



## Mr. Nathaniel Pankey Jr.

October 26, 1957 - December 28, 2023

Nathaniel (Nate) Pankey was called home to be with his Heavenly Father on December 28, 2023. Nate was born in Chicago, Illinois on October 26, 1957, to Nathaniel Pankey Sr. and Nina Louise Roberts.

After graduating Mendel Catholic High School, Nate relocated to Peoria, IL to attend Bradley University. While attending Bradley University, Nate joined Star of Hope Full Gospel Church at the age of 18. Since then, Nate has been a dedicated member serving on the Deacon Board, Chairman of the Deacon Board, Choir President, Superintendent of Sunday School, and Sunday School teacher. He was sacrificially faithful and loyal to the Lord. Nate didn't take his responsibilities to the Church and those who he held dearly, light. In attendance at Star of Hope, Nate met Toni Payton, whom he married on September 4, 1982. Nate and Toni had three beautiful children, Hannah, Bethany, and Aaron. They celebrated their love for each other for 41 years.

Nate was employed at the Community Workshop and Training Center (CWTC) for 35 years as an Information Systems Engineer. Nate continued his service to the Lord by mentoring and ministering to many of the clients and his colleagues at CWTC.

Nate is preceded in death by his parents: Nathaniel Pankey Sr. and Nina Louise Roberts, his brother: Jimmy Roberts, and his grandson: Jayden Hines.

He is survived by his wife: Toni Pankey; two daughters: Hannah (Jacques) Flynn, Bethany Spearman of Peoria, one son: Aaron (Deaundra) Pankey of Phoenix, AZ; three sisters: Norma Roberts, Pearl McDonald, Sarah Yolanda Pankey of Chicago; two brothers Emmanuel (Diane) Pope Jr., and Allen (Valerie) Roberts of Chicago; six grandchildren whom all loved him dearly, and a host of close friends and family who will miss him immensely.

Services will be held on Saturday, January 6, 2024, at Star of Hope Full Gospel Church located at 417 W. Romeo B. Garrett Ave. in Peoria, IL. Visitation will be held at 9:00 a.m. with the service following at 10:00 a.m. Nathaniel will be laid to rest at Parkview Cemetery. Live streaming can be viewed by clicking the link for TW Parks Colonial Chapel Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/twparkscolonialchapel>

Arrangements were made especially for the Pankey family and professionally directed by T.W. Parks Colonial Chapel.

# Cemetery Details

## Parkview Cemetery

2001 N. University Drive  
Peoria, IL 61604

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 6. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Star of Hope Full Gospel Baptist Church  
417 W Romeo B Garrett Ave  
peoria, IL

## Celebration of Life

JAN 6. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Star of Hope Full Gospel Baptist Church  
417 W Romeo B Garrett Ave  
peoria, IL

# Tribute Wall

SR

“ Shirley Robertson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nathaniel Pankey Jr.



Shirley Robertson - January 15, 2024 at 11:31 AM

MR

“ This was a shock to me ! He was my Boss @ CWTC True Man of God ! Jesus my deepest sympathy and condolences for your loss Toney Pankey and Family Minister Roslyn Bond



Min. Roz - January 11, 2024 at 09:13 AM

RJ

“ Brother Nate will be missed. One of the nicest men we know. We are praying for the family. Mother Nancy Jackson and family.



Rose Jackson - January 06, 2024 at 04:06 PM

RB

“ Sending my love , prayers and condolences 🤍🙏

rhonda brown - January 06, 2024 at 01:39 AM

RB

*I had choose the  
Purple*

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**rhonda brown** - January 06, 2024 at 01:40 AM

NK

“ *Nel Parham Kelson lit a candle in memory of  
Mr. Nathaniel Pankey Jr.*



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**Nel Parham Kelson** - January 06, 2024 at 12:34 AM

KB

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Kathy Blender** - January 05, 2024 at 12:01 AM

KB

“ *Nate was such a great person whom was of great inspiration to me.  
I worked with him for 30 years and he always had kind words to say  
about everyone. Peace be with you Nate and many prayers for your  
family.. Kathy Blender*

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**Kathy Blender** - January 04, 2024 at 11:59 PM

NA

“ *Condolences to the family. He was one of the nicest, most considerate man I've ever known. He made Peoria a better place. He leaves a legacy of service and loyalty. RIH  
Nancy and Dewitt Dawson*

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**Nancy** - January 04, 2024 at 04:56 PM

MD

“ *Mary Ditch purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Nathaniel Pankey Jr..*



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**Mary Ditch** - January 04, 2024 at 04:30 PM

JP

“ *Jennifer Parham-Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nathaniel Pankey Jr.*



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**Jennifer Parham-Williams** - January 04, 2024 at 02:44 PM

PW

“ *Nate was the epitome of love...for Christ, his family and everyone whose life he touched. He will be greatly missed! Condolences to Toni, Hannah, Bethany, Aaron and the family.*

*I love you all. Pamela Mosley Williams*

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**PAMELA WILLIAMS** - January 04, 2024 at 11:54 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Nathaniel Pankey Jr..*



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January 04, 2024 at 11:28 AM



“ *Carolyn Parham lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nathaniel Pankey Jr.*



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**Carolyn Parham** - January 03, 2024 at 08:52 PM



“ *To family of Nate  
I pray that God will give you the comfort and inner peace to carry you through this difficult time of grief.*

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**Sue Marks** - January 03, 2024 at 05:03 PM



“ *Min. Toni and family. Thank you for sharing the gift of your husband/father with so many souls! Deacon Nate epitomized the word FAITHFUL! No job was too menial for him to tackle. He possessed a servant heart but was regal in his Christ like character. He loved and served his God, family, church, and community. He will be greatly missed but his memory will forever be in our hearts. He is now a radiant shining jewel in the Kingdom of Heaven. May God give you the comfort, strength, and peace that only He can give. With my love and prayers. Carla Warr*

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**carla warr** - January 03, 2024 at 02:31 PM

AW

“ I worked with Nate for almost 25 years. He was one of the kindest human beings I have ever met. He tackled problems with humor and his amazing calmness. He will be missed so much here at CWTC. Sending all the positive thoughts your way.

Amy Wittekiend - January 03, 2024 at 12:38 PM

MG

“ Nate will be missed terribly! He always had a smile on his face & had a story to tell. I consider myself being very fortunate to have worked with him for 35 years. Prayers to your family Nate.



Marsha Goss - January 03, 2024 at 10:44 AM

RH

“ Rena Webster Horton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nathaniel Pankey Jr.



Rena Webster Horton - January 02, 2024 at 09:03 PM

JB

“ Joanie Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nathaniel Pankey Jr.



Joanie Brown - January 02, 2024 at 07:34 PM

DT

“ *Dallas Terry lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nathaniel Pankey Jr.*



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**Dallas Terry** - January 02, 2024 at 07:07 PM

DT

*My Brother and Friend who will truly be missed. He was the Best Man at my wedding. RIP my Brother, will always Love You.*

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**Dallas Terry** - January 02, 2024 at 07:10 PM

RA

“ *Renee Adell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nathaniel Pankey Jr.*



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**Renee Adell** - January 02, 2024 at 06:44 PM