



Mother Gertie M. Nathan

January 8, 1926 - March 7, 2026

Mother Gertie Mae Nathan, 100, of Peoria transitioned peacefully from this earthly life into her heavenly home on Saturday, March 07, 2026, at 12:41 a.m. amongst her loving family. Mother Gertie was born on January 8, 1926, in Lexington, MS to the late Jodie and Mary Alma (Rodgers) Montgomery.

Mother Gertie was raised by her mother and late stepfather, John Robertson. John and Mary relocated their family to Lambert, MS where Mother Gertie was raised. She accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at Zion Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Harry Bennimon.

Mother Gertie met and married the love of her life Charlie Nathan into their union they raised their family of eight children with Godly values, love, and unity of family.

Though life wasn't easy for Mother Gertie working in the hot cotton field of the Delta she lived a dedicated Godly life before her family and her community, along with her values as a Christian she excelled in cooking and being an immaculate housekeeper. She raised her children with love and admiration of God along with a belt or switch when the "world" didn't sink in.

Throughout the years of toiling in the cotton field of Mississippi Mother Gertie and Charlie decided to move to Peoria, IL, where her sister Lula and her

family resided. Peoria is where they settled and established a better life to raise their children. Mother Gertie worked and retired from the Hospitality department of Proctor Hospital.

Mother Gertie was a member of Faith Tabernacle Church of God in Christ where she served faithfully on the kitchen committee and Mothers board. She enjoyed gardening, shopping, and cooking. Gertie enjoyed cooking for holidays and special occasions. Her cornbread, egg pies, greens, and dressing were a staple in the community.

Mother Gertie leaves to cherish her precious memory: one son: Howard Nathen Sr of Peoria; four daughters: Ida P. Davis, Mary (James) Jackson, Willie B. (Willie) Guyton, and Rosie Cole all of Peoria; 28 grandchildren; (Although Nette claims one "grandchild") a host of great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends who will miss her dearly.

Mother Gertie, in addition to her parents, is preceded in death by her husband Charlie Nathan; two sons: Sidney Cole and Robert Nathan; one daughter: Charlie Mae Johnson; one daughter in-love: Sue Nathan; one son in love: Russell Davis; two brothers: John Robertson Jr. and Debulia Robertson; three sisters: Maggie Mae Gross, Sarah Cole, and Lula Pearl Brown; one grandson: Howard Nathan Jr.; one great grandson Dominique Nathan Jr.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2026, at Love and Kindness C.O.G.I.C. at 11:00 a.m. with visitation commencing one hour prior to the start of the ceremony at 10:00 a.m. Pastor F. Michael Watson will host, and Elder Felton Beck will present the Eulogy.

Gertie will be laid to rest at Lutheran Cemetery.

Arrangements were made especially for the "Nathan" family and professionally directed by T.W. Parks Colonial Chapel. Live streaming can be viewed by clicking the link for TW Parks Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/twparkscolonialchapel> To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of "Gertie Mae Nathan" please visit our Sympathy Store

Cemetery Details

Lutheran

914 S Pleasant St
Peoria, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Love and Kindness Ministries COGIC
603 W Nebraska Ave
Peoria, IL 61604

Celebration of Life

MAR 21. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Love and Kindness Ministries COGIC
603 W Nebraska Ave
Peoria, IL 61604

Tribute Wall

RH

“ *ROCHELLE HARRIS-BROWN lit a candle in memory of Mother Gertie M. Nathan*



ROCHELLE HARRIS-BROWN - April 10 at 12:39 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mother Gertie M. Nathan.*



March 20 at 04:20 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mother Gertie M. Nathan.*



March 20 at 03:54 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Mother Gertie M. Nathan.



March 18 at 09:56 PM



“ Hattie Mae lit a candle in memory of Mother Gertie M. Nathan



Hattie Mae - March 18 at 09:44 PM



“ Ronald and Brenda McGee planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mother Gertie M. Nathan.

Ronald and Brenda McGee - March 18 at 06:58 PM



“ Ronald and Brenda McGee purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mother Gertie M. Nathan.



Ronald and Brenda McGee - March 18 at 06:58 PM

BM

“ *Brenda McGee lit a candle in memory of Mother Gertie M. Nathan*



Brenda McGee - March 18 at 06:44 PM

AJ

Thank you auntie for the many memories and the love you've shown to every one of your family and there are MANY but we each felt special. Love your gr niece Ann and family

Ann Jackson - March 20 at 04:22 PM

AB

“ *Anita Brown lit a candle in memory of Mother Gertie M. Nathan*



Anita Brown - March 18 at 01:53 PM

DB

“ *Dorothea Banks-Burse sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Gertie M. Nathan*



Dorothea Banks-Burse - March 15 at 11:20 AM

WD

“ *Mother Nathan was a great friend to my mother, Ethel Alexander. My condolences to the Nathan family.*

Willia Davis - March 14 at 03:52 PM

RF

“ *Sorry for your loss Howard and the whole Nathan family and friends*



Rochelle Moore and family - March 14 at 11:54 AM

PG

“ *My condolences to the entire Nathan family. May God strengthen you all during this time.*



Pam Gaston - March 13 at 09:08 PM

MP

“ *Mancy Pittman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Gertie M. Nathan*



Mancy Pittman - March 13 at 06:12 AM

YO

Love you Auntie Gert:)

Yoyo - March 18 at 04:03 PM