



Mr James Williams Armstrong

February 14, 1928 - August 5, 2014

James W. Armstrong, 86, made heaven his home at 9:24 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug., 5, 2014 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center.

He was born Feb.14, 1928, in Portageville, MO., to the late Isaac Armstrong and Golethar (Doby/Barber) Todd. He married the love of his life 64 years ago Mary Armstrong. She survives.

James was a Deacon and faithful member of Friendship M.B. Church. He loved all children and welcomed them into his home. He loved his community and had a passion to do missionary work. Deacon was a good role model and friend to all. He retired from Caterpillar after 41 years of services.

He leaves to cherish his precious memories his dedicated and faithful wife, Mary; two sons, James R. Armstrong and Kenneth Armstrong all of Peoria; four daughters, Barbara Armstrong of Peoria, Jittaun (Dale) McNary of Danville, Ill., Ruth Patton of Columbia, MO., and Mary (Michael) Criss of Peoria; two brothers, LM (Myril) Barber of Los Angeles and Asberry Barbara of Fayetteville, NC.; a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren. Along with a host of nephews, nieces, cousins and dear friends whom adored and will miss him dearly.

He was preceded in death by his parents, 2 children, 6 brothers, 2 sisters, 1 grandchild and 2 great-grandchildren.

A home-going celebration will be held on Saturday, Aug.16, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. Friendship M.B. Church; with visitation commencing two hour prior at 9:00 a.m. Rev. Dr. Claude Russell Jr. will officiate. Deacon will rest in Swan

Lake Memory Garden.

Arrangements were made especially for Deacon James' family and professionally directed by T.W. Parks Colonial Chapel.

Online condolences or words of encouragement can be made at www.twparkschapel.com

Cemetery Details

Swan Lake

4601 W War Memorial Drive
Peoria, IL 61615

Tribute Wall

SC

“ *Staff At T.W. Parks CC lit a candle in memory of Mr James Williams Armstrong*



Staff at T.W. Parks CC - August 19, 2014 at 12:42 PM

MS

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the family in James passing. A wonderful neighbor, he will be missed.*

*Our Thoughts and Prayers be with you,
Mark / Annette Stahl and Family*

Mark Stahl - August 15, 2014 at 05:13 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr James Williams Armstrong.*



August 15, 2014 at 11:33 AM



“ To the family of Deacon James Armstrong and the Friendship Baptist Church Family: You have our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the homegoing of your loved one. Deacon Armstrong has transitioned to his Heavenly home to be with the Lord. Yes he will be missed, but he is resting in the arms of Jesus. There is no hurt that Jesus can't heal, for this battle is not yours, it's the Lords. We love you and Jesus does too.

*Dr. Mark A. McConnell, Pastor and members of New Cornerstone Baptist Church
Peoria, Illinois*

Cynthia Johnson - August 14, 2014 at 09:33 PM

AC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Armstrong was a pillar of our family and will truly be missed. His dedication to his family and commitment to keeping our family reunion going will always be cherished.

*Love,
Your family in St. Louis, MO*

*Gertrude Stomer and family
Allison Clemons and family*

Allison Clemons - August 13, 2014 at 06:11 PM

PB

“ It is with Great Honor that I can say I was so proud to be your niece. I have always cherished the inspirational messages you have spoken into me throughout the years.

The one That I will Never Ever forget is your words of encouragement July 2013 at our last family reunion together and I informed you of the Spiritual Journey God had chosen me for as a Diaconate (Deacon) at my church. I saw how proud you were of me and I thank you for encouraging me to press on. I hate I will not be there for your home-going celebration in person but I will be there in spirit!!! One Thing I know!! You Are With the King. Love Peggy and Carl Bailey

Peggy Bailey - August 13, 2014 at 11:31 AM

PR

“ Pat Robinson lit a candle in memory of Mr James Williams Armstrong



Pat Robinson - August 13, 2014 at 09:52 AM