 AM

AH

“ Al Hightower purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. William Lee Bonds.



Al Hightower - October 31, 2024 at 07:56 PM

DL

“ Dr. Ivan & Tara Lamourt planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. William Lee Bonds.

Dr. Ivan & Tara Lamourt - October 31, 2024 at 03:42 PM

PL

“ From: PAAPL Peoria Afro-Am. Police Leagu planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. William Lee Bonds.

PAAPL Peoria Afro-Am. Police Leagu - October 30, 2024 at 12:42 PM

PL

“ PAAPL Peoria Afro-Am. Police Leagu purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. William Lee Bonds.



PAAPL Peoria Afro-Am. Police Leagu - October 30, 2024 at 12:42 PM

AH

“ From: Avondale Arizona Linda Hardy and the Marshall Hardy Family! Sending 🙏 prayers condolence and blessings to your family for the wonderful 🙌 memories from him at New Morning Star Baptist Church Peoria Illinois.



Avondale Arizona Linda Hardy - October 30, 2024 at 12:30 PM

GF

“ From: Gladys and Karla Fuller planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. William Lee Bonds.

Gladys and Karla Fuller - October 29, 2024 at 07:39 PM

GF

“ Gladys and Karla Fuller purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. William Lee Bonds.



Gladys and Karla Fuller - October 29, 2024 at 07:39 PM

TF

“ *The Moore Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. William Lee Bonds.*



The Moore Family - October 29, 2024 at 12:00 PM

TF

“ *The Harmon and Weah Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. William Lee Bonds.*



The Harmon and Weah Family - October 29, 2024 at 09:30 AM

LD

“ *Love , Paris , Homage , Patrice, & Dana purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Mr. William Lee Bonds.*



Love , Paris , Homage , Patrice, & Dana - October 28, 2024 at 01:06 PM

MM

“ *Sherry~Your father's wisdom and kindness will always be remembered. Sending my deepest condolences to you and your family. Michelle Malone and Family* ❤️🕊️



Michelle Malone - October 28, 2024 at 12:46 PM



“ *John H Lee lit a candle in memory of William Bonds*



John H Lee - October 28, 2024 at 07:37 AM



“ *Cousin William you will be missed.* ❤️

Vanessa Parker Woods - October 22, 2024 at 10:36 AM



Sherry I am saddened to hear of your father's passing. My heartfelt condolences to you and your family.

Celise Shockley - October 23, 2024 at 09:14 PM



*Sherry And Sandra
Sending Condolences To you All praying God will give strength to the family
From Joyce and Katie, Love Y'all*

joyce Howard - October 24, 2024 at 02:36 PM



To the family of my years of this friendly man to every one he met I am saying that this will always be my family. You have my love and prayers. Earth has no sorrow that heaven can heal...🙏❤️👐

Prophetess Annie Bonds Jones - October 24, 2024 at 04:53 PM



Their Memory Stays Although they have passed on, Their memory forever stays. Remember how they smiled, And the joy they always gave , We'll miss them all the time, And think of them every day, Their love filled the world, A love that will never fade.

Sheila McGoy - October 25, 2024 at 10:59 AM