



## Mr. Willie Louis Irby Sr.

January 4, 1949 - April 8, 2022

Mr. Willie Louis Irby, Sr., 73, of Peoria, IL transitioned to his heavenly home at 5:45 am on Friday, April 8, 2022 at UnityPoint Methodist Hospital.

Willie was born on January 4, 1949 in Tunica, MS to John, Sr., and Georgia Mae (Richardson) Irby. He married the love of his life, JoAnn Wright in 1994... the culmination of 44 years of love and devotion.

Willie was a great provider with an amazing work ethic. He loved his family and got along with everybody. Willie spoke the truth and was a straight shooter; he'd tell it like it is! He was a "Die Hard" Cardinal Fan! Willie also enjoyed going to car shows and racing cars.

Willie leaves to cherish his most precious memories his loving and devoted wife, JoAnn Irby of Peoria, IL; seven children, Keith Woods of California, Malinda Woods of Peoria, IL, Willie (Keisha) Irby, Jr., of McDonough, GA, Alatin (LaToyia)Wright of Houston, TX, Ramoan (Ellen) Boston of Houston, TX, Juan (Dorothy) Boston of Humble, TX and Skyra Wright of Cypress, TX; one brother, Otis Irby, Sr., of Peoria, IL; two sisters, Georgia Mae Clark and Debber Ann Irby both of Peoria, IL; a host of grandchildren; six great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other family and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents; seven brothers, Joe Irby, John Irby, LC Irby, UV Irby, Charles, Irby, Mac Irby and Thomas "TK" Irby; three grandchildren

and a sister-in-law, Birda Irby.

Funeral services will be held at 11 am on Friday, April 22, 2022 at Sovereign Grace Baptist Church with a visitation beginning at 10 am. Pastor Alvin Riley, Sr., will officiate. 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 (Central Time). Due to Covid-19, 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 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

APR **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Sovereign Grace M.B. Church  
1505 W. Martin Street  
Peoria, IL 61605

## Funeral Service

APR **22**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Sovereign Grace M.B. Church  
1505 W. Martin Street  
Peoria, IL 61605

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Willie Louis Irby Sr.*



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**Simons Mortuary** - April 22, 2022 at 01:10 PM



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**Simons Mortuary** - April 21, 2022 at 03:17 PM



“ *Mr. Willie Louis Irby Sr.*

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January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mr. Willie Louis Irby Sr.*

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January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM

KC

“ Kathy Collins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Louis Irby Sr.



Kathy Collins - April 22, 2022 at 05:20 PM

VK

“ To the family of: Louis Irby - Please accept our sincere condolences for the loss of your loved one & my former neighbor in Taft. He was a quiet soul when we were growing up. always willing to lend a hand. He will be missed by all who knew him. God bless & keep your family.



Vickie Kingcade-King - April 22, 2022 at 02:10 PM

MG

“ Sending my condolences to the family.....You will be missed at the future gatherings, but I'm sure you will be looking down (with that smile of yours). Thankful for all the memories 😊



Melody Giles - April 22, 2022 at 12:12 AM



“ Willie was such a great joy to have at our store! He and Matt would heckle each other about the Cubs and Cardinals all in good fun and I would talk to him about his Camaro. He will be greatly missed!! Our sincere condolences Joann and to the rest of Willie's family. You and Joann are my favorites forever! Prayers, Dani and the rest of the staff at Wal-Mart Pharmacy

Dani Robinson - April 21, 2022 at 08:01 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Mr. Willie Louis Irby Sr..*



April 21, 2022 at 02:27 PM



“ *Love Fawn, Ashley, and Brianna purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mr. Willie Louis Irby Sr..*



**Love Fawn, Ashley, and Brianna** - April 20, 2022 at 07:28 PM



“ *Fawn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Louis Irby Sr.*



**Fawn** - April 20, 2022 at 07:22 PM



“ *Joanie Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Louis Irby Sr.*



**Joanie Brown** - April 20, 2022 at 11:15 AM

VD

“ To Joann and the Irby Family,

*May God bring peace and comfort knowing your loved one is safe in the arms of God. It is never easy to say goodbye, but Gods love and peace shall he give unto you in time.*

*Love,*

*Michelle Jones Douglas*



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**V Michelle Jones Douuglas** - April 19, 2022 at 01:46 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Willie Louis Irby Sr..*



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April 18, 2022 at 07:19 PM

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“ *Condolences from the Alexander'Family* ❤️ *We are praying for the family* 💕🙏🙏

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**Family** - April 16, 2022 at 02:27 AM

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“ *You will be missed Unc! Sending love and prayers to the family!*

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**Aymer Young** - April 13, 2022 at 11:53 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Willie Louis Irby Sr..*



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April 13, 2022 at 11:05 PM



“ *Rena Webster Horton & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Louis Irby Sr.*



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**Rena Webster Horton & Family** - April 12, 2022 at 12:26 AM



“ *Zerlyna Burse-Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Louis Irby Sr.*



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**Zerlyna Burse-Taylor** - April 11, 2022 at 09:59 PM