



Mr. Cleophus J. "BO" Bennett

August 23, 1975 - April 9, 2026

Cleophus Jerome Bennett, known to all as "Bo", 50, of Peoria departed this life on Thursday, April 09, 2026, at his residence. He was born on August 23, 1975, to James Williams and Laverne (Rose) Williams in Shelby, MS.

Bo was a devoted husband, loving father, and loyal friend—titles that speak to his life and legacy. Yet, one of his greatest gifts was his role as a mentor to many young men, offering guidance, wisdom, and unwavering support. He took immense pride in the relationships he built, both within his family and throughout his community. Many remember him for his generosity of spirit, his ability to uplift others, and the lasting impact he made on those fortunate enough to know him.

From his vibrant fashion sense to his great taste in cars, Bo personified the true definition of a "go-getter." He carried himself with confidence, determination, and a drive to live life on his own terms. Whether he was stepping out in style or pulling up in something that turned heads, Bo made a statement without ever saying a word. His presence was bold, his energy was unmatched, and his ambition inspired those around him.

Even in his final days, Bo remained nothing short of unforgettable. From his confident walk to his charismatic smile, he carried a presence that drew people in. Known and loved from Chicago to Peoria to Mississippi, Bo lived

life boldly and unapologetically, leaving behind a legacy that will continue to inspire all who knew him.

Bo leaves to cherish his precious memories to his wife: Contrina Williams of Peoria; three sons: Antonio Williams of Bloomington, IL, Jayden Bennett, and Chance Bennett both of Peoria; five daughters: Diamond Bennett of Atlanta, GA, Savonna Bennett, Keambra Nunn, Neionna Nunn, and Mikka Diggins all of Peoria; three brothers: James Williams of Chicago. IL, Raphel Thomas and James Haywood of Rosedale, MS; four sisters: Kimberly Williams, Mitchie "Mesha" Williams, Ashley Terrell, and Alexis Terrell all of Chicago, IL; seven grandchildren; a host of uncles, aunts, nephews, cousins, and friends who will miss him dearly.

Bo was preceded in death by his mother: Laverne Williams; two sisters: Porscha Williams and Jasmine Williams; Maternal Grandmother: Minnie Lee Rose; one aunt: Shelia Shepard; one brother: Cadhal Tillman

A Celebration of Life Service for Bo will take place on Saturday, April 25, 2026, at Sovereign Grace Missionary Baptist Church (1505 W. Martin Street Peoria, IL 61605) at 3:00 p.m. with visitation commencing one hour prior at 2:00 p.m. Rev. Alvin Riley, Pastor will host, Minister Ernest Willingham will officiate, and Evangelist Calvin Keith Rose will present the eulogy.

Arrangements were made especially for the "Bennett" family and professionally directed by T.W. Parks Colonial Chapel. To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of "Cleophus J. " Bo" Bennett" please visit our Sympathy Store.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **25**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Sovereign Grace MB Church
1505 W Martin St
Peoria, IL 61605
<https://www.sgmbchurch.org/>

Celebration of Life

APR **25**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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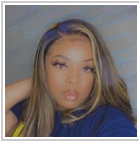
Tribute Wall

SW

“ *Bo you're gone too soon!!!*



Sharon Wade - April 21 at 11:09 PM



“ *I love you dad !!*



KeAmbra Williams - April 16 at 10:27 PM

AP

“ *Too my little brother I can't began saying how you touch my heart and others peoples I got my last chance too hangout with you a few weeks ago Bo you will be miss*



Aaron Phillips - April 16 at 08:43 AM

LA

“ *Dang friend 🤔🤔😭 Now you can FINALLY REST 🙏👊*

LaTrika - April 15 at 04:22 PM

DH

“Darlene Horton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Cleophus J. "BO" Bennett



Darlene Horton - April 14 at 09:16 AM

CR

“Words seem feeble and the mind goes blank when the thought of you being absent in the flesh. Living without you was something none of us could've imagined.

We always thought we'd have more time. This lump in my throat is so hard to swallow and the stream of tears just won't stop.

You were truly one of one. Your laughter was unmistakable.

Although it keeps echoing in my mind it hurts knowing I'll never be in your presence again.

I pray our ancestors greet you well as you take your place among them. It is bittersweet to think of the words of the Apostle Paul "to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord." Take your rest nephew, your labors in this life are done. Your spirit will live on, I hope you get to hear Him say, "well done my son, well done." I love you man, and I hope to see you on the other side.

Calvin Rose - April 14 at 04:24 AM