



Mr. Bryant K. Ragler

May 24, 1957 - January 10, 2023

Bryant Keith Ragler transitioned on to Glory on Monday, January 10, 2023, at his residence at the age of 65. He was born in Peoria, Illinois on May 24th, 1957, to Ida Faulkner and Frank Ragler Sr.

Bryant is survived by his daughter, Valeesa Ragler (Los Angeles, CA), and his former wife, Valerie Taylor-Ragler (Los Angeles, CA). He is also survived by his siblings and their families David Guthrie (Peoria, IL), Florence Guthrie (Meridian, MS), Genia Bryant (Gardena, CA), Debbie (Andre) Tucker (Gardena, CA), Tyra Wilks (Peoria, IL), Vanessa Ragler (Chicago, IL), Frank Ragler Jr. (Capitola, CA), and Matthew Ragler (Raleigh, NC), his stepmother, Marilyn Ragler (Peoria, IL), his aunts Mary Anderson Faulkner (Peoria, IL), Callie (Ralph) Marshall (Moss Point, MS), Evelyn McMillon (Moss Point, MS), Lucille P. Reed (Riverside, IL), his uncles Wedell Faulkner (Atlanta, GA), Norris (Auwilda) Polk (Moss Point, MS), Gerald (Iola) Polk (Moss Point, MS), John (Mary) Polk, (Tiverton, RI), and Joseph Rollins (Memphis, TN). He will also be remembered by his nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

Bryant was predeceased by his mother Ida (Faulkner) Bryant, his father Frank Ragler Sr., his stepfather Benny Bryant, his grandparents Matt and Maggie Ragler, Ira and Gladys Polk, Harvey and Ardelia Rollins, his brother Joshua Ragler, his aunt and uncle Lorraine & Corinthian Smith, and his uncles Joseph Polk, Grady McMillon, and brother-in-law Meredith Wilks.

As a child, Bryant accepted Christ as his savior and joined Zion Baptist Church. His current membership was at Word of Faith Christian Center in Peoria, IL. He excelled in athletics and was a 3-sport athlete. In high school, Bryant was a member of the basketball and football teams at Peoria (Central) High School in Peoria, IL. His freshman year on the basketball team helped result in an undefeated season and he graduated from Peoria High School in 1976. From there, Bryant went on to attend Lane College in Jackson, TN. While at Lane, he added his 3rd sport, baseball, to his athletic career and received his bachelor's degree in 1983. Bryant loved God and valued his family. His outgoing and confident personality along with his passion for sports allowed him to make friends wherever he went.

A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, January 20, 2023 at Bethel United Methodist Church, 210 N. Richard Pryor Place, Peoria, IL 61605, at 2:00 p.m. Rev. Tyson Parks, Pastor will officiate. Interment will be Private.

Arrangements were made especially for the Ragler family and professionally directed by TW Parks Colonial Chapel. At the request of the Ragler family, Live Streaming Service will be available on TW Parks Colonial Chapel's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/twparkscolonialchapel/>. Online condolences and acknowledgments can be made at twparkschapel.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN **20**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Bethal United Methodist Church
210 North Richard Pryor Place
Peoria, IL 61605

Tribute Wall

JM

“ For Marilyn and the entire Ragler family. I am only now discovering that Bryant had passed away nearly 1 year ago. The anniversary of a loved one's death is a potent time for reflection, uplifting memories, and commemoration. I knew Bryant only in childhood but he made a firm impression even then as a strong young person with outsized skills in sports and quiet kindness. My sincere condolences to all of Bryant's friends and family.

Sincerely,
Josh Margolies

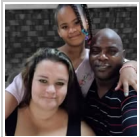
J. Margolies - December 26, 2023 at 08:55 PM

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“ Bryant and I grew up in the same neighborhood and met at Von Steuben grade school after my family moved to Peoria when I was in 4th grade. Sending my condolences to his family and friends. Angela Hammell Walker



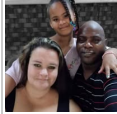
Angela Walker - January 20, 2023 at 07:33 PM



“ Joseph Ward Jr. sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Bryant K. Ragler



Joseph Ward Jr. - January 19, 2023 at 09:04 PM



R.I.P. cousin. Love you

Joseph Ward Jr. - January 19, 2023 at 09:05 PM

JB

“ *RIP GBNF Childhood And Highschool Friend. Enjoyed Talking With You At The Money Center Seems Like Just A Couple Of Months Ago. My Thoughts And Prayers To The Family.* 🤍🙏💙❤️



Joanie Brown - January 19, 2023 at 07:51 AM

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“ *On behalf of the Bethel United Methodist women. We are here for the family of Mr. Bryant K. Ragler. We are praying for the family at this time. We pray for peace in your hearts. We pray for comfort in your souls. We pray that you hold on to the hand God that is reaching out to you, today, tomorrow, and forever.*
Mary Hudson

Mary A. Hudson - January 18, 2023 at 05:43 PM

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“ *Remembering social evenings on Embert Street with the gang in the late 1970s. You were cool Bryant. RIH*

Ivora



Ivora - January 17, 2023 at 07:08 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Bryant K. Ragler.*



January 13, 2023 at 09:54 AM