



Ms. Cora L. Holly

August 14, 1948 - July 17, 2021

Cora Lee Holly, 72, of Peoria, Illinois, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, July 17, 2021, at OSF Medical Center, surrounded by her family.

Cora was born on August 14, 1948, to J.W. Carter and Jettie (Jones-Carter) Ferrell in Blue Mountain, Mississippi. She married Benny Holly in June 1963.

Cora was the Matriarch of her family and many family members relocated to Peoria because of her. She reeled each one of them to the North, she housed them took care of them until they were able to live on their own. Cora was a homemaker and enjoyed cooking and spending time with her grandkids. She was a God-fearing woman and loved going to church with her family. Cora was a mother to many and a great best friend to others.

Cora was very generous and would give the clothes off her back. She loved her family and her extended family, some of whom she helped raise. Cora opened her home and heart to many who had no place to live.

Cora leaves to cherish her most precious memory: her daughter; Cherry (Rob) Turner of Peoria, IL; four sons: Overseer Terry (Rhonda) Holley, Eric Holly, Steve Holly, and Carlos Holly all of Peoria, IL; sisters: Ruth Pierre of Chicago, IL, Fay (Alfred) Carter, Eloise (Freddie) Traylor, Missionary Robin Carter, and Carolyn (Hubert) Earl all of Peoria, IL; 15 grandchildren: Terry Bennett, Aaron

Holley, Tierra Malone, Ameir Holley, Teressa Holly-Moore, Brittany Harris, Tierra Moss, Katrina Linwood, Shazz Holly, Darquez Bonner, Ronnie "RJ" Franklin, Alize Holly, Marley Holly, and Kyrie Holly; 23 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends. She enjoyed laughing and sharing good times with her good friends William and Lillie Booker.

Cora is preceded in death by her parents; one daughter: Sherry Holly; one sister: Helen Pannell; one grandson: Avi Nunn.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Saturday, July 24, 2021, at Church of the Living God LBLC at 1703 N. Linn St, Peoria, IL 61604 at 11:00 a.m. with visitation beginning at 10:00 a.m. Pastor Homer Henry Jr. will host, Bishop Kevin Hill will officiate, and her son Overseer Terry Holley will give the Eulogy.

Cora will be laid to rest at Swan Lake Cemetery.

To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Ms. Cora L. Holly, please visit our Sympathy Store.

Cemetery Details

Swan Lake

4601 W War Memorial Drive
Peoria, IL 61615

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 24. 10:00 AM - 11:00 PM (CT)

Church of Living God L.B.L.C. Temple 5
1703 N. Linn St.
Peoria, IL

Celebration of Life

JUL 24. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Church of Living God L.B.L.C. Temple 5
1703 N. Linn St.
Peoria, IL

Tribute Wall

DY

“ We pray nothing but blessings to the family, during this time. Remember the life lessons she shared. With love always,

Danny & Yolanda Wallace

Danny & Yolanda - August 24, 2021 at 02:53 AM



AL

“ Annette Lucy lit a candle in memory of Ms. Cora L. Holly

Annette Lucy - August 08, 2021 at 01:34 AM



MB

“ Carter/Holly family: My sincerest condolences.

Mildred Baldon - July 28, 2021 at 11:22 AM



EL

“ When Cora moved to Peoria she had an upstairs apartment over Her aunt Addie my cousin .Once I met her I couldn't stay away from her not only was she my cousin she was also my friend She had such a sweet spirit , gentle smile with a heart of gold ,when I left Peoria for over 17 years and came back the 1st house I went to was Cora's house she was the same gentle person never change.I love Cora and will miss you dearly



Elaine - July 23, 2021 at 06:29 PM

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“ Aunt Cora Thank You For Always Loving And Encouraging Me All My Life And Also If It Wasn't For You, I Wouldn't Be Born. You Introduced My Mom To My Dad Bubble And The Rest Is History. RIH AUNTIE CORA. LOVE YOUR NEPHEW ARTHUR.

Arthur Pannell - July 23, 2021 at 04:17 AM

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RIH AUNTIE CORA. LOVE YOUR NEPHEW ARTHUR.

Arthur Pannell - July 23, 2021 at 04:18 AM

ZB

“ Zerlyna Burse-Taylor lit a candle in memory of Ms. Cora L. Holly



Zerlyna Burse-Taylor - July 22, 2021 at 10:13 PM

RS

“ *Deepest condolences to the Holly family; may God grant you all the comfort & strength! Rest easy Ms Cora*



Rhonda Sargent - July 22, 2021 at 09:21 PM