



Ms. Lucille Thornton Gray

October 10, 1942 - September 7, 2021

Lucille Thornton Gray, 78, of Peoria was welcomed into God's heavenly home on September 7, 2021, at Unity Point Methodist Medical Center at 7:20 p.m. Lucille was born October 10, 1942, to the late Louis Thornton and Katie Phillips Thornton in Belzoni, Mississippi.

She accepted Christ at an early age and joined Morning Star Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Calvin Hightower. She later united with Rising Sun Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. John Gibson.

In 1990, she married Eugene Gray, her soul mate, and the love of her life. Lucille touched the lives of many generations of family and friends. However, being a mother was one of her joys.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Louis and Katie Thornton, her husband, Eugene Gray, six sisters: Berneice Thornton, Lela Thornton, Helen Sherrel, Zelma Render, Attlee Winters, Casscile Mudd Venable, three brothers: Sammie Lee Petty, Jazz Jackson, Richard Petty; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memories of our beloved Lucille will always be cherished by many. She will be greatly missed. She is survived by her son, Anthony (Gloria) Thornton of Peoria; four grandchildren: Neidra Davis of Jacksonville, FL, Tony Wilson, Tiffany (Kenzo) Irby, and Alisha Wolford all of Peoria; and a host of great-grandchildren and countless of family and friends.

Celebration of Life Services will be held Thursday, September 16, 2021, at T.W. Parks Colonial Chapel at 12:00 p.m. with visitation commencing one-

hour and a half hour prior at 10:30 a.m. Pastor John L. Gibson will officiate.
Acknowledgements and flowers can be received at T.W. Parks Colonial
Chapel. Due to COVID-19 mandates masks are required.
Interment will be Private

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **16**. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Peoria, IL 61605
(309) 674-6323
<http://www.twparkscolonialchapel.com>

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Tribute Wall

DE

“ *Ms. Lucille, Ms. Lucille, Ms. Lucille, I'm going to miss you terribly. I'm going to miss the long phone conversations; how we always called to check on each other; and all the fun we had when you visited Milwaukee or I visited Peoria. You were a Gem and could never be replaced. When you left, you took Chubby with you and my heart is hurting for both of yall. Two of my closest friends leave this earth just days apart. But I know yall are in a better place and yall are having a ball. Love yall sooooo much!* ”



Denise - September 20, 2021 at 10:00 PM

DE



Denise - September 21, 2021 at 11:37 PM

CH

“ *Carmen Hines lit a candle in memory of Ms. Lucille Thornton Gray* ”



Carmen Hines - September 17, 2021 at 11:43 PM



“ *You will always be one of my favorites. You always made me feel loved and a part of the family. God has you in His arms. I love you Auntie Lucille...* ”



Wilsetta McClain - September 16, 2021 at 10:35 PM

FN

“ *Faye Jackson.HER NIECE. lit a candle in memory of Ms. Lucille Thornton Gray*



faye Jackson.HER NIECE. - September 16, 2021 at 12:17 PM

FJ

IM HER NIECE,HER BROTHERS DAUGHTER,I LOVE U SO MUCH TETE..U WILL BE MISSED.ALL U ARE TOGETHER NOW...TELL MY DAD HI FOR ME...

faye Jackson. - September 16, 2021 at 12:20 PM

RH

“ *Rena Webster Horton lit a candle in memory of Ms. Lucille Thornton Gray*



Rena Webster Horton - September 16, 2021 at 11:36 AM

MP

“ *Mancy Pittman lit a candle in memory of Ms. Lucille Thornton Gray*



Mancy Pittman - September 15, 2021 at 06:23 PM

ET

“ *Essie T. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ms. Lucille Thornton Gray.*



Essie T. - September 15, 2021 at 03:46 PM

ET

“ *Essie T. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ms. Lucille Thornton Gray.*



Essie T. - September 15, 2021 at 03:46 PM

JB

“ *RIP Ms Lucille Thornton. My Condolences To The Family.*



Joanie Brown - September 15, 2021 at 02:51 AM

CE

“ *Sending my condolences to the Thornton family, I'm so saddened to learn of Lucille's passing, Lucille was the very first person I met when me and my family moved to Peoria, she always called me "Cutie".....to Anthony and family, know God and your faith will get you through this tough time 🙏🙏🙏*

Cubie Evans - September 14, 2021 at 08:45 PM

SM

“ *Condolences to the family. Lucille was a fun and loving lady. :) she did things her way. That's why so many will miss her. Prayers for strength during this time from Mosley family*

Stacy mosley - September 14, 2021 at 09:26 AM

SM

Rest on now lady.

Stacy mosley - September 14, 2021 at 09:27 AM

RP

“ *To the family of Lucille Gray sorry for your loss and May God's Angel's Wings spread around you all and bring you all comfort during this time of sorrow !! R.I.P. Ms. Lucille*
!! 🙏 🙏 🙏 🙏



Renee Linwood Peoria,IL. - September 13, 2021 at 01:10 PM

DW

“ *Dorothy W. purchased the Majestic Heart for the family of Ms. Lucille Thornton Gray.*



Dorothy W. - September 13, 2021 at 12:40 PM

KC

“ *Condolences to the family of Ms Lucille may God continue to hold you up through this difficult time*

Kathy collins - September 13, 2021 at 11:38 AM

Karen
Ashby

“ Karen Ashby sent a virtual gift in memory of
Ms. Lucille Thornton Gray



Karen Ashby - September 11, 2021 at 07:49 PM

DP

“ Condolences to the family of Ms. Lucille.

Darryl Pegues - September 10, 2021 at 07:46 PM

IH

May the Lord continue to look over you keep your eyes on him love
and prayers Isaac Humes and family

Isaac Humes - September 14, 2021 at 05:49 PM

DP

“ Condolences to the family of Me. Lucille.

Darryl Pegues - September 10, 2021 at 07:45 PM

ND

“ I'm going to miss you Grandma! I love you dearly! Hug Ms Katie &
Mr T for me!

Neidra Davis - September 10, 2021 at 03:59 PM

MS

“ *Rest in Peace Lucille.*



Minister Tonja Scott-Pate - September 10, 2021 at 12:28 PM