



## Mrs. Zola (Zora) Mae McLeod

June 9, 1939 - September 16, 2022

ZOLA (Zora) MAE MCLEOD departed her Beautiful life at 83 years old, at 5:35 P.M. on September 16th, 2022 at Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria, Illinois.

Zola was born June 28th, 1938, (6/9/39) in York Alabama, the Daughter of Nathaniel Drummond and Annie Mae Pearson / Lobdell.

Zola enjoyed Cooking, Dancing, Listening to her Blues, playing Spades with her Family & Friends. In her days she always pulled out her grill to feed everyone, whether it was rain or snow it didn't matter. Everyone knew her as Mrs. Bailey back in them good old days, her specialty was pig snoods on the grill; everyone was always waiting on the days to where she made Homemade Biscuits, Sugar Syrup, Tea Cakes and Jack Mackerels, She loved having family gatherings so she could feed the neighborhood ( Harrison Homes) and many others, She was the light of the party, she was full of laughter & love. You couldn't be around her and be hungry or sad, because Mrs. Bailey took care of you, and her smile was so beautiful, it just lit up the room, once you met her she was never FORGOTTEN! She also loved to ride around in the truck with her Husband Clyde, if it ever came a time and she wasn't home, all you had to do is pull down to Shop rite parking lot and there they was just sitting there like 2 LOVE BIRDS!

Zola leaves to cherish her most precious memories to her 3 Beautiful Daughters: Bertha Tolliver, Sandra Bailey, Sheila and (Robert Bryant) and 1 Beautiful Step Daughter Ruby McLeod all of Peoria, IL, 1 son Eric Bailey of Peoria, IL, and 2 Step Sons Clyde McLeod Jr. and Joseph McLeod, both of Peoria, IL. 4 Sisters, Jessie (Willie) Eades, Annie Lee Drummond, Delores Drummond Clark all of of York Alabama, Geraldine McCoy, of Livingston, Alabama. (2) Special Sisters Melvin Gallion of Atlanta Georgia, and Ora ( Dimple) Branum of Peoria. 4 Brothers James (Buddy) Johnson of Cleveland Ohio, Herman Johnson of Peoria, IL. Arthur L. Drummond of Pittsburg, Penn, and Johnny (Jackie) Drummond of York Alabama.

Zola is preceded in death by her Mother Annie Mae Pearson, and her Father Nathaniel Drummond, and Her Loving Husband CLYDE MCLEOD, 4 sons Louis (Master) Bailey Jr, (Emma) William (Bill) Bailey, Gayland (Chief) Bailey, Rodrico (Suave) McLeod), All of Peoria, IL. ( 8) Sisters, Ruth Fox, Willie Mae Terrell, Dorothy Griffin, Bernice Burney, Rosie Lee Pearson, Ethel Douglas, all of Peoria, IL, Mary Hinton, and Daisy Hill of York Alabama. (8) Brothers, JB Johnson, Robert (Bob) Johnson, of Cleveland, Ohio, Thomas (Hannah) Johnson of York Alabama, Jimmie Drummond, L.C Drummond, Jeremiah Drummond, Willie Drummond, Eddie Drummond, all of Peoria, IL.

To the Family & Friends she loved you all very much!

In Loving Memory of (MOM) you left us beautiful memories, your love is still our guide. Although we cannot see you, you are always by our side.

Funeral Services will be held at 10:30 am on Saturday, September 24th, 2022 at Sovereign Grace M.B. Church with a visitation one hour prior at 9:30 am. Pastor Alvin Riley, Sr., will officiate. Zola will be laid to rest at Lutheran Cemetery.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to [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!

# Cemetery Details

## Lutheran Cemetery

914 S Pleasant St  
Peoria, IL 61604-5954

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 24. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

SEP 24. 10:30 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 Mrs. Zola (Zora) Mae McLeod*



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**Simons Mortuary** - September 26, 2022 at 11:45 AM



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**Simons Mortuary** - September 23, 2022 at 03:48 PM



“ *Mrs. Zola (Zora) Mae McLeod*

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January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mrs. Zola (Zora) Mae McLeod*

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January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ 9 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Simons Mortuary - September 26, 2022 at 01:06 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Burial at Swan Lake Memory Gardens*



Simons Mortuary - September 26, 2022 at 11:45 AM



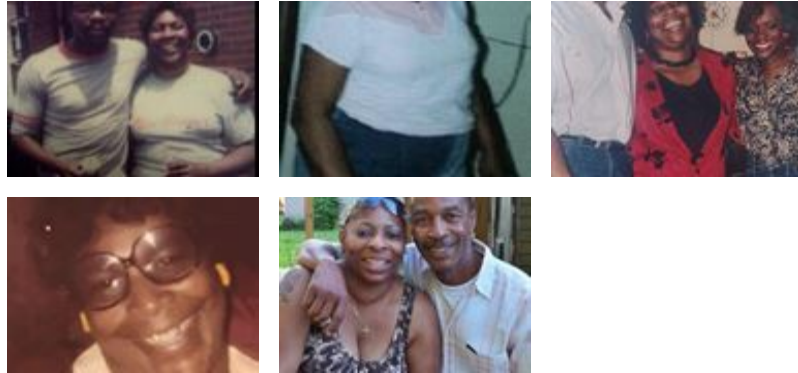
“ *Rena Webster-Horton & Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Zola (Zora) Mae McLeod*



Rena Webster-Horton & Family - September 23, 2022 at 11:40 PM



“ 21 files added to the album Life Tributes



Simons Mortuary - September 23, 2022 at 03:42 PM



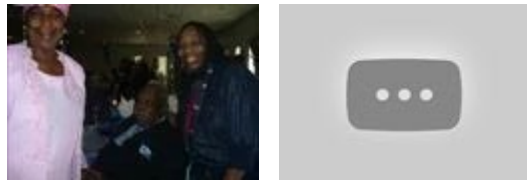
“ Mancy Lil'bit Pittman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Zola (Zora) Mae McLeod



Mancy Lil'bit Pittman - September 23, 2022 at 06:21 AM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Sheila Bryant - September 23, 2022 at 12:10 AM

CS

“ Take your rest now auntie your out of pain now family God will wipe away all tears weeping may endure for a night but joy comes in the morning I know this a lot for all of us but if we hold to God's unchanging hands we can get through this also love and blessings from Peter:Carmen Standley

Carmen M Standley - September 22, 2022 at 06:30 PM

RB

“ Sincere condolences to our family...may God hold each of you close with loving care and may you find comfort in knowing we care. 🕊️



Rita Vinson Burns - September 22, 2022 at 11:47 AM

FR

“ I love you Aunt Zola, my drinking buddy frfr You will be missed, I always knew when u were mad cause I hadn't been around in a while cause you would still give me a hug but you'd say emm hmm wyb emm hmm and we'd laugh about it and enjoy our time. 🏆💪❤️

Frantia - September 22, 2022 at 11:46 AM

RF

“ Rena Webster Horton & Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Zola (Zora) Mae McLeod



Rena Webster Horton & Family - September 21, 2022 at 11:36 PM

JB

“ Prayers And Comfort To My Cousins. God Has Her In His Care , She's In The Safest Place.  
RIH GBNF Aunt Zola ☐ 🕊 ☐ ❤️ 🌹



Joanie Brown - September 21, 2022 at 09:06 PM

LB

“ Rest in Heaven, auntie...

Lillian Blake - September 21, 2022 at 03:45 PM

SA

“ My mother was my rock! I loved her such much & she didn't play when it came 2 her kids or grandkids! Never was short of a meal & no birthday's or holidays ever missed us! She loved what she loved! Our Sunshine Lady will truly missed! Now she can walk around & kick it with her love ones that been waiting on her! We shared the best! Gonna miss u mamma!

sandrabailey - September 20, 2022 at 07:01 PM

RH

Amen. Cousin love you sending my deepest condolences 🌹 🌸

Rhonda1960brown@gmail.com - September 21, 2022 at 08:57 PM

JB

Praying For You Cousin and Family There Are No Words For The Loss Of Ones Dear Mother , My Heart Still Aches For Mines. All I Know Is Prayer Works To Get You Through Such Trials As These. But It Seems Like You're Going Through So Much At One Time I'm Asking God To Have Mercy Upon The Family And Bring A Ring Of Peace And Pertection Around The Family Like Only He Can In Jesus Name I Pray AMEN . RIH Aunt Zola GBNF Heaven Has Gained Another Angel ☐ 🕊

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Joanie Brown - September 21, 2022 at 09:00 PM



*In loving memory of my Aunt Zola...*

*Robert & Gail Johnson Sr.*

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**Robert Johnson** - September 22, 2022 at 11:49 PM